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GO FOR ISO 9000, TRANSPORT OPERATORS TOLD

LANGKAWI, Dec 1 (Bernama) -- Public transport operators should seek to achieve the ISO 9000 standard in their bid improve their services, Deputy Transport Minister Datuk Wira Mohamed Ali Rastam said today.

Buses, especially, should go for the standard as the move would help to reduce the accident rate, he said.

The ISO 9000 requires buses to, among others, keep their doors closed when moving, he told reporters at the Langkawi International Motor Show '96.

Mohamed Ali said the accident rate for school buses was relatively low -- between five and 10 per cent -- compared to other bus services.

Asked about his visit to Netherlands beginning tomorrow, Mohamed Ali said it would enable him to study the operations of major ports in that country with a view to apply some aspects of them in Malaysia.

Mohamed Ali will be accompanying Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during the visit as the representative of Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik. -- BERNAMA

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