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Tajol: Vendors vital to newspapers' success

PETALING JAYA, Tues. - Deputy Home Minister Datuk Mohamed Tajol Rosli Ghazali tonight paid tribute to the role played by newspaper vendors in the country.

Tajol said the effectiveness of marketing a particular newspaper depended partly on the efforts of the respective vendors.

He said their efforts and hard work should not go unnoticed as newspaper vendors contributed in every way towards the efficiency of the newspaper concerned.

"Newspapers are also important in the flow of information by the Government to the public," he told the gathering when launching the 33rd anniversary dinner of the Federal Territory and Selangor Indian Newspaper Vendors Association at the Crystal Crown hotel here.

Tajol said he was also aware that being a "labour intensive" industry, newspaper companies also faced problems particularly in getting youths to work as vendors.

"I'm sure we can conduct talks regarding manpower needs with representatives of the vendor's association so that we could try and solve the problem effectively," he added.

On a request by the association to recruit foreign workers as vendors, Tajol said the Government was not in favour of the move as the country already had a large influx of foreign labour. At the function the association members also pledged their support for the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Also present were Datin Seri Indrani Samy Vellu, the association's president N. Muneandy, its secretary R. Paskaran and various representatives of the newspaper companies in Malaysia.

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