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GOVT TO HELP RESOLVE ESTATE WORKERS WAGE DEMANDS

KUALA NERANG, Jan 31 (Bernama) -- The Human Resources Ministry is willing to help resolve demands by estate workers for better daily pay and for monthly wages.

Deputy Minister Datuk Dr Affifuddin Omar said today discussions would be arranged with the relevant parties to work out a long overdue solution to the issue.

"I will direct ministry officials to conduct an in-depth study on the plight of estate workers," he said after attending a Hari Raya open house at Sek Men Keb Pedu, here.

He was commenting on the plantation community support committee's plan to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to seek his help in resolving the wage dispute.

The committee's representative, S.Arutcheivan, said estate workers had lost confidence in the ministry and the National Union of Plantation Workers in relation to their demands and called for the drafting of a law requiring the workers to be paid monthly wages.

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