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JPJ DIRECTED TO REVIEW USE OF TINTED WINDOWS ON BUSES

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 16 (Bernama) -- The Road Transport Department (JPJ) has been directed to review the use of tinted windows on tour and stage buses.

Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today the study would cover all aspects including the safety and comfort of passengers.

"The government will decide whether or not to allow buses to continue installing tinted windows based on the review," he told reporters after the presentation of cheques for a Buddhist concert, here. He is the patron of the concert.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had ordered the reivev following the rape-cum-murder of computer engineer Nor Suzaily Mukhtar, 24, in a bus travelling from Kuala Lumpur to Port Klang recently.

He said the permission to use tinted glass was originally given to tour buses only for the comfort of foreign tourist who could not stand the hot weather here.

However, the ruling was extended to the stage buses following requests from the operators to provide comfort for all passengers, he said.

Dr Ling said that currently all buses with tinted windows were required to abide by the ruling on 50 per cent tint and must be inspected by the Computerised Vehical Examination Centre (Puspakom) periodically to ensure that they followed the regulation.

On Malaysia Airlines' proposal to raise air fares for the international sector, Dr Ling said the government would not interfere because the fares were determined by market demand.

However, any fare hike for the domestic sector must first get the approval of the government, he added.

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