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KLIA TAXI SERVICE BACK TO NORMAL

SEPANG, Dec 10 (Bernama) -- The taxi service at the KL International Airport (KLIA) is back to normal today after a three-day strike by more than 500 Airport Limo (M) Sdn Bhd (ALM) drivers.

All the drivers, who went on strike from Thursday, are now back at work with a number of them resuming work at 7pm yesterday.

A check at the KLIA here found passengers boarding ALM taxis as well as city cabs.

"The management requested that we come back to work and it has promised to look into our grouses," said one ALM driver.

"But, we are not totally convinced, not even with the RM100 given by ALM. We are just following the advice of our union and MTUC president Senator Zainal Rampak."

Several other drivers said that by ending the strike, they hoped ALM would, in return, consider their requests concerning drivers' welfare.

Representatives of ALM and the drivers met with Human Resources Ministry officials yesterday in which ALM agreed to look into grouses of the drivers and it also offered every ALM driver a goodwill payment of RM100.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in commenting yesterday on the ALM drivers' strike, said the action was not the proper way to settle problems arising between the drivers and ALM.

He said the strike action could, instead, mar the country's image as well as that of the KLIA.

One ALM driver said they would go on another strike if all their demands are not met within three weeks.

"There is nothing in black and white about what was agreed upon yesterday and if the problem isn't solved within the three-week period given to ALM, there will be another strike," he added.

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