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Employers must give workers Saturday off

PUTRAJAYA, Wed. - Employers must give workers the day off on Saturday, a public holiday following the nation's good showing at the Sea Games or replace it with overtime or another day off.

Human Resources Minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn said failure to do so would be tantamount to breaking the provisions of section 60(D)(1)(b) of the Employers Act of 1955.

"They are liable to face the consequences for non-compliance where they can be fined up to RM10,000," he said, after being briefed on the Electronic Labour Exchange project today.

The directive was also applicable to employers in Sabah and Sarawak even though the Labour Ordinance of those two States did not have specific provisions on the matter.

"I have the power to make provisions to compel employers there to follow the directive," he said.

The ministry's legal advisers were drawing up provisions to set rules for employers in the two states. It was discussed with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during the Cabinet meeting today.

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