

Ministry Denies Issuing Letter On Legalisation Of Illegals
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 21 (Bernama) - Home Minister Hishammuddin Hussein has denied issuing a letter of special approval for the legalisation process in the 6P amnesty programme for illegal foreign immigrants.

"I will not compromise with parties using the letter to collect money. There is no letter from the Home Minister allowing them to bring in foreign workers without going through the proper process," he told a press conference in parliament lobby yesterday.

He was commenting on reports of the existence of a letter signed by him that had been exploited by certain parties in Cameron Highlands to collect money from tea plantation owners and vegetable growers.

Hishammuddin said his ministry (KDN) was willing to speed up the approval process of applications for foreign workers from other ministries.

This was necessary to ensure that the economy continues to grow without stifling government efforts to improve national security.

He said ministries in need of foreign workers in certain sectors must inform KDN of their needs.

"This is proper as it is not possible for KDN to know needs in the agricultural, tourism and construction sectors.

"Let ministries with expertise and relationship with the companies make suggestions to us so that processing of applications can run smoothly," he said.

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