

Malaysia, Thailand agree to act on dual citizenship

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KUALA LUMPUR: The days of those having dual Malaysian-Thai citizenship are numbered.

The Malaysian National Registration Department and its counterpart in Thailand have agreed to go through their books and ferret out those who are registered as citizens of both countries.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said these people would have to choose between being a citizen of Malaysia or Thailand.

"With the co-operation between the national registration departments we can closely monitor the developments at the border and flush out those with dual citizenship," he said.

Najib was speaking to reporters

after opening the Felda youth award and convention here.

On Cuepacs' request for a 40 per cent salary increase for civil servants, Najib said the demand had to be viewed in a holistic manner.

"We have to consider the government's affordability."

"The government's responsibility is not only to look after the civil servants, it has many other com-

mitments," he said.

"But of course we consider their requests from time to time such as when the government decided recently to pay civil servants the Cost of Living Allowance.

"I am sure the prime minister and the Cabinet would consider Cuepacs' request seriously but whether the demand can be met would depend on the government's affordability," he added.

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