

'COMPREHENSIVE'

PM wants list of firms, workers affected by blast

PUTRAJAYA: The Human Resources Ministry will draw up a list of companies affected by the gas pipeline explosion in Putra Heights.

Unity government spokesman Datuk Fahmi Fadzil said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim had instructed the ministry to do this as well as the Investment, Trade and Industry Ministry to gather information on affected workers and companies.

Fahmi said the Energy Commission would meet the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) today to discuss the impact of the pipeline explosion.

"A number of factories and companies affected by the gas pipeline shutdown will be discussed in today's meeting between the Energy Commission and FMM.

"The prime minister has also instructed the Human Resources Ministry to compile a comprehensive list of affected companies."

"The Investment, Trade and Industry Ministry has been tasked with gathering information on affected workers to understand the

challenges they and their employers face," he said at his weekly post-cabinet meeting briefing.

Fahmi added that the government's priority was to repair the pipeline and restore gas supply to these companies.

"However, we acknowledge that investigations are ongoing."

Fahmi, who is communications minister, welcomed the contributions from telecommunication service providers, including CelcomDigi, Maxis, TM Unifi, U Mobile and YES.

He said these reflected the telcos' concern about affected customers, in line with the Madani government's values of compassion.

"Support measures include service fee waivers for prepaid and postpaid customers, free replacement of equipment and SIM card swaps.

"Affected customers can also access free 5G Wi-Fi at the Putra Heights temporary relief centre."

On April 1, a massive fire broke out at a Petronas gas pipeline in Putra Heights. A total of 227 houses and 365 vehicles were damaged.

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