

Only 10 Per Cent Of Illegal Immigrants Register For 6P Legalisation Programme
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PUTRAJAYA, Dec 29 (Bernama) -- Only 120,000 or about 10 per cent of the total of 1.3 million illegal foreign workers in the country have registered under the Illegal Immigrant Comprehensive Settlement Programme (6P) so far, leaving about 1.2 million more to be registered before the deadline on Jan 10.

Home Ministry Secretary-General Tan Sri Mahmood Adam, however, said it was not impossible as only the employers had to be present to carry out the process.

"If there are 200,000 employers, with the remainder of about 10 days left, about 20,000 employers need to be registered each day and with the seven One-Stop Centres (OSC) operating 24 hours, it can be achieved, insyaAllah," he told reporters, here Thursday.

Commenting on the congestion at the Immigration counters here since yesterday, Mahmood said it could be due to the fast approaching deadline, as well as the reopening of the 10 off-policy sectors and 11 service subsectors, which were previously frozen, to participate in the legalisation process.

He said this resulted in more minor employers coming forward including restaurant operators, laundry shop owners, barber shop operators, car-wash centres and petrol pump operators, raising the number of employers from 58,000 previously to about 200,000.

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