

**Number Of Employers Who Do Not Pay EPF Contributions Drop To 1.36 Per Cent
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 31 (Bernama) -- The number of employers who failed to contribute to the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) dropped to 1.36 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2011 compared with 1.49 per cent during the previous quarter.

EPF public relations general manager Nik Affendi Jaafar said the drop was a result of firm action by the EPF in dealing with errant employers.

"We are happy that our persistent efforts and a better awareness among the employers have succeeded in encouraging them to place priority on the retirement wellbeing of their workers," he said in a statement here, Tuesday.

He said in the fourth quarter of 2011, a total of 152 employers were fined between RM2,200 and RM6,000 by the courts totalling RM149,950 under Section 43 (2) of the EPF Act 1991 for not paying the EPF contributions of their workers.

Nik Affendi said, in the same quarter, a total of 216 civil cases and 678 criminal cases were filed in court against employers and directors of companies who did not make contributions to the EPF for their workers.

He said EPF had also forwarded the names of 457 directors of companies to the Immigration Department to prevent them from leaving the country before settling outstanding contributions as provided under Section 39 of the EPF Act 1991.

He said, under the act, all employers must pay their monthly contributions before or on the 15th of every month.

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