

**Citizenship application agents bogus, no sanction from government**  
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KAMPAR, July 1 — Agents claiming to be able to expedite citizenship applications with a fee are not government-appointed, said Deputy Home Minister Lee Chee Leong.

These 'agents' who claimed they were special officers from the Home Ministry were bogus, Lee said in a Star report today. He also said that no "shortcut" in the citizenship process existed but the application process itself was now simpler.

Kampar MP Lee said a citizenship applicant complained to Lee's assistant of being duped of RM30,000 by the bogus agents. The complainant has made a police report on advice from Lee's office.

Lee further urged applicants to be cautious and not easily lured into scams.

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