

Two Indonesian Prisoners To Be Released Tomorrow After Pardon From Sultan Of Johor
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POKOK SENA, July 21 (Bernama) -- Two Indonesian prisoners in Pokok Sena Prison here, who were sentenced to life imprisonment, will be released tomorrow after being granted a pardon by Sultan Ibrahim of Johor.

Mansur Tahir, 50 and Salleh @ Mon Mion, 43, are among eight prisoners who were granted a pardon by the Sultan last Wednesday.

Mansur, from Sumbawa, Bali, who had served 30 years of imprisonment, said he was grateful to Allah and thankful to the Sultan who had chosen him to be in list to be released.

He said he realised that he was given a second chance in the spirit of Ramadan and the upcoming Hari Raya Aidilfitri, to live a normal life with his family.

"When the warden told me that I will be released, I was shocked and just could not believe it. I'm so grateful to Allah and thankful to the Sultan of Johor," he told reporters at the prison here today.

Mansur, who was a construction worker, was sentenced to life imprisonment and six strokes of the rotan after he was found guilty for robbery and possession of firearms.

Meanwhile, Salleh, who was also sentenced to life imprisonment and 10 strokes of the rotan for similar offences, said he appreciated the pardon and release granted by the Sultan of Johor as it would enable him to return to Indonesia and celebrate Aidilfitri with his family.

He said nothing beats the sadness he felt for having to fast in the prison during Ramadan over the past 26 years.

He also called upon all Indonesian workers in Malaysia not to commit crimes which could cause them to spend the rest of their lives in prison.

Salleh said he would share his life experience in prison with the public so that it would serve as a deterrent to others.

Pokok Sena Prison director Zawari Abd Rashid said the two prisoners would be released tomorrow after the completion of the documentation process by the Immigration Department and the Indonesian Consulate in Penang, which will also manage the deportation of the two prisoners.

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