

Socso Issues 256 Compound Fines For Delay In Lodging Reports On Workplace Accidents Last Year
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 4 (Bernama) -- The Social Security Organisation (Socso) has issued 256 compound fines to employers in the city throughout last year for delay in lodging reports on workplace accidents.

Kuala Lumpur Socso director Mohamad Asri Ngosman said of the total, 157 cases were being scrutinised to be taken to court under the Employees' Social Security Act 1969.

He said according to the law, employers were given 48 hours to lodge a complete report on a workplace accident to Socso, failing which they could face a fine of up to RM10,000 or imprisonment of two years, or both, upon conviction.

"We don't want employers to take this matter too lightly because we want to ensure that immediate aid could be channeled to the employees involved, especially with the rising cost of living in the city."

He said this to Bernama after presenting the Funeral Management Benefit of RM1,500 to Siti Hawa Mohd Ariff, the widow of former Berita Harian News Editor, Karim Sulaiman, at her house here today.

Mohamad Asri said among the excuses given by the employers for the delay in lodging reports on workplace accidents were that they were unaware of the 48-hour period to lodge the report, they were waiting for medical report and that the employee involved was on medical leave.

Meanwhile, he said Kuala Lumpur Socso had paid RM53.83 million in compensation to 9,075 recipients last year compared to RM45.94 million to 8,065 recipients in 2012.

Mohamad Asri also said Socso would also pay 'Penakat' Pension Benefit of RM1,793.31 per month to Siti Hawa and her children until they reach the age of 21.

"The pension benefit for the children will continue to be paid until they complete their studies at the degree level at any recognised local institutions," he said.

Karim, who won the prestigious journalism award, the Kajai Award, in 2001, died on Feb 17 after years of suffering from chronic Sleromyxoedema.

He left behind six children - Khairah Nadhirah, 25, Khairah Nabilah, 24, Khairah Nazurah, 23, Khair Najid, 20, Khair Naqib, 18 and Khair Naufal, 17.

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