

MTUC Wants Labour Department To Conduct Regular Checks At Work Places
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SHAH ALAM, March 5 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) has called on the Labour Department to carry out regular inspection at work premises to ensure employers comply with the minimum wage policy.

Its deputy secretary-general, A. Balasubramaniam, said the union had received numerous complaints on companies not paying the minimum wage of RM900 to workers.

He said companies found to have under paid their employees should comply with the minimum wage requirement and to pay the arrears in backdated wages in accordance with the law.

"MTUC calls on the Labour Department to strictly monitor the enforcement of the minimum wage ruling to ensure the low paid workers are not deprived of their legitimate wages, especially at a time when the cost of living has gone up.

"Under section 65 of the Employment Act, the labour officers have power to inspect any work premises," he told Bernama.

In 2013, the government gazetted the minimum wage of RM900 a month in the Peninsular and RM800 in Sabah, Sarawak and Labuan for enforcement on Jan 1, 2014.

Balasubramaniam said the Labour Department should also carry out aggressive campaign to create awareness on the minimum wage policy.

Workers who are not getting their legitimate wage should come forward to file complaints on the matter without fearing of getting penalised by their employers, he added.

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