

Coupon Taxi Drivers at Klia2 Face Competition From Metered Taxi

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SEPANG, June 4 (Bernama) -- About 2,000 coupon taxi drivers at KL International Airport 2 (Klia2) are requesting for city taxi services to be reduced at the airport as the competition is affecting their income.

LCCT/Klia2 Premier Taxi Drivers Association chairman Rusli Sharif said the number of taxis in Klia2 was usually about 3,000 and of this more than 1,000 were city taxis.

"If possible, we want to ask the Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD) to reduce city taxis to 300 during peak hours, that is, every Friday until Monday from 5pm until 8pm.

"Whereas, during normal hours only we will operate," he told reporters at the Klia2 taxi pool here, Wednesday.

He said the Express Rail Link Sdn Bhd (ERL) in Klia2 also posed a competition to them as previously there was no such facility available to LCCT and only taxi services were widespread.

LCCT/Klia2 premier taxi drivers, previously operating at LCCT before moving to Klia2 since May 2, were using the coupon system whereas the city taxis provided metered services.

Rusli said while at LCCT they were able to obtain up to four coupons within 18 hours compared to only two to three coupons in 24 hours currently.

"Usually our first coupon is to pay the taxi rental, the second coupon is for fuel, the third coupon is our wage and the fourth coupon is our savings," he said, adding coupon sales had dropped to about 500 from 2,500 when at Klia2.

In another development, he also expressed disappointment about the facilities and equipment available at the taxi pool in Klia2 which were deemed inadequate.

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