

Government Provides Aid To Thousands Of Illegals Who Landed In Langkawi
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 13 (Bernama) -- The Health Ministry, Foreign Ministry and National Security Council will jointly hold discussions to address the entry of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and Myanmar who landed in Langkawi last Sunday.

Health Ministry Datuk Seri S.Subramaniam said at present the government had yet to make a decision on the status of these illegals but had given them appropriate humanitarian aid.

"Clinics and hospitals in Langkawi have also prepared for any eventualities concerning the health issues of these illegals," he told reporters before launching the "My Home" programme here Wednesday.

He said so far there was no health cases or infectious diseases involving these illegals being reported.

His ministry also had yet to plan any health screenings or check-up on all the foreign immigrants, he said.

It was reported that thousands of foreign refugees landed in Langkawi after the boats and barges they used were damaged during the journey to a third country, including Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia.

Commenting on the "My Home" programme, Subramaniam said it was among the government initiatives that provided RM30,000 to potential affordable house owners among the Indian community wishing to apply for PR1MA houses.

He said it was also an awareness campaign to enable them to grab the opportunity provided by the government and not to be left behind in mainstream development that was being planned.

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