

DPM's Note On Entry Of Bangladeshi Workers, General In Nature, Not An Approval
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PUTRAJAYA, Aug 11 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi's note relating to a company's request for the provision of an online system for the entry of Bangladeshi workers to Malaysia is not a directive nor an approval, according to the Home Ministry.

Referring to a news portal's article on the note from Ahmad Zahid, who is also Home Minister, to the ministry's secretary-general on the application from Realtime Networking Sdn Bhd, the ministry in a statement today clarified that the note was general in nature.

The ministry also stated that it had not appointed or given approval for any company to provide an online system to manage the entry of Bangladeshi workers into Malaysia, as claimed.

The ministry said several companies including Realtime Networking had forwarded proposals to the ministry to provide an online system for managing foreign workers, but the ministry had not made any decision on this.

"All proposals from these companies pertaining to the system will first be studied and considered by a committee in the ministry, in accordance with the existing procedure," it said.

A news portal reported that Realtime Networking, of which Ahmad Zahid's younger brother is its executive chairman, had proposed the provision of an online system, whereby by making payments, the workers could be registered and monitored from Bangladesh and Malaysia.

In the statement, the Home Ministry also said that the Malaysian and Bangladesh governments would continue to discuss on solving the problem of illegal repatriation of workers.

It said both governments would cooperate in drawing up a new process for the hiring of new workers in stages and to be carried out transparently and systematically, including using the online system in managing foreign workers.

"In this matter, the government is considering involving several parties with the relevant expertise to help smoothen the operations of government agencies," it said.

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