

Malaysia Thanks Thailand for Help in Handling Bus Crash Victims

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PUTRAJAYA, Dec 23 (Bernama) -- Malaysia today thanked Thailand for its help in bringing back the bodies of the 13 Malaysians killed in a road accident in Chiang Mai on Sunday.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said Malaysia was grateful for the assistance from the Thai police and immigration authorities and appreciated the 1.6 million baht (about RM200,000) compensation to the next-of-kin of each of the deceased.

"On behalf of the Cabinet, I offer my condolences to all the families of the victims and we hope they will not be traumatised by the incident," he told reporters after receiving a courtesy call from Vice President of Zambia Inonge Mutukwa Wina here.

The 13 were killed when a bus with 22 Malaysian tourists crashed after a collision with a pickup truck at 11.30am (12.30pm Malaysian time) while heading to Chiang Mai from Chiang Rai.

Their bodies arrived at the Royal Malaysian Air Force base in Subang, Selangor, early today and were taken in hearses to Batu Pahat.

Chiang Mai governor Pawin Chamniprasarn said on Monday the Thai government agreed to pay 1.6 million baht in compensation to the next-of-kin of each of the 13 victims while those injured received compensation of 50,000 baht each (about RM6,000) for medical treatment.

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