

Rehiring, Relocation Programme For Illegal Immigrants

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PUTRAJAYA, Jan 28 (Bernama) -- The government will implement the Rehiring and Relocation programme to give opportunities for foreign workers without permits (Pati) to be given valid work permits, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said Thursday.

"This is to fulfil industry demand and enable the government to ascertain the number of Pati in the country for the purpose of monitoring security," said the Prime Minister when presenting the recalibration of the 2016 Budget here.

Najib, who is also Finance Minister, said the foreign workers levy rate would be clustered into two categories only, excluding foreign domestic helpers category, for streamlining the foreign workers management system.

He said consistent with the last 2016 Budget announcement, the 30 per cent levy contribution from the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF), totalling RM200 million, would be provided to raise workers' competency and skills.

This would be implemented through reskill and upskill initiatives, including for workers who had been laid off, he said.

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