

## **MEF calls for urgent action on NFA**

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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 16 -- The Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF) has urged the Ministry of Human Resources to urgently act on the proposed 'No Fault Accident' (NFA) coverage under Social Security Organisation (SOCSO) to support employers and employees during COVID-19 pandemic.

Its executive director Datuk Shamsuddin Bardan in a statement said they were made to understand that the proposal was submitted to the Human Resources Ministry in 2017 and discussed at its policy department level, but there is no feedback on the matter until today.

"MEF hopes that the Ministry of Human Resources will urgently act on the proposed NFA coverage as this is in line with the government's PRIHATIN (Prihatin Rakyat Economic Stimulus Package) direction taken by Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin to overcome challenges following the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The proposed NFA provides protection against all types of accidents, regardless of the cause of accidents. The NFA also offers the insured persons a higher amount of benefits while the processing time for the benefit payment will be reduced significantly for the benefit of both employers and employees," he said.

Explaining further, he added that the proposed NFA will address the never-ending complaints by workers on rejected benefit claims for non-employment injury from SOCSO.

"The implementation of the NFA protection will not only contribute to a more comprehensive social security coverage in the country but also help build a positive image for SOCSO," he said.

Shamsuddin stressed that the MEF had suggested to the Ministry of Human Resources and SOCSO to consider the NFA coverage scheme where the contributions were for injuries outside of working hours be borne by the employees and the government.

According to him, currently, only the employers contribute to the Employment Injury Scheme without any contribution from the employee or the government.

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