

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

Business owners warned against leasing licences to foreigners

PUTRAJAYA: Owners of business premises in Kuala Lumpur are reminded to comply with the regulations set by Kuala Lumpur City Hall, especially on leasing out premises to foreigners without valid documents and employing illegal immigrants.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa said they should go through the proper channels if they intended to hire foreign workers.

"I have instructed City Hall to carry out periodic checks and monitoring of business premises in the city to ensure issues such as leasing out business licences to foreigners without valid documents and employment of illegal immigrants can be eradicated," she said in a statement quoted by Bernama yesterday.

She thanked the General Operations Force for the raid con-

ducted in Jalan Silang here on Thursday, which resulted in the arrest of 1,101 illegal immigrants, most of them Bangladeshis, as well as Nepalese and Myanmar nationals.

They were detained for Immigration offences under an integrated operation involving several enforcement agencies in the Jalan Silang area, dubbed "Mini Dhaka".

Two children were among the 1,101 immigrants detained in the raid.

Kuala Lumpur Police Chief Datuk Seri Allaudeen Abdul Majid said the operation involved 1,138 officers from the agency and

that it was conducted to curb the influx of foreigners in Jalan Silang who owned businesses and worked without permits, in the capital city.

The operations also involved areas around the Kota Raya Complex.



Dr Zaliha Mustafa