

No U-turn on RM1,500 minimum wage decision, says PM [NSTTV]

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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob has pledged that there will be no U-turns by the government over its decision on the RM1,500 minimum wage, which comes into effect on May 1. -NSTP/GHAZALI KORI

CHUKAI: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob has pledged that there will be no U-turns by the government over its decision on the RM1,500 minimum wage, which comes into effect on May 1.

He said the new minimum wage will proceed despite the various suggestions and appeals by various quarters for it to be postponed.

He said the government remained committed to the move, and gave its guarantee that the new minimum wage will be implemented as previously announced.

"I would once again like to reassure that as previously announced, the RM1,500 minimum wage for workers will be implemented on May 1.

"There have been numerous suggestions, appeals and the like (to postpone it) but today, I give my assurance to the workers that the minimum wage which will be implemented on May 1 will proceed.

"We will not withdraw it and there will be no U-turn or such. It will continue.

"The details will be announced by Human Resources Minister Datuk Seri M Saravanan," he said.

The prime minister was speaking at a compensation handover ceremony for former employees of Perwaja Steel Sdn Bhd at the Kemaman Umno headquarters here today.

Ismail Sabri said workers need not worry as the implementation will be carried out in accordance with the details announced by the Human Resources Ministry.

Meanwhile, Ismail Sabri urged the Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) to play an important role in creating a good relationship between employers and employees as cordial ties can enhance the country's economic capabilities.

He said this is necessary as the roles of both employees and MTUC are important to help economic recovery and pave the way for a brighter future.

"I also hope that labour unions will work with the government to improve the welfare of workers," he said.

He said employers also need to continue cooperating to ensure that a harmonious environment at the workplace is achieved for workers.

"Usually, in terms of perception, labour unions are considered as against employers...when one mentions unions, the people would usually assume unions would not agree with employers and unions would also usually not agree with the government.

"But I am confident the new leadership of MTUC would work with the government in improving the welfare of workers," he said.

In this regard, Ismail Sabri also called on workers to continue placing their confidence in the government to continue helping them to enjoy better a life.