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Workers tricked of RM90,000

KOTA BARU: More than 100 foreign workers in Kelantan have lost in excess of RM90,000 in a scam after paying a fee to register in a bogus amnesty programme (6P) for illegal immigrants.

They allegedly paid RM900 each to a Kuala Lumpur-based company which carried out the registration exercises on Friday and Saturday in Gua Musang.

State Immigration director Mahassan Mustapa said the fraud was only discovered on Sunday following reports made by some of the victims.

"According to the victims, they paid the fees

which the company claimed was for the 6P programme introduced by the Immigration Department last year.

"This is a lie as the 6P programme ended in August last year and there is no similar programme being held to legalise foreign workers."

Mahassan said the victims claimed they were also given a special card which the company claimed could replace their work permits.

He said the department would investigate the case and called on other victims to inform the department if they had registered with the same company.