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EPF: No overseas trips for 224

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Directors banned from leaving the country

PETALING JAYA: The Employees Provident Fund (EPF) has submitted 224 names of company directors to the Immigration Department between April and June to prevent them from leaving the country.

EPF General Manager for Public Relations Nik Affendi Jaafar said in a statement that the rate of defaulting employers had, after diligent enforcement efforts, dropped to 1.6%

compared to 1.83% in the previous quarter.

"It is a serious offence under the EPF Act for employers not to remit monthly EPF contributions on behalf of their employees.

"We stand firm on our position and will take action against errant employers, including taking civil and levy actions against them," he said

here yesterday.

Under the Act, employers must submit their monthly statutory contributions on behalf of their employees before or on the 15th day of every month.

Nik Affendi added that in this quarter, 186 errant employers were fined a total of RM217,980 by the courts, while 238 civil suits and 746

criminal cases were also filed against defaulting company directors and employers.

Five companies – Alfo Group Sdn Bhd, Globe Security Services Sdn Bhd, Meor Hamzah (M) Sdn Bhd, K.U.B. Management Sdn Bhd and Lataran Emas Sdn Bhd – have each been fined RM5,000.

Meanwhile, a fine of RM4,500

was levied on Aza Catering Sdn Bhd.

"While employers are reminded not to neglect their EPF commitment, we urge members to check their EPF statement on a regular basis," he said.

Members who notice anything amiss in their EPF accounts can clarify with their employers or contact the EPF via phone at 03-8922 6000 (7.30am to 7.30pm from Monday to Friday) or online at <http://enquiry.kwsp.gov.my>.