

Socso to go after errant employers

KUALA LUMPUR: Socso will be going after employers who have yet to register their workers under the organisation, starting April 1.

However, the Social Security Organisation is offering employers "amnesty" if they come forward and register their workers voluntarily by March 31, before the start of the nationwide crackdown.

Bosses from small and medium businesses top the list of errant employers as they often fail to regis-

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ter with Socso.

Socso CEO Datuk Dr Mohammed Azman Aziz Mohammed said that due to their modest operations, small-scale employers often thought they did not have to register with the organisation.

"From our experience, the employers are usually from the service industry. These employers do

not realise that even with only one employee, they have to register with us to protect the employee," he said at the Socso headquarters in Jalan Ampang here.

Dr Mohammed Azman said 400 officers were expected to be involved in the coming nationwide *Ops Kesan* exercise.

Employers who fail to register

before the end of this month will be issued compounds of between RM500 and RM4,000.

Dr Mohammed Azman said areas and states with booming industries such as Selangor, Negri Sembilan and the Klang Valley had higher number of employer registration due to the amount of business.

Since the operations first started

in 2009 until Dec 31 last year, 27,449 compounds totalling RM9mil have been issued against errant employers.

About 68% of the issued compounds were related to employers' failure to register their businesses.

"We urge all eligible employers to register at any one of our 49 Socso offices nationwide," Dr Mohammed Azman added.

Up until Dec 31 last year, 499,840 active employers have registered.