

## Unofficial Translation

**PRESS STATEMENT  
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### **NEWS REPORT REGARDING THE REQUIREMENT OF FOREIGN VISITORS TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY ON 21 APRIL 2021**

The Immigration Department of Malaysia (**IMMI**) refers to several news reports regarding foreigners holding Social Visit Pass (**SVP**) having to leave the country on 21 April 2021.

IMMI understands that there are some foreign visitors who have difficulty returning to their countries due to the non-availability of flights and the Covid-19 pandemic situation that is hitting their home country.

In this regard IMMI has found several cases of SVP abuse by these foreign visitors through enforcement operations carried out. Among them is working at entertainment centers, massage houses and engaging in prostitution activities, scamming as well as other offences that violate the law. Throughout 2020 and 2021 to-date, IMMI has conducted 291 enforcement operations on entertainment premises and massage houses. As a result, 1,281 foreigners and 83 employers were detained.

Foreign nationals who are granted permission to reside in the country under SVP have to comply with all regulations and laws stipulated under the Immigration Act. IMMI has also decided for foreign nationals to leave the country on 21 April 2021. Failure to do so may result in enforcement action being taken.

However, should they have constraints in returning to their home country, they can apply for a Special Pass to extend their stay in the country but this needs to be supported by their respective embassies. Proof of documents regarding residence and financial capability during the stay in the country must be included.

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