

## **Deigo Ride boss summoned by RTD**

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SEPANG: The management of motorcycle taxi operator Deigo Ride has been given one week to turn up at the Transport Ministry to explain the company's stance to continue operating.

Its minister, Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai, said the Road Transport Department (RTD) had been instructed to get the company management to give its explanation.

"There is no grey area in this matter. The government and the ministry have decided to ban Deigo Ride because we do not want to risk the safety of passengers," he said after the groundbreaking of the RM650 million Kuala Lumpur Air Traffic Control Centre here yesterday.

Liow was responding to Deigo Ride chief executive officer Nabil Feisal Bamadhaj's request to explain his view on motorcycle taxi services.

RTD had initiated action against Deigo Ride motorcyclists by issuing summonses to three of them. Its enforcement director, Datuk Y. Valluvan Ye loo, said the three were caught during undercover operations on Monday.

RTD had also issued Notice 114 to the three, which required them to come to the department to have their statements recorded.

Valluvan said they had seven days to do so. He said a similar notice had also been issued to Nabil. However, Deigo Ride partners and users were upset with the Transport Ministry's directive.

They said the service had been wrongly perceived. Zainal Hakim Ahmad, 35 who commutes daily using the Light Rail Transit (LRT) service to get to work in Cheras, said he could save money using Deigo Ride's services. "As LRT's coverage is limited, I use Deigo Ride to get to my office, which costs me only RM2.50 compared with RM8 by taxi." he said.