

## **DeGo Ride company told to meet ministry soon**

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SEPANG: Motorcycle taxi service company DeGo Ride has been given seven days to meet the Transport Ministry concerning its services, said Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai.

The Transport Minister stressed that the ministry was firm in its decision to ban the service due to passenger safety.

“The ministry has directed the Road Transport Department (JPJ) to summon the company to give an explanation and its side of the story,” he told reporters after a ground-breaking ceremony for the Air Traffic Control Centre Complex (KL ATCC) here yesterday.

He said this when asked to comment on the request of DeGo Ride founder and chief executive officer Nabil Feisal Bamadhaj to be given the chance to debate the issue of the motorcycle taxi service, which begun last November.

On Monday, Liow said the Government had no interest in legalising the service due to the high number of road accidents involving motorcycles. He added that more than 60% of road fatalities involved motorcycle accidents.

Meanwhile, in Kuala Lumpur, JPJ enforcement director Datuk V. Valluvan Veloo said it had issued three non-compoundable summons under Section 23 (2) of the Road Transport Act to DeGo Ride riders during its routine operations. They were issued the summons for misusing their motor vehicle licence for public service vehicles.

Nabil said DeGo Ride would write to JPJ and request the department to revoke the summonses.

“We understand that by doing this, JPJ is showing the public that the rule of law shouldn’t be broken but we really hope they can revoke the summonses.

“We really hope the Government will listen to our side of the story and reconsider its decision as we are trying to help people earn an honest living.”

mStar Online yesterday reported that DeGo Ride has instructed its 6,000 motorcyclists to stop operating immediately, following the instruction from the Transport Ministry.