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18,532 PTPTN loan defaulters taken to court

A TOTAL of 18,532 cases involving National Higher Education Fund Corporation (PTPTN) loan defaulters have been brought to court up till October, Datuk Seri Mohamad Khalid Nordin said.

The Higher Education Minister

said in a written reply to Amran Ab Ghani (PKR – Tanah Merah) that 15,457 (83.41%) of the loan defaulters are Malays, 1,433 (7.73%) are Chinese, 991 (3.51%) are Indians while the rest are from other races.

Also, an emergency motion by

Chong Chieng Jen (DAP – Bandar Kuching) to discuss a planned nationwide protest by fishermen on Dec 12 due to high fuel prices was rejected.

Deputy Speaker Datuk Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar said that so far, 33,869 out of the 37,069 registered

fishermen were paid RM300 in fuel subsidy.

“The subsidy programme was introduced just five months ago, so it’s unfair to say that the fishermen would receive the money within a short time,” he added.