

PM urges more cooperation to curb human trafficking

At an event held to mark the National Anti-Human Trafficking Day yesterday, Prime Minister and Defence Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha asked for the (1) _____ of all stakeholders in society to help the government combat human trafficking.

At the event called "No Victims No Tears", which was organised by the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security and its partners at Government House, Gen Prayut stressed that the government has zero (2) _____ when it (3) _____ to human trafficking.

Calling human trafficking "a significant threat to national security" which affects the public's perception of Thailand, Gen Prayut said the government will come up with a plan to (4) _____ the problem within 20 years.

The Covid-19 pandemic has forced human traffickers to find their victims online instead, luring them into (5) _____ high-paying jobs which often turned out to be criminal, if not non-existent. Some victims ended up working at call centres operated by (6) _____, while others were forced into prostitution after being (7) _____ to work as models.

"We must work together and (8) _____ to the changed circumstances to prevent more people from ending up as victims of human trafficking and/or sexual (9) _____," he said.

Minister of Social Development and Human Security Chuti Krairiksh said the government has taken (10) _____ steps against those involved in human trafficking.

The number of cases rose by 41% to 188 cases last year -- up from 133 cases in 2000 -- of which 107 cases were (11) _____ to online fraud.

Police have also taken legal actions against (12) _____ officials who were found to be complicit in human trafficking, Mr Chuti said.

Choose the correct words to complete the above article.

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| 1. | (a) cooperated | (b) cooperation | (c) cooperate | (d) cooperating |
| 2. | (a) tolerate | (b) tolerance | (c) turbulence | (d) tolerating |
| 3. | (a) came | (b) comes | (c) coming | (d) had come |
| 4. | (a) eradication | (b) eradicate | (c) eradicating | (d) eradicates |
| 5. | (a) supposedly | (b) supposes | (c) supposition | (d) supposed |
| 6. | (a) scammers | (b) scammer | (c) scanner | (d) scamming |
| 7. | (a) lucid | (b) allure | (c) lured | (d) lurid |
| 8. | (a) adopt | (b) adapt | (c) adept | (d) adult |
| 9. | (a) exploits | (b) exploited | (c) exploitation | (d) exploit |
| 10. | (a) illegality | (b) legality | (c) illegal | (d) legal |
| 11. | (a) relations | (b) relation | (c) relates | (d) related |
| 12. | (a) state | (b) statement | (c) statements | (d) stated |