hows pictures of a car junkyard to the media after chairing the National Transportation Council meeting yesterda
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Transport Ministry to hasten process of removing abandoned cars

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AYA — The Transport Ministry is a standard operating procedure (SOP) the problem of abandoned vehicles g main roads and in residential areas. nister Anthony Loke said the current f six months to a year for processing he vehicle is towed to the scrapyard ng.

d the ministry has suggested that the one month, with notice of removal erved a week before the vehicle is

most we are looking at is the vehicle the compound depot for another eeks before it is scrapped," he said after chairing the first National Transportation Council (NTC) meeting.

Loke said that under the current practice, a removal notice is served for at least a month, and then almost half a year is needed for cross-agency checks before the vehicle is approved for the scrapyard.

"We will draft a new SOP and have it presented at the next council meeting in November. Hopefully, we can enforce the new guidelines by early next year," he said.

Loke said the number of abandoned cars is increasing over the last few years, with 15,019 complaints received by local authorities since 2015.

He said the ministry also plans to consolidate the responsibility and enforcement jurisdiction to solve the issue.

"The enforcement power will be given to local state authorities, who will work with the other government agencies to ha process," he said.

"We also need an integrated system check information of these vehicles, if they were stolen or uninsured, o owner had defaulted payments with institutions."

Loke said that as yesterday' NTC those present were also briefed ministry's deputy secretary-general operations and overview of the minis

Among the issues discussed were enforcement with the latest deve in regulations, and suggestions of services being offered by all state gove

Loke said his ministry was also co introducing parking terminals fo commercial vehicles, such as trailers a lorries, so they are parked in areas w not hazardous to the public.