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GUIDELINES ON TV BROADCAST BEING FINE-TUNED

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 22 (Bernama) -- The Home Ministry (KDN) and the Ministry of Information are holding discussions on the guidelines for materials that can be used for television and radio broadcast, said Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat.

"Discussions between officers and the Secretaries General of both ministries are being held to improve on the existing censorship for broadcast materials," he told reporters after the official opening of the TV3 Operation Centre, Sri Pentas, at Bandar Utama, here by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today.

He was commenting on the attitude of a local TV station that was not sensitive to the efforts of the government in handling social problems and broadcasting programmes that negated such efforts.

Mohamed said Dr Mahathir who is also Home Minister had criticised the attitude of the station on a number of occasions and both ministries were taking further action following Dr Mahathir's instruction.

On the form of self-censorship and time-interval system that the government wanted to implement in the broadcast of TV and radio programmes, he said the matter was being worked out now.

He said the government was trying its best to achieve self-censorship in the broadcasting of TV and radio programmes.

Asked why it had taken the Information Ministry too long to approve the application by TV3 to have 24 hour broadcast, Mohamad said there was a decision made on the matter but it had to be changed and a study was needed based on current development. -- BERNAMA

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