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NO EXEMPTION TO OTHER ARTISTES, SAYS SULEIMAN

SHAH ALAM, June 16 (Bernama) -- The Information Ministry has no plans to exempt other artistes involved in compositions by singer and composer M. Nasir from the ban over radio and television, its deputy minister Datuk Suleiman Mohamad said tonight.

He said the ministry would stick to its decision although it meant jeopardising the interest of other local artistes.

"This will go on until the singer makes an open and written apology to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed," he told reporters after closing the Information Department National Sportsmeet at the ITM Stadium here today.

Suleiman said the ministry's decision was to teach the singer and other artistes who might try to belittle national leaders.

He said the ban covered all works by the singer, his compositions and lyrics sung by other artistes as well as albums and films directed by M. Nasir. -- BERNAMA

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