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MINISTRY WON'T CENSOR INFO CHANNELLED TO MSC

KUALA LUMPUR, March 5 (Bernama) -- Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat today clarified that the ministry will only monitor information and materials channelled to the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC).

Mohamed said he never stated that the ministry would censor programmes in the MSC as was reported in the press recently.

"I never said that the ministry will censor materials channelled to the MSC and hope this clarification will put to rest all confusion and allay fears from those planning to invest in the MSC," he told reporters here.

"Prime Minister Datuk Sri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is working hard to explain the MSC project and has received encouraging response from foreign investors... therefore I want to convince them that there is free flow of information," he said.

Mohamed, who is also the Barisan Nasional secretary-general, earlier chaired a meeting attended by representatives of the BN, Energy, Telecommunications and Post Ministry and Multimedia Development Corporation Bhd on a briefing on social ills and on the MSC to be given by Dr Mahathir on March 11.

The minister also said new laws would have to be drafted to deal with the advancement in information technology which would expose the public to violence, horror and sex.

"The existing laws are not sufficient to deal with the information technology development of the cyber world. Therefore we need cyber laws," he said.

On the briefing to be delivered by Dr Mahathir, he said the event would be split into four groups comprising the supreme councils of BN component parties, senate members, members of parliament and BN state assemblymen.

"We feel there is a need for a such briefing to allow them to understand the MSC concept where they will disseminate the information to the people later," he said. -- BERNAMA

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