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DO AWAY WITH INTERNET CENSORSHIP: PM

KUALA LUMPUR, March 16 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has advised the Cabinet to dispense with attempts on internet censorship, said Multimedia Development Corporation (MDC) executive chairman Tan Sri Dr Othman Yeop Abdullah today.

"The Prime Minister has given specific instructions that there will not be censorship on the internet. That's the position of the government," he said at a press conference.

He explained that the Prime Minister was reaffirming a pledge in the Bill of Guarantee last week that there will be no censorship on the internet.

Based on feedback from the IT industry, the proposal by local governments requiring users to be registered at cyber cafes is, to some extent, perceived as a form of censorship.

"I informed the Prime Minister about this last Friday (last week) and he said it is something we should not accept. He immediately gave instructions for the practice to be stopped," Dr Othman said. -- BERNAMA

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