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LIES ON INTERNET ARE VICIOUS, SAYS KHALIL

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 28 (Bernama) -- Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob today described as "vicious" lies posted on the Internet about the country's leaders including that Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had fallen off a horse while holidaying in Argentina.

"They (lies) have a bad effect on the country," he said at an agreement signing ceremony between Utusan Melayu (M) Bhd and Asia Online Internet Services Sdn Bhd.

Khalil said that while such lies spreaded quickly, it took time to put the record straight.

The minister hoped that Dr Mahathir's interview with RTM in London yesterday would stop speculations about his health.

"The prime minister is in a very healthy condition," he said.

Meanwhile, Khalil said the number of Internet users in Malaysia was expected to rise to 1.89 million this year from 1.27 million last year.

From next year, the number was expected to rise by a million every year to reach four million by 2004, he added.

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