

# Tour bus operators want review on colours

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## Green and white seen to represent an opposition party

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LANGKAWI, Mon: Some tour bus operators are unhappy over the standard colours green and white -ruling which they say represent the colours of an opposition party

Langkawi Tour Bus Operators Association spokesman Abdullah Ahmad said today the Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry should review the ruling.

He said green and white could be misconstrued by certain quarters to represent an opposition party and many operators are unhappy.

"We are not politicians but we feel the colour requirement by the ministry makes a mockery of the tourism industry," he said in a telephone interview.

Abdullah urged the ministry to reconsider the matter fast as the deadline for all tour buses to have uniform colours is expected to be in December and most of the association's 80-odd members have yet to change to the required colours.

The ministry issued the directive in March requiring all tour buses to be painted with uniform colours of green and white.

Abdullah said 'in 1991, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had encouraged tour bus operators to include the colours of sea elements on their vehicles, symbolising tourism and the island's status as a beach destination.

"Now, they want us to change the colours to green and white. It symbolises a political element," he said.