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FEER'S DISTRIBUTION DELAY FAULT OF DISTRIBUTORS, PRINTERS, SAYS
MINISTRY

KULIM, March 17 (Bernama) -- Deputy Home Minister Datuk Zainal Abidin Zin said today that the delay in the approval for the distribution of two issues of the Far Eastern Economic Review (FEER) is because the distributors and printers have failed to abide by conditions set by the ministry.

He refuted the allegation that the two issues were not yet available at the news-stands because the FEER was critical of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"Such an allegation is baseless," he said when responding to reporters after opening a seminar on "National Security in the New Millennium" organised by the Saga Youth Association here.

Zainal Abidin said that there was nothing unusual about the foreign media undermining Dr Mahathir.

The delay was the fault of the distributors and printers, he said.

Zainal Abidin also said that the government had no choice but to take stern action against people spreading rumours which could affect the country's security situation.

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