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HOME MINISTRY MONITORS NEWSPAPERS THAT PUBLISH INACCURATE REPORTS

RAWANG, June 24 (Bernama) -- The Home Ministry constantly monitors the local newspapers that are found to have published inaccurate reports, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today.

"We normally call up the newspapers...when something happens we call them up and tell them to report accurately on the situation," the deputy prime minister told reporters after participating in a charity golf event organised by the Gerakan Youth at Templer Park here

Abdullah, who is also home minister, said this when asked whether the ministry would issue written warnings to Nanyang Siang Pau and China Press to refrain from touching on the sensitivities of the other races.

Yesterday Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, when winding up the debate on the final day of the Umno general assembly, issued a stern warning to the two Chinese dailies not to raise racial issues that could affect unity among the races.

Abdullah said that normally, after the newspapers concerned were issued warnings there would be no more sensationalisation or inaccurate or untrue reports.

He said that if there was anything that warranted a warning regarding reports of the two newspapers, action would definitely be taken.

At the function, Abdullah also presented prizes to the winners.

Among the participants were Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik and Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Norian Mai.

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