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NEARLY 10,000 ILLEGAL VCDS SEIZED UP TO JUNE THIS YEAR

MELAKA, July 25 (Bernama) -- A total of 9,899 video compact discs (VCDs), including 110 pornographic VCDs, being sold without a licence were seized in several operations in Melaka in the first six months this year.

Chief Minister Datuk Wira Mohamed Ali Rustam said today 4,880 of the VCDs were seized by the police who detained 13 traders, seven of whom were fined a total of RM5,200.

The rest, including the pornographic VCDs, were seized in operations conducted by the district councils and the Melaka Historical City Municipal Council in their respective areas, he told reporters after chairing the weekly state executive council meeting, here.

He said the state government had appointed state Education Committee chairman Datuk Long Said to head a team to curb the sale of illegal and pornographic VCDs and the involvement of the youth in the Black Metal cult.

It would be assisted by the police, the local authorities, the Melaka Islamic Affairs Department, the Education Department and the enforcement division of the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry.

He said the team would hold ceramah and workshops for the youth and schoolchildren.

He also said that state Women Affairs and Family Development Committee chairman Ramlah Abas would head a committee to monitor the problems of women in the state.

On another matter, he said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi would represent Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in performing the ground-breaking ceremony for the DRB-Oriental Honda Sdn Bhd plant in Pegoh, Alor Gajah, on Aug 25.

He said the RM170 million plant was expected to be operational by 2003 and would produce 20,000 units in its first year.

It would produce the Honda City, Civic and Accord cars, the CRV four-wheel drive as well as spare parts, accessories and components which would also be for export to the Asean countries, including Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines.

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