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RTM putting Pas in bad light, says Mahfuz

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Pas Youth chief Mahfuz Omar has accused Radio Televisyen Malaysia of being more interested in slandering Pas than in presenting the news.

He said RTM was going all out to put the Opposition party in a bad light as it continuously broadcast only selected parts of speeches delivered by Pas leaders.

"This practice is giving a misleading picture of Pas leaders," said the Pokok Sena Member of Parliament.

"RTM should broadcast the speeches in full and let viewers make their own judgment.

"If it does not dare do this, then its intention to mislead its many viewers is clear."

Mahfuz also questioned RTM's intention in broadcasting only certain parts of a ceramah by Pas spiritual adviser Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat and former Pas MP for Bachok Bunyamin Yaacob over the past week.

The RTM video clip showed Nik Aziz referring to Allah as a samseng (thug) and Bunyamin telling a large audience that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had watched a pornographic video with his grandchildren.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi yesterday directed the police to act against Bunyamin.

Describing Bunyamin's allegation as insolent, Abdullah, who is also Home Minister, said Pas was going all out to instil hatred in the people against the Prime Minister.