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RTM TO SCREEN NEW SET OF NEGATIVE VISUALS ABOUT PAS LEADERS

KUALA LUMPUR, July 25 (Bernama) -- RTM will screen a new set of video clips showing the bad side of PAS leaders from tomorrow, said Information Ministry parliamentary secretary Datuk Zainuddin Maidin.

He said the visuals were obtained from Kelantan and one of it shows Menteri Besar Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat allegedly calling God a hooligan.

Another shows a PAS leader, whom Zainuddin did not name, accusing Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad of watching "obscene video" with his grandchildren at home.

"We hope Nik Aziz will defend...when he sees a PAS leader (saying this)," he told reporters today after presenting certificates of appreciation to media organisations.

Zainuddin said RTM's move to screen such video clips was part of the government's plan to expose the weaknesses of PAS leaders to the people.

The parliamentary secretary denied that the local media, especially radio and television stations, were not giving fair and adequate coverage to opposition parties.

He said RTM and TV3 had invited election candidates from opposition parties to appear in their programmes, but the candidates did not turn up.

"Recently TV3 invited opposition candidates to take part in a discussion segment, but they were not present," he said.

Zainuddin said RTM too had started inviting opposition politicians to appear in its programmes.

"RTM previously never gave opposition politicians the opportunity, but now we give them.

"In fact, yesterday (PAS Youth chief) Mahfuz Omar and a DAP representative spoke on RTM about the Election Commission proposal (on campaign regulations)" he said.

The certificates of appreciation, given in conjunction with the Malaysian Journalism award 2001, went to RTM, TV3, Berita Harian, Utusan Malaysia, New Straits Times and Harian Metro.

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