

This is not about race or religion, says deputy minister

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Using the shower room as a makeshift canteen is not an issue related to race or religion, Deputy Education Minister II P Kamalanathan said today.

NONESpeaking to reporters at the SK Seri Pristana canteen, Kamalanathan said the issue pertains to the location of the makeshift canteen, as it has been used since March this year.

"Let me make this clear. This is not about religion or race," he said, after initial reports suggested that only non-Muslim students were told to eat in the makeshift canteen during the Ramadan month.

"It happened to be that the canteen renovation started one to two weeks ago," he added.

Kamalanathan also said the school's Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) has been aware of the makeshift canteen since March as the matter was discussed in a meeting prior to its implementation.

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