

No 'Negaraku' during morning movie screening

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The playing of the national anthem, which is supposed to be done before the screening of each movie from today, had yet to be implemented this morning at one cinema in Kuala Lumpur.

Malaysiakini went to the Golden Screen Cinemas in Mid-Valley Megamall to catch the 11.20am screening of 'Elysium'.

NONEIt observed that the Negaraku was not played before the start of the movie.

Two accompanying patriotic-themed film clips - 'Pesanan Terakhir' (Last Message) and 'Tanah Tumpahnya Darahku' (My Birth Place) - were not screened either.

When approached, the cinema manager refused to comment while a GSC corporate communications officer contacted had directed Malaysiakini to the general manager instead.

Communications and Multimedia Minister Ahmad Shabery Cheek had last week announced the move for all cinemas from Aug 28 to Sept 3, to commemorate National Day on Aug 31.

Shabery said movie-goers should stand up when the anthem is played and cinema operators would be in charge of monitoring this.

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