

Home Ministry renews permit for DAP's Rocket newsletter
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KUALA LUMPUR - The Home Ministry has renewed the printing permit of DAP newsletter The Rocket, said the party's publicity chief Tony Pua.

He said the approval was given in a letter from the Home Ministry dated yesterday (Aug 18) and addressed to party secretary-general Lim Guan Eng.

"We received the letter this afternoon. It was collected by my staff who went to the Home Ministry in Putrajaya after being notified," he told Bernama when contacted.

Pua said the approval was for the renewal of The Rocket printing permit for its English edition which expired on June 30 last year, and also its Mandarin Edition which expired in Nov 2009.

Previously, the Home Ministry had issued two show-cause letters to The Rocket after it found that the newsletter had continued publication despite its printing permit for the two editions having expired.

Last month, the ministry also renewed the permit of PAS newsletter Harakah after its publisher gave a satisfactory explanation and assurances to heed all permit regulations as required by the ministry.

Harakah's permit expired on July 7.

The ministry also had slapped a show-cause letter on Suara Keadilan, a newsletter of Parti keadilan Rakyat, seeking explanation for several articles it had published.

It held back indefinitely on its decision to renew the party's printing permit, which had expired on June 30, as the ministry is still waiting for another explanation from PKR.

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