

**TV3 fined RM50,000 for controversial Hari Raya ad**  
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KUALA LUMPUR - The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) fined TV3 RM50,000 for its controversial Hari Raya advertisement 'Sinari Lebaran' that had allegedly 'humiliated and insulted' Islam.

Deputy Minister of Information Communication and Culture Joseph Salang Gandum told Parliament today that the MCMC had completed investigation on the complaints under Section 206 (3) of the Communication and Multimedia Act 1998.

"MCMC had completed the investigations under section 206(3) of the multimedia act and has decided to fine TV3 a maximum of RM 50,000," he said when answering a question by Zulkifli Noordin (Bebas-Kulim Bandar Baru).

TV3 had removed an advertisement before Hari Raya, following objections from several Muslim groups, who complained that it contained elements of Christmas in it and was degrading the Islam religion.

To a supplementary question by Zulkifli on why action was not taken against Wee Meng Chee or Namawee who had produced controversial video clips that contained racial elements, Joseph Salang said the ministry had taken appropriate action.

"The MCMC has no jurisdiction to charge such offences in court but can submit the investigations to the Attorney General and it is up to the AG's office to decide on further action. It will be wrong to say the ministry did not take action," he said. - Bernama

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