

**Novel Interlok Will Not Longer Be Used Next Year - Subramaniam**  
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MELAKA, Dec 16 (Bernama) -- The literature component of the Bahasa Malaysia subject for Form Five will no longer use the controversial novel Interlok from next year, said Human Resource Minister Datuk Seri Dr. S. Subramaniam.

He said this was decided by the Cabinet recently and he hoped Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who is also education minister, would make a formal announcement soon.

Subramaniam, who is also MIC deputy president, hoped the withdrawal of the novel authored by national laureate Datuk Abdullah Hussain would be accepted by all quarters and end the controversy.

"The Minister of Education has agreed not to use this book from next year and I hope his announcement will prevent further acrimony over words deemed sensitive used in the novel," he said after launching a football competition vying for the Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu Cup organised by the Malaysian Indian Football Association in Ayer Keroh here.

The novel Interlok remained as the textbook for the literature component of the Bahasa Malaysia subject for Form Five this year but with amendments to several aspects deemed sensitive by the Indian community.

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