

Hishammuddin says Star's apology not enough
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PUTRAJAYA, Aug 16 — The Star newspaper has been asked to do more to soothe hurt Muslim feelings over its insensitive "Dining Out" articles by Home Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein.

The minister said he was dissatisfied with the daily's response to the "mistake", which is why he summoned its chief editor today for an explanation. Hishammuddin said a "very clear apology" has to be made to Muslims.

The Star's chief editor had already been called up by the ministry's Deputy Secretary-General (Security) Datuk Abdul Rahim Mohamad Radzi in connection to this matter, and an apology was issued. However Hishammuddin (picture) said at today's press conference that many were still unhappy with the newspaper over the mistake.

The minister said since the matter did not die out after the first apology from The Star, more had to be done to reduce the political temperature.

The newspaper's supplement last week under the headline "Ramadan Delight" put out articles about non-halal restaurants and pictures of pork dishes. Pork is forbidden for Muslims and parading it in a page promoting food for the Muslim fasting month is seen as very offensive.

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