

**Bloggers Advised To Follow Kompas' Action
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 22 (Bernama) -- Bloggers were today urged to follow the step taken by Indonesian newspaper Kompas of apologising to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor over a false report published on Aug 4.

Information Communication and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim said bloggers or anyone guilty of posting or writing lies which could tarnish the reputation of the victims, including national leaders, should apologise to the victims.

"But in today's world, how many people are willing to come forward and apologise? Unless they're taken to court, then maybe they'll say sorry," he said after handing over Aidilfitri contributions to 100 orphans, single mothers and arts activists, here, Monday.

At the event, Rais and his wife Datin Seri Masnah Rais also broke fast with the ministry's staff and then performed Tarawih prayers with the congregation at the Muhammadiyah Mosque at Angkasapuri.

On claims that the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) had been slow to act on false reporting on the Internet, Rais said cases or complaints involving cyber crime needed to be investigated thoroughly before the culprit could be charged in court.

"The MCMC is not like a police station (where the police can act immediately on reports lodged). The MCMC, however, needs to go through a lengthy legal process where the MCMC Act has 284 sections.

"It's not the case of receiving a report or complaint and taking action straight away. In the cyber world, we need to go through a number of procedures," he said.

Rais said the MCMC had so far done a good job with 14 cases recorded for action to be taken and some of them already charged and sentenced.

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