

Government Should Take Tern Action Against Private Stations
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MIRI, Aug 26 (Bernama) -- The Communication and Multimedia Ministry should now monitor and act against private radio stations that can threaten national integration, due to their deejays irresponsible antics, as what has happened in Astro's Era FM, recently.

Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), the backbone of state Barisan Nasional (BN), youth vice-head Pandi Suhaili suggested the ministry introduced compulsory short courses on the country's general knowledge and etiquette for private stations deejays before they are allowed to go on air so that they understand their roles to the communities.

"Those who have formal education in broadcasting from higher education institution or from government-owned radio stations will understand what I mean by proper etiquette," he told Bernama, here, today.

Pandi said currently anyone can become a deejay in private stations without the need to attend any compulsory courses like the ones for deejays in government-owned radio stations.

"Although they (Era FM deejays) have apologized this morning, we regret that no further action was taken by Astro Radio against them.

The deejay should be rested and not allowed to go on air temporarily.

He hoped everyone in the broadcasting industry learnt from the blunder by Era FM, especially when it involves the sensitiveness and national integration of the people.

"As peace loving Sarawakians, we are ready to accept their apology, we forgive but will not forget the fickle minded attitude of their deejays," he said.

Era FM deejays, Johan, Hanif and Ray (Johara) had apologized during their morning show today, following an uproar by the Sarawak football fans over their "cap ayam" remark.

The negative remark was allegedly uttered when Sarawak lost 1-2 to Perak in the Malaysia Cup competition recently in an away game when the deejay allegedly commented that Sarawak had won the Premier League champion undefeated this season because the teams playing in that league were all "cap ayam team", meaning that all the teams playing lacked quality.

They allegedly described Sarawak as a team that was not fit to play in the Malaysia Cup and could only play at the Premier League.

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