

Home Ministry suspends Tamil Daily

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PETALING JAYA: Tamil daily Thina Kural was slapped with a three-month suspension today for failing to inform the Home Ministry on the change in ownership of the daily.

It is learnt that the daily's owner was informed of the suspension on March 19, via a letter signed by Hashmah Nik Jaafar, on behalf Home Ministry chief secretary Mohamad Khalid Shariff.

However the suspension is only expected to take effect tomorrow following an appeal by the daily's management team.

The daily's editor-in-chief, BR Rajan, confirmed the suspension.

“Since this morning, we received hundreds of calls from the public and news agencies. I would like to thank those who supported Thina Kural,” he said.

Thina Kural was launched on Feb 2012, by K Aruun Kumarr, the son of late Athi Kumanan, a prominent figure in the Tamil media industry.

In 2013, a prominent MIC leader became a major shareholder of the daily.

A source meanwhile said a new daily, Puthiya Paarvai, would hit the streets tomorrow under a new licence.

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