

**Three Reasons For The Edge's Suspension - Home Ministry
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 24 (Bernama) -- The Home Ministry today explained the three reasons for The Edge Weekly and The Edge Financial Daily to be suspended for three months from July 27.

Firstly, the headings and reporting by the two publications has raised questions and created negative public perceptions towards 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) and also implicated the government and national leaders.

Secondly, the published news reports were based on doubtful and unverified information, which might alarm public opinion and could/might be prejudicial to public order and national interest.

Thirdly, the 1MDB issue is being investigated by an investigation team that has been set up. Therefore, it is inappropriate for the reporting (on the issue) to create negative perceptions and done continuously, and it is unfair for 1MDB and consequently for the government and national leaders.

The Home Ministry's secretary-general, Datuk Alwi Ibrahim in a statement said the suspension of the two publications was made after the ministry scrutinised their reports on 1MDB and the reply to the show-cause letters issued.

"The two publications were found to contain articles which violated Section 7 (1) of the Printing Presses and Publications Act 1984 (amended 2012) which are prejudicial or may be prejudicial to public order, or may alarm public opinion or jeopardise public order and national interest," he said.

Alwi said the media should be more responsible in their news reports, in line with the freedom given.

"The impact of irresponsible reports on public order and national interest should be carefully considered and they should not contravene the Printing Presses and Publications Act 1984 (amended 2012).

"The publication of the reports should also be done in accordance with the provisions in the publishing permit in force," he said.

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