

**Artiste association lodges report over jokes about PM**  
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KUALA LUMPUR: The Malaysian Artistes Association (Seniman) today lodged a police report over Singapore's Mediacorp Channel 5 comedy segment in which the participants poked fun at Prime Minister Najib Razak recently.

Its president, Zed Zaidi, whose real name is Rozaidi Jamil, lodged the report at the Dang Wangi District Police headquarters here.

Speaking to reporters later, Zed Zaidi said Seniman viewed the incident seriously and hoped the authorities would act sternly to ensure such an incident did not recur.

He said although the television station and Singapore's celebrity host Najip Ali, who was one of the participants in the segment, had apologised, the four other guests and the programme's host had yet to do so.

"Seniman will take this issue to the higher authority to ban those involved from entering Malaysia.

"If possible, we will try to reduce the inflow of foreign artistes to Malaysia, so that more opportunities will be given to local artistes," he said.

Last Wednesday, Mediacorp Channel 5 and Najip offered their apologies for the offensive comedy segment on the Malaysian prime minister in the "OK Chope!" programme aired on March 29.

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