

# Play the Negaraku

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## Rais laments private TV stations not airing national anthem

THE Culture, Arts and Heritage Ministry lamented that the country's private television stations are not bothered to air the *Negaraku* in their daily broadcasts.

Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim, in expressing his regret over the matter, said this should not be so as the national anthem could instil a sense of patriotism among viewers.

"As a medium that disseminates information, the sta-

tions should be playing the national anthem," *Utusan Malaysia* quoted him as saying.

Dr Rais said he did not see how playing the *Negeraku* could put an additional strain on these stations as it could serve to increase the patriotic feeling of the people.

Daily tabloid *Kosmo!* has disclaimed any connection with an Internet pyramid investment scheme on the *myKosmo!.com* website, say-

ing that it was only incidental that they have a similar name.

The tabloid, published by the Utusan Group and launched two years ago, said it is neither involved in the scheme nor owns such a website.

The paper warned its readers against being duped by such investment gimmick on the Internet.

*Kosmo!* reported that the website offered a recruitment scheme that purportedly pays

as much as RM19,530 to whoever draws five new members into the network.

*Harian Metro* reported that Rela, which had aimed to nab 20,000 illegal foreign workers this year, said it had met its objective much earlier than the targeted end of the year.

The paper quoted Rela director-general Datuk Zaidon Asmuni as saying that the volunteer unit achieved its target by Oct 22, just two days before

Hari Raya.

Up to Thursday, Rela has detained more than 20,300 illegal foreign workers, the paper said.

Throughout the whole of last year, Rela had booked only about 8,000 illegal workers.

"We have mobilised some 450,000 members this year to carry out the task and I am confident we can arrest another 5,000 before year's end," he said.