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Two groups call for ban on junk food advertisements

KAJANG (Selangor) — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed has urged television stations to cut down the number of violent shows and telecast more family-oriented programmes.

He was quoted by then New Straits Times as saying on Tuesday that there were too many shows with violent and sex scenes.

Violent shows, he said, would have a bad influence on children and should be replaced by programmes with family or development themes.

"It will be better to show family dramas and shows based on development of various countries," he told reporters at Country Heights, a new housing estate where people were allowed to buy land and build homes according to their own designs.

Malaysians, he said,

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22 January 1992 - Sex, horror scenes to be banned from TV SEX, violence and horror scenes will be banned from television by Feb 22, according to a Malaysian daily. In a report yesterday, The Star quoted Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat as saying that Radio Television Malaysia, TV3 and the National Censorship Board...

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Less TV violence from Saturday

19 February 1992 - KUALA LUMPUR Malaysia will tighten television censorship* of scenes of sex, violence and horror from Saturday, according to an Information Ministry official. "We will be making similar cuts to video






should use television as a medium to gain knowledge.

They should reject programmes which were not beneficial for them, he added.


Responding to the Prime Minister's statements, the government-run Radio Television Malaysia (RTM) and the private TV3 station said yesterday that all their pro-

grammes were stringently vetted to ensure sex and excessive violence were not depicted.



Films for television were approved by the Film Censorship Board. Some were further vetted by the respective stations to ensure they were fit for screening.

RTM's director of television programmes, Mr Ghani Ismail, also said RTM, which had been screening family- and development-oriented programmes, would provide more of such items in future.




TV3's programmes manager, Mr Abdul Hamid Mohamad, was quoted by Bernama as saying that the station adhered strictly to the guidelines set by the Film Censorship Board.

Meanwhile, The Star yesterday said the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA) and the Federation of Malaysian Consumers' Association (Fomca) urged the government to ban junk food advertisements on television.

They said the government


should do this to protect children from being cheated.



"Junk food is junk food because it has no nutritional value and this is the crux of the matter," MMA president, Datuk Dr N. Subramaniam said.

The government, he said, should not stop at vetting advertisements of junk food that offered free gifts.

"The government's move to vet the quality of the free toys that come with junk food is laudable and the MMA supports it," Dr Subramaniam said.



"But what is more important is that the government look into the quality of the

films soon," said the official in a telephone interview yesterday. Details of the new censorship...

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Minister wants TV3 to cut down on sex, violence

17 May 1994 - MALAYSIAN Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat wanted TV3, the private television station, to cut down on programmes which depicted sex and violence, newspapers reported yesterday. "I will discuss the matter with the management of TV3," he told reporters after attending a...

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New TV code for cigarette firms in force from June

28 April 1990 - KUALA LUMPUR Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat said the new television advertising code for cigarette companies will be implemented from June 1. No further delays will be allowed, he said. The code was to have been enforced on April 1...

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actual product.”

A Fomca spokesman said adults were also “cheated” by junk food advertisements.

“Television is a forceful media capable of influencing the purchasing patterns of consumers,” he said. “Although junk food advertisements on TV are targeted at children, surveys have shown that adults, too, fall for such advertisements.”

National Film Censorship Board chairman, Datuk Mansor Mohamed Noor, said on Saturday that the Board would review all advertisements for junk food “to make sure that children are not cheated into wasting their money on such foodstuff”.

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