

## LEGAL ACTION

# 2,921 PORNOGRAPHIC SITES BLOCKED

Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission blocked them since September 2018

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**T**HE Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) has blocked 2,921 pornographic websites from September 2018 to last year.

“Legal action will be taken

against those who provide or spread pornographic content via social media.

“It is an offence according to Section 233 of the Communications and Multimedia Act of 1998, which provides for a maximum fine of RM50,000, or a year in prison, or both.

“Other laws will be enforced and applied according to the

facts of the case under investigation and are bound by legal provisions, such as the Penal Code, which falls under the jurisdiction of the police,” an MCMC spokesman told *Harian Metro*.

MCMC was reacting to a news report on statistics that three to four in every 10 Malaysians subscribed to or viewed pornographic content and material every week.

Data released by a pornographic website showed Malaysia in fourth place after Slovakia, Bulgaria and Ireland worldwide, and among the top in Asia, in search-

ing for pornographic material and content online.

The spokesman said MCMC was always carrying out joint efforts to tackle pornographic content.

“MCMC organises advocacy and awareness programmes via digital assets, news releases, on television, via webinars, joint efforts with volunteer bodies and other government agencies, apart from integrated efforts and seminars.”

The spokesman said: “Programmes such as Klik Dengan Bijak are part of efforts to encourage responsible and disciplined

use of the Internet, with the focus on three aspects, safety, responsibility and vigilance to protect oneself from negative material and content.”

MCMC said consumers should lodge complaints or furnish information to the authorities if there was any pornographic or detrimental content and material on social media.

Complaints about pornographic material and content on the Internet can be made and channelled via email to [aduanskmm@mcmc.gov.my](mailto:aduanskmm@mcmc.gov.my), or via WhatsApp to 016-2206262, and via <https://aduan.skmm.gov.my/>