

The Star : Toys with lead will be banned

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PUTRAJAYA: Toys containing lead and harmful to children will be banned. ♦

♦We need to investigate and conduct a proper study before taking action on anyone. We cannot act based on media reports or else the wrong people will be penalised, ♦ said Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Shafie Apdal

♦He said several steps had been taken to ensure that toys not only met the standards set but were also safe for children. ♦

♦If the toys have been proven unsafe, we should ban and take them out of the market, ♦ he told reporters after a Hari Raya celebration hosted by the ministry here. ♦

♦The Malaysian Association of Standards Users has alleged that many children's toys sold in the market had high lead content which could cause brain damage and affect growth. ♦

♦Asked whether his ministry had seized unsafe toys in the past, Shafie said: ♦Actually, we have taken action numerous times but they were not reported. ♦♦

♦Ministry enforcement chief Roslan Mahyuddin said a draft on the government standards on toys was ready in 2002 but had not been gazetted yet. ♦