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CURTAINS DOWN

> Penang govt urges
cinemas
not to screen
controversial film
Tanda Putera

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GEOURGE TOWN: The *Tanda Putera* controversy took on a new twist yesterday when the Penang government, in a last-minute decision, "advised" cinema operators in the state not to screen the film, claiming it may lead to racial tension.

The unusual 11th hour request comes as the movie opens for screening today.

State Local Government committee chairman Chow Kon Yeow said letters have

been sent to all cinemas under the jurisdiction of two local councils - Penang Island and Seberang Perai - to seek their cooperation on the matter.

Highlighting the fact that the state administration has no authority over the content of films but only the authority to issue licences to cinema operators, he hoped that

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