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Anti-government website should check its facts

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BROWSING through the various so-called anti-government Internet websites recently, I came across one called "Doi Moi". The term doi moi (Vietnamese for economic reform) was made popular by US Vice-President Al Gore, while attending the Apec Summit last November. He compared Reformasi to doi moi.

Like any anti-government website, I don't expect its sentiment to be endearing but what surprises me is that whoever is behind this homepage is not interested in the truth but twisting it.

On March 3, for instance, a story, said to be an exclusive, was published on the Multimedia Super Corridor status certificate.

The objective of the article was not so much to promote the MSC but to raise an issue over Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's signature at the bottom of the certificate.

Since Doi Moi is so cocooned in a conspiracy theory, anything they get their hands on will definitely be tainted with a conspiracy fantasy. The one on the MSC is no exception.

According to them the Prime Minister signed the certificate as First Finance Minister on July 22, 1998, even while Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was still the Finance Minister and a few months away from being sacked from the Cabinet.

With that so-called proof, Doi Moi has proclaimed to the world yet another conspiracy by Dr Mahathir to oust his deputy!

A little effort to check the truth, which Doi Moi of course is not interested in, will show that the date stated on the certificate conforms to the date the company was granted MSC status and not the date the Prime Minister signed the document.

If Doi Moi cares to check the facts, there are many certificates which were signed by Anwar while he was still holding office and the ones signed by Dr Mahathir were after Anwar's removal from the Government.

I suggest Doi Moi check the truth with the issuer of the certificate, the Multimedia Development Corporation.

Who, then is conspiring against whom? If spreading lies and falsehood is the real aim of the Doi Moi website then it is to be expected.

However, if it claims to be the so-called alternative source of true and unbiased information then Doi Moi has done a disservice to this country by damaging its image.

Packing lies in your website is just a poor show and an insult to all Malaysians. If there is anything to reform then it should be your compulsive behaviour of telling lies. We deserve better than a cheap thrill like this!