

# Pro and anti-reformasi supporters in cyber war

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KUALA LUMPUR: A cyber war has erupted at "underground" pro and anti-reformasi websites with hackers from both sides having a field day.

*Laman Reformasi*, a popular pro-reformasi website was hacked on Friday by someone calling himself "Junior Hacker" who posted an obscene picture of one man sodomising another.

With it, the hacker posted the message Dasar Peliwat *Bangsa* (The Policy of the Nation's Sodomiser) in an apparent reference to Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim who is currently on trial for allegedly

committing such an act.

The hacker, in thumbing his nose at the website, also used a symbol commonly used on the Net to depict laughter and posted the phrase "Get Lost *Mahazalim*. Who is More Terror (Smarter)!" on the website together-with the obscene picture.

*Laman Reformasi* is popularly referred to as *Mahazalim*.

As a result of the hacking, other pages on the website could not be accessed on Friday.

And yesterday, the website hosted on the US-based Tripod service was offline.

However, other pro-reformasi websites such as *Mahafiraun 2020*,

*Pemantau and Komentor*, Black 14 were not hacked into.

On the opposite side, at least 11 anti-reformasi websites which are pro-Umno were hacked.

They include *bnlist.tripod.com*; *umno forever.tripod.com*; *sayangumno.tripod.com*; *kelabmayaumno.tripod.com*; *wqazx.tripod.com* and *members.xoom.com/anwarlewat/* while some others have gone offline following the attacks.

The hacker, who named himself "Xenophobia" on these pro-Umno websites, posted a picture of a skull on the sites with a "message to the world."

The message reads "We claim for justice media (sic) in undemo-

cratic Malaysia... Give us right to speak. Stop government intervention in media. Justice for all."

The posting also carries a message to all "Umno-Barisan Nasional fanatics" calling on them to look around and see whether the people were still with them and if so, the reasons for this.

"Xenophobia" claimed the reason would be nothing other than for material gain, power, corruption, business and cronyism.

As expected, both the pro and anti-reformasi websites condemned the hackers' attacks on their own sites.

The anti-reformasi pro-Umno *Pejuang Bangsa website* said in an

editorial on its site yesterday that it was now active again after "disappearing for a while" following the attack by a hacker.

The editorial said it was ironic that those expounding freedom of information would resort to hacking into a website just because the views expressed there were different from their own.

As for the pro-reformasi website, *Komentor* accused Umno of hacking into *Laman Reformasi* and claimed Umno supporters were "immature" as they could not deal with issues at hand and chose to post "a very disgusting" picture on

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the site instead.

The *Laman Reformasi* webmaster posted a message on *Komentor*: saying he would

continue his struggle for reforms until "the last drop of blood" and would not bow to such challenges coming his way, including hackers posting disgusting pictures on his website.

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