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PM given unkindest cut

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SINGAPORE's Straits Times has done it again. Its latest diatribe against our respected Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is indeed the unkindest cut of all.

That he was disparagingly described as a top dog by columnist Chua Lee Hoong is most uncivil, rude, insensitive, contemptuous and downright kurang ajar.

Not only has Chua insulted Dr Mahathir, her article has also brought our country's democratic political system into ridicule.

The recently concluded Sanggang by-election has once again proven that Malaysians still want to maintain the status quo.

The people have spoken and the message is very clear that we still cherish the hope of a stable and caring government under the leadership of our esteemed Prime Minister.

Chua should have known better than to label our Prime Minister a dog, bearing in mind that dogs and pigs are taboo to Muslims.

It would not have been too offensive had she labelled him a "top horse" or a "top tiger". Now how would she feel if she was described as Straits Times' top bitch of a columnist?

It is rather strange that the article went past the Straits Times editor's desk and approved for printing unless of course it was meant to be printed with the covert blessings of the Singapore government.

And why has the Singapore government been keeping mum all this while?

The Straits Times should have exercised better judgment since it is perceived as a pro-government mouthpiece.