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Government too lenient with lies, distortions of western media

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I WOULD like to congratulate our Prime Minister's Special Assistant, Datuk Hashim Makaruddin, for his excellent reply to the biased report by Asiaweek on our Prime Minister, partially published in the magazine but fully published in your newspaper on Feb 14.

The letter is well argued and polite, although deservedly devastating. If I were in his place, I would have written a much harsher letter.

I would suggest that more of such letters to the Press be written by authorised persons to answer the many allegations made against the ministers and ministries of our Government by the western media and their followers in this country.

This would go a long way to clarify issues that have been exploited by them.

Our Government has been lenient to allow such unfriendly foreign media to spread some of their filth in our country. They certainly do not deserve this leniency.

Our Government should reconsider.

Perhaps not many Malaysians know that foreign newspapers and magazines like the Asian Wall Street Journal, International Herald Tribune, Economist and Far Eastern Economic Review are no more independent than their owners' Anglo-American oligarchy-inclined ideology wants them to be.

Their owners are members of this oligarchy whose role and function is to destabilise and destroy the nation-state and set up a one-world government under its dictates through such supra-national organisations as the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organisation.

This characteristic imperialistic behaviour traces its origin to World War I when British Intelligence developed the psychological warfare centre at the London Tavistock Clinic.

Let me quote wartime British leader Winston Churchill, who in a Sept 6, 1943, speech at Harvard University, said: "The power to control language offers far better prizes than taking away people's provinces or land or grinding them down in exploitation.

"The empires of the future are the empires of the mind."

In 1981, Hal Becker, an American media "expert" and management consultant to a private think tank, the Futures Group, said in an interview:

"I know the secret of making the average American believe anything I want him to.

"Just let me control television. You put something on television and it becomes reality.

"If the world outside the TV set contradicts the images, people start trying to change the world to make it like the TV set images..."

Passionate nationalists and anti-colonial leaders like Saddam Hussein and Muammar Gaddafi are extremely disliked by this oligarchy.

It has moved mountains to eliminate them.

Our Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the Malaysia that he leads are disliked for the same reason.

Any leader of any country that refuses to bow down to this oligarchy is a target for attack, not only by its media, but also by its leading representatives.

We have not forgotten what mega financial speculator George Soros said about Dr Mahathir, nor former US Vice-President Al Gore, when he was our

guest here.

Although this media has wreaked havoc in the world, we Malaysians must realise it is sustained by disinformation and falsehood.

Sooner or later, falsehood, in the face of truth, will evaporate.

It is our duty as responsible citizens to hurl the truth against this falsehood so that it is totally smashed.

It is part of our fight for a new just world, in this beloved country of ours and in the larger international world.