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PM: Those loyal won't support news portal

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today said people who loved Malaysia would not support Internet news portal Malaysiakini.

Commenting on reports that Malaysiakini.com received a substantial sum from currency speculator George Soros, he said: "We have known that for a long time."

"People who love Malaysia will not support Malaysiakini. They (Malaysiakini) say they are also `orang Malaysia', but what kind of `orang Malaysia' are they (orang Malaysia apa ini)," he asked.

He said previously these people would be termed traitors, but now even traitors are held in high regard. On Friday, Malaysiakini former news editor Chong Yen Long said the portal's chief executive officer Premesh Chandran had, during a company meeting on Feb 17, revealed that Malaysiakini received RM188,000 from the Media Development Loan Fund believed to be funded by, among others, Soros.

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