

Rais: Be ready for cyber-attack on PM's website
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Minister of Information, Communication and Culture Rais Yatim asked all involved in cyber security to be prepared to defend the website of the prime minister from being hacked.

He said the Malaysian Communication and Multimedia Commission and Cybersecurity, among others, must not treat lightly the possibility of the website of Najib Abdul Razak being attacked.

"We are not afraid of the threat because we are prepared," he told reporters yesterday after opening the Malaysian pavilion at the CommunicAsia Convention 2011 in Singapore.

With the "layers and shields" created by government technical experts, it was not easy to hack government portals although some had been affected, Rais (right) said.

The hackers attacking government websites had a specific agenda and were not doing it for fun, he said.

The hackers who had affected about 200 websites in Malaysia had malicious intentions, but the government was not afraid of facing them, Rais said.

In Kuala Lumpur, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Koh Tsu Koon told the Dewan Rakyat that the special task force set up by the National Security Council had successfully handled the threat from hackers.

He said the task force was able to restore hacked websites within three hours on average.

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