

PM allows public access to Facebook despite abuse
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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak said today he would continue to allow the public access to his online communication platforms although they have experienced serious abuse over the past weeks.

He said he arrived at the decision in the spirit of having open and direct communication with the people.

“Over the past weeks, there has been serious abuse of my online communication platforms, most noticeably on Facebook,” he said, adding that it would not be fair to deny many Malaysians the opportunity to interact with him because of the irresponsible acts by a few.

“As it stands, I have over 800,000 Facebook 'likes' and close to 170,000 followers on Twitter. Even at the time of writing, I observe that more Malaysians have stepped up in support of civil dialogue and posting constructive comments. Do keep it up.

“I hope we as Malaysians can demonstrate responsible, respectful behaviour while commenting online,” he said in his latest post on his blog.

In recent weeks, Najib's Facebook page had come under serious abuse by people who posted negative comments against him and the Barisan Nasional (BN) government.

Many of the abusers seem to be supporters of the Coalition for Clean and Fair Elections (Bersih 2.0) as their profiles bore the Bersih logo and the colour yellow.

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