

PM condones cyber smear attacks, says DAP
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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's recognition of pro-BN online activists is the government's approval of vicious smear attacks against Pakatan Rakyat, DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng says.

Najib's launch of the 1Malaysia Social Media Volunteers (myVo1ce), Lim said in a statement today, condones and encourages the spread of falsehood against the Umno president's political opponents.

, Lim (left) recalled how pro-BN bloggers wrongly claimed that his 16-year-old son had molested a classmate, causing his transfer to another school.

The bloggers also claimed that Lim paid RM200,000 to silence the parents of the "victim". All these allegations were later proven to be untrue.

"(Despite this) the BN cyber troopers, including Umno-Online (the party's official website), continued with their relentless campaign to defame me and my family," added Lim, who is also Penang chief minister.

Much to Lim's chagrin, a Penang Umno leader, Dr Novandri Hasan Bari, and Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin, were also present at the launch of myVo1ce.

Cyber troopers with dirty tricks?

Both Novandri and Khairy had passed remarks about Lim's son when the issue was at its peak.

"Now, with Najib's proud statement officially recognising pro-BN cyber troopers as part of BN's cyber army, is he not making a statement of admission that the BN is involved in the ongoing dirty tricks campaign to cheat and lie their way to win the next general election?"

"Is this the kind of derogatory attacks that we can expect from the BN 'cyber army'? Without a doubt, Najib's new army of cyber troopers, with a history of dirty tricks, is proof that the 13th general election will be the dirtiest election yet," Lim added.

At the launch of myVo1ce yesterday, Najib described pro-BN social media users as the coalition's new army and gave them "official recognition".

"So this is your role as cyber warriors. Our social media army can 'turun padang' (get to the ground), but not by rolling up your sleeves and trouser legs.

"Bring out your iPads, iPhones, Blackberries and laptops. These are our weapons as the cyber warriors," Najib told some 2,000-odd participants present.

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