

DAP: Gov't ready to renew attempts to censor Internet
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DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng has cautioned against renewed attempts to censor the Internet after Communications and Multimedia Minister Shabery Cheek warned that the government was prepared to revise its Internet access policy.

"DAP will oppose to any action by the BN federal government to restrict usage of the internet because this is a selfish attempt against knowledge and to undermine freedom of information so as to perpetuate BN's continued hold on power.

NONE"Further, this violates BN's own Bill of Guarantees to Multimedia Super Corridor of no Internet censorship," he said in a press statement today.

He was responding to Shabery (right) who had said that Internet misuse due to liberty given in Malaysia had reached a critical level and the government would not hesitate to revise internet facilities and access.

Internet censorship in Malaysia has general been minimal due to the Bill of Guarantees initiated by then prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad in a bid to woo investors for the Multimedia Super Corridor.

"Clearly BN does not understand the yearnings of the people for truth and freedom and quest for knowledge unfiltered by propaganda, racism and extremist ideologies.

"BN sees internet as a threat because the freedom and truth in the Internet allows lies, hate and fear to be quickly exposed," he said.

'Double standards'

Furthermore, Lim also lamented the government's double standards in acting against alleged offenders who defame people on the Internet.

dap 47 th anniversary celebration in johor 180313 06 lim guan engHe pointed out that no action was taken against a pro-Umno blogger who had alleged his son had molested a classmate which turned out to be untrue.

Instead, Lim (left) said was netizens that exposed that the picture of the alleged classmate was in fact a Hong Kong chess grandmaster who had never met his son before.

"Is this what BN is fearful of that their lies, hatred and corruption will be exposed with Internet freedom?" he said.

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