

Utusan attacks Malaysiakini's 'WSJ porn'
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Umno owned daily Utusan Malaysia has once again claimed that Malaysiakini is working hand in hand with foreigners to topple the country's "Islamic leadership".

In their weekend edition's regular editorial under the pseudonym Awang Selamat, the Malay daily accused Malaysiakini of "taking advantage" of the recent 1MDB-related allegations made against Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak by sensationalising "negative" readers' reactions with "pornographic" enthusiasm.

"After failing to topple the government in the last general election, this is the opportunity to smear the country's leadership.

"All negative readers' comments were played sensationally, akin to watching pornography, while the positive reactions are banned," read the column today.

"It is not surprising that the portal is aggressively threatening the existing Islam-led government," said Awang, a collective pen name for Utusan's senior editors.

"They are holding up Wall Street Journal (WSJ) as though they are sharing the same agenda," said the writer, adding Malaysiakini's credibility was too low for it to be believed.

On Friday, Wall Street Journal (WSJ) reported that Malaysian investigators have allegedly traced nearly US\$700 million in deposits into what they believe are Najib's personal bank accounts.

WSJ cited documents from a government probe into the 1MDB scandal, which both the international financial newspaper and whistleblower website Sarawak Report claim they had obtained.

Najib yesterday denied the allegations as an attempt to topple a democratically elected prime minister, accusing his predecessor Dr Mahathir Mohammad of collaborating with "foreign media" to do so.

Jumping on the bandwagon, Federal Territories Umno youth chief Razlan Rafii in a statement yesterday claimed the attacks are being orchestrated by Jews to topple Malaysia's Islamic leadership.

Playing the same tune, Awang hinted Malaysiakini along with Sarawak Report were directed by "foreign influence" and guided by "hidden hands".