

1MDB's illogical decision against Sarawak Report

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KINIBIZ Over the weekend, the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) decided to block access to Sarawak Report from Malaysia until the ongoing investigation by the special task force into 1MDB is completed.

The MCMC's logic behind the decision is that none of Sarawak Report's material has been proven to be factual, that it threatened the country's peace and economic stability, and that people had complained about it.

In a nutshell, it is obvious the MCMC does not think very much of the intelligence levels of most Malaysians, or of their ability to think and discern. It also underestimated the public's ingenuity in getting around the blocks.

Malaysians have come to see the Internet as a place where they can get news unfiltered and unhindered. MCMC's move to block the page did nothing but pique curiosity. As anyone can tell you, it is the forbidden that always draws the most attention.

Furthermore, given the significant trust deficit Malaysians have with their politicians these days, the move just seemed to cement the fact that Sarawak Report might be reporting the truth, which is why the government is trying to muzzle it.

Whatever you think about the style, and even perhaps the quality of Sarawak Report, the government has been its best promoter - by blocking access to the site.

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