

## **Mahathir vows to keep writing about 1MDB**

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Former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad will keep writing about 1MDB even though the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) has banned whistleblower site Sarawak Report.

"I will keep on writing (about 1MDB)," Mahathir said when asked if the MCMC ban on Sarawak Report had spooked him.

The commission said yesterday it has taken pre-emptive measures to block Sarawak Report, although it did not have evidence as yet on whether the site's exposes on 1MDB were false.

Access to Sarawak Report was blocked by the MCMC, purportedly due to complaints from the public.

When asked to comment on the MCMC's meeting with editors of local online news organisations, Mahathir said that meet proved that there are attempts to censor the media.

"Effectively, there is censorship of the press," he said curtly.

During the meeting, editors were told that there was no concrete proof that materials published by Sarawak Report were fraudulent and that access to the website was blocked as a preventive measure.

Editors were also warned that any websites in Malaysia that publishes materials produced by Sarawak Report could also be subject to the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998.

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