

Guan Eng's Silent Approval Of Social Media Abuse Towards Media
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It is obvious that Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng is incapable of conducting himself properly. He is absolutely uncompromising towards any criticism or any unfavourable news from the media. These are proven by his barring of certain media agencies but turning a blind-eye towards the verbal abuse by DAP members towards reporters or the online assault by DAP cybertroopers on the media. The phrase 'press freedom' is an irony coming from his mouth.

Even before The Star's description of Guan Eng as a 'street fighter' and his strained relationship with the Chinese press, he was already of the opinion that the media was out to slander him and that any news reports on him were lies. But his arguments on these were weak. In the end, the DAP Secretary General's statement had insulted reporters by underestimating their knowledge and intelligence.

In fact, the description of Guan Eng by The Star is not an exaggeration, as Guang Ming Daily had also seen for itself Guan Eng's actions in criticizing the media over a small critical comment in the newspaper. His inability to accept criticism and his rudeness is not conducive to press freedom.

Once, Guan Eng had fought for press freedom, and together with the media took to the streets to defend this idea. However, when he finds that news is not written in his favour, he will react aggressively and launch a boycott of the media. As a state representative, such a move is not in line with his duties and responsibility.

What is more shameful is that he continues to claim that he has good relationships with Chinese newspapers, but on the other hand he does nothing to stop DAP members such as Hew Kuan Yau from insulting and criticizing reporters, thus creating a culture of hatred and violence. This hypocritical act of his should stop!

Guan Eng should try to be more like his father, Lim Kit Siang, who had never boycotted the media despite any unfavourable reports towards him.

More embarrassing, Guan Eng is unappreciative of the Chinese press. By overreacting, he has forgotten that certain news agencies had given him prominent coverage before he became Chief Minister. His actions disappoint the public.