

# Zam: Classify bloggers

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## 'Differentiate between professionals and non-professionals'

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Malaysia has to classify bloggers as professionals and non-professionals as a mechanism to prevent the misuse of blog sites, Information Minister Datuk Seri Zainuddin Maidin said.

He said he believed that professional bloggers were those who were more responsible in ensuring that their web content was based on truth and not mere rumours.

"This classification will also facilitate any action to be taken against those found to have violated the country's laws," he told a press conference at the Putra World Trade Centre here yesterday.

Zainuddin said certain people in

the country had misused blog sites for their own interest and that of their groups, including touching on matters enshrined in the Federal Constitution.

"We have to control this. It is feared that these (blog sites) will be misused by those who have an agenda to spread slander.

"By right, there should be a mechanism to control this phenomenon, including classifying bloggers as professionals and non-professionals," he added.

Zainuddin said this was important in enabling the people to determine whether they could trust a certain matter and whether the blog content

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was the truth or a rumour that could cause discomfort or undermine unity.

He reminded bloggers not to touch on matters that had been agreed upon by consensus by the multi-racial population in the country, so as

to maintain peace and harmony. Bernama

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