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Hacker attempts to deface PM's website

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PUTRAJAYA: Angry at the higher price of fuel, a hacker attempted to deface the official website of the Prime Minister's Office yesterday.

The hacker left a drawing of a skull with a sword through its neck, and words blaming the prime minister for the fuel price increase.

The incident was reported on several blogs, while some people telephoned the *New Straits Times* about the matter.

In the afternoon, the web-

site www.pmo.gov.my carried an announcement that it was temporarily closed for maintenance.

A special officer to Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi confirmed the incident and said it was an "unsuccessful hacking attempt".

"What happened is that someone copied the URL (the site's address) and cloned it to make it look like the real site.

"As such, we have temporarily closed the site," the officer said.