

**MCA, BN supporters must counter social media lies against the government**  
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MCA will ask its members and Barisan Nasional supporters to counter all malicious statements and lies posted on websites and other social media aimed at bringing down the government.

MCA vice-president Datuk Seri Chor Chee Heung said slander against the BN government during the recent 13th general election campaign through the social media had partly contributed to the defeat of many BN candidates.

"The opposition had used the social media during the recent general election to campaign where they made baseless accusations against the government.

"The people, on the other hand, tended to accept totally what was written on these websites without first analysing or checking to see whether the allegations were true or not," Bernama reported.

The former housing and local government minister said this after handing out contributions under the 1Azam programme to 37 single mothers, in Alor Star, yesterday.

"We will ask our members and supporters to counter the false allegations. The truth and untruth are lumped together on the social media websites, making the people confused.

"Look at Singapore; it has curbed freedom of expression on the social websites because a lot of untruths had been disseminated with ease.

"In Malaysia, we still have an open attitude towards the social media as we don't want to stop people from expressing their views but they must ensure that what they write is the truth," said Chor who failed to retain the Alor Star seat in the GE13. - July 7, 2013.

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