

## **Is a Barisan cyberwar slowing down traffic to Najib's critics?**

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Pro-Barisan Nasional (BN) bloggers who have been vocal critics of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's administration hope that the coming week will see smoother access to their respective blogs.

Although it has not been mentioned openly, there have been speculation that pro-Najib cybertroopers have been attacking these blogs, causing difficulty in accessing it.

Former New Straits Times group editor-in-chief Datuk A. Kadir Jasin (pic) told The Malaysian Insider that his blog had been experiencing technical glitches over the past week.

"It has been quite difficult for readers and visitors to access my blog due to the technical glitch," he said.

Kadir refused to point the finger at pro-Najib cybertroopers or the opposition, insisting that it was a technical issue.

"I am not accusing anyone, whether it is PKR or Umno or anybody," he told The Malaysian Insider.

Kadir said he had consulted several people, including those who were knowledgeable about the Internet, regarding the access issues his blog was facing.

"I was told that from a technological point of view, it was possible to disrupt the access to any blog or websites," Kadir said.

"According to regular readers who post comments on my blog, they have also experienced difficulties in accessing other blogs," he added.

Kadir said if the problem persisted, he may have to resort to technical or technological solutions to overcome it.

However, he has no plans to open a separate blog, as he intends to maintain his current site, [kadirjasin.blogspot.com](http://kadirjasin.blogspot.com).

Fellow blogger Syed Akbar Ali ([syedsoutsidethebox.blogspot.com](http://syedsoutsidethebox.blogspot.com)) said he did know not what was causing the difficulty in accessing his blog.

"Things have more or less returned to normal now and visitors are able to access my blog."

"I do not know what is the problem, it could be jamming or some technical issues," Syed Akbar told The Malaysian Insider.

Besides himself and Kadir, the other blogs experiencing the same issues included Apanama and RockyBru.

Syed Akbar said the blogs were accessible by readers abroad, the only ones having difficulty accessing were local visitors.

In a posting, Syed Akbar speculated that it was some sort of jamming, done by people with access to the Internet hardwiring in Malaysia.

"There are very few people who can access this. I can name names and point fingers too," he said.

"While we are predominantly pro-BN, but we are all strongly critical of the government too," he added.

In December last year, Kadir wrote in his blog suggesting that Najib should appoint his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor as Special Affairs Minister.

Kadir wrote that Rosmah appeared to be adept at carrying out the duties of several ministers, including Foreign Affairs and Education.

Syed Akbar has also been busy criticising Putrajaya, even calling Najib "sewel" (insane) several times in his writings recently, blasting the latter for his "bodoh" (stupid) decisions and policies.

"I am just angry about the mismanagement and the cluelessness of the present government," Syed Akbar said.

"They have no direction at all and we have not seen a growth in the economy for so long now."

Syed Akbar is particularly critical of the Performance Management & Delivery (Pemandu) unit, established in 2009 to oversee government initiatives and programmes.

"It is because of the philosophy behind the setting up of the unit, which shows that the government has given up on itself. A defeatist attitude, rather

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