Position Paper

Sarawak Report
Election Bribe Map

For the upcoming Malaysian General Election we have developed a crowd sourcing site, which allows Sarawakians to report incidents of bribery and corruption on an interactive map.

You can see the site here: http://election.sarawakreport.org

Background

In Malaysia there is widespread corruption. We have heard stories of politicians flying to the long houses in helicopters, handing out cash in return for votes. With the ability for people to map such incidents on a map, we hope to cast new light on the extended corruption in Sarawak.

The site was originally launched as a ‘simple’ reporting site during the 2011 Sarawak state election, which was back then built in Drupal 7.

Technology

For this election we have re-developed the idea from the ground up. The site is based around a Mapbox hosted map where visitors can point and click to indicate the location of an incident. Reports are stored in a Google Docs spreadsheet and displayed on the map via a JSON feed. The site is built in Jekyll and hosted on Github where it’s available as an open source project. Anyone can contribute.

The project will be continually developed until the election is over.

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We are submitting this to make a presentation based. The presentation will be part technical and part we are trying to get people engaged with this new platform leading up and during the election.

We are sending one participant.

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