

## PRESS STATEMENT

I see the Prime Minister has joined in the attack on Mr. Andrew Kuan. It just reinforces the view publicly held by Singaporeans that the PAP government handpicks its President and will not tolerate anyone else.

When Mr. Ong Teng Chong wrote to the then Prime Minister of his intention to offer himself for re-election, he was told in no uncertain terms that the Cabinet would not support him. Why- because he had had the temerity to ask for a statement of Singapore's assets.

It looks as though the PAP government will go all out to ensure that only Mr. Nathan is appointed President. He has been a very good President for the PAP government.

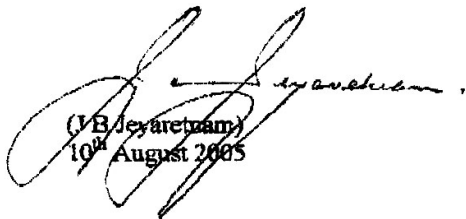
The Prime Minister's call for openness is hollow.

Does the PAP claim a record for openness and accountability.

if the PAP government succeeds in keeping out any other candidate to take on Mr. Nathan, the election becomes a farce.

When the Bill for the Elected President was introduced in Parliament, Goh, the then Prime Minister spoke of the need for the President to be elected by the people so as to give him the moral authority.

The PAP government says one thing and then immediately forgets what it has said and does the very opposite.

  
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