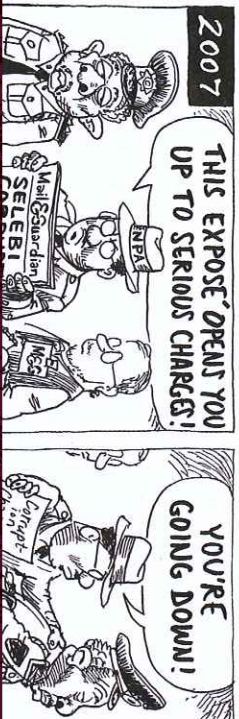




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Who's really bringing this country down?

all me a romantic, but I'm filled with grudging admiration when

really are and don't give a damn what anyone thinks. And recent events had fascists coming out of the closet like it's a Narnia reunion party!

The Hawks have revealed themselves

keeping the likes of MacDonalds and Pepsi out of the country.

They protected us from suffering an ignominious defeat in the international sporting arena by ensuring we weren't allowed to compete in the international sporting arena.

They protected us from being sent out

devious bastard media in its place. And the best place to keep the media was squashed under the government's bloated bum, spinning every noxious fart of that regime into sweet propaganda perfume, with notes of roses and hunky-dory and only a subtle undertone of rotting corpses.

at least pretend to still be interested in democracy, so I understand why they're proposing special courts to fast-track cases involving those evil journalists who are trying to undermine the government by daring to point out the undermining and underhand things government officials themselves are doing.

You'd think a special court to fast-track cases involving crime or corruption or Cronyism might be slightly more useful in the grand scheme of things, but you know, that's so much more work.

Sure, the media may get hysterical from time to time, a case of boy-who-cried-wolf. Oooh, the corruption! Oooh, the siphoning of public funds into private pockets! Oooh, the abuse of tenders! But if you're actually one of the ravenous, skulking, predatory

wolves-as-is best describe you crying about, you can't let that stand.

You can't have that whiny cur of the media and the blogosphere yapping about dodgy deals or digging up embarrassing secret documents and rattling round the

governments' bloated bum, spinning every noxious fart of that regime into sweet propaganda perfume,

business of doing business with arms dealers and mafia bosses and morally bankrupt shell companies without any of the doom-and-gloom or critics whining and moaning like a chorus of out-of-tune wretches. because let's face it, aren't they the ones who are really bringing this country down?

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