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If I may, I would like to bring your attention to the following articles on Straits Times that are "pay walled"

- <http://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/health/insurers-want-all-patients-to-pay-part-of-hospital-bills>
- <http://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/health/what-the-task-force-recommends>
- <http://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/health/why-moh-needs-to-step-in>

Such articles contains critical and important information that concerns local citizens and residents so it is not possible for citizens and residents to find an alternate reputable source online for information.

In such cases, those who can't afford to purchase such "premium" articles will turn to alternate news media sites like TR EMERITUS, The Online Citizen, Mothership, etc.

While some of these alternate news media sites are neutral and objective, there are some sites which may hide half truths or even produce incorrect data that contribute to false rumours and fake news. It is therefore crucial that in order for the government to combat fake news, they should first enable Singaporeans and residents here to have access to genuine news.

One solution is for the government to publish such news on a relatively easy to remember government domain like news.gov.sg. The portal can contain articles but without the image IPs so that citizens can still have access to the news.

In addition, such articles should be stored for at least 5 years and after which they are archived and easily accessible should anyone need to find information of such articles.

Thank you.

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