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Prime Minister of Singapore
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Dear Mr Lee,

The editors of openDemocracy are delighted to inform you that you have been named Bad Democrat of the Year 2006.

The Bad Democracy Award is made to the man, woman or institution that has made the most damaging contribution to democracy in the year.

Visitors to openDemocracy's [website](#) were invited to cast their votes for one of twelve candidates who won our monthly Bad Democracy polls, which you topped in April 2006.

You emerged in victorious in our year-end ballot from a shortlist that also included Presidents Vladimir Putin of Russia, George W Bush of the United States and Kim Jong-Il of North Korea, Prime Ministers John Howard of Australia and Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia, former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy, Rupert Murdoch, the media magnate, Abu Laban, the Danish cleric, the Israeli Defence Force and the Group of Eight.

The field, we are sure you will agree, was exceptionally strong, and we do not doubt you will be duly proud of your achievement.

Congratulations once more.

Yours,

Tom Burgis

Moderator, Bad Democracy Awards

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