

THE ONLINE CITIZEN'S (TOC) ALTERNATE WEBSITE AND HEIDOH'S WEBSITE MADE DECLARED ONLINE LOCATIONS (DOLS) UNDER POFMA

*POFMA DOL restrictions extended to TOC's alternate sites
for repeatedly communicating falsehoods*

Singapore, 30 June 2026 – The Minister for Digital Development and Information has declared The Online Citizen (TOC)'s alternate website and Heidoh's website as "Declared Online Locations" (DOLs) under Section 32 of the Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act 2019 (POFMA).

A Recalcitrant Purveyor of Falsehoods

2. TOC's primary website (located at <https://www.theonlinecitizen.com>), alongside its Facebook, Instagram and X pages, were declared as DOLs in June 2025 for repeatedly communicating falsehoods. This was the second time that TOC's website, Facebook and X pages have been declared as DOLs. This Declaration, which came into effect on 22 July 2025, remains in place for a period of two years, until 21 July 2027.

3. During this period, each of TOC's DOLs is required to carry a notice to alert viewers that they have been declared as DOLs, that they have communicated multiple falsehoods, and that viewers should exercise caution when accessing them for information. The operator of TOC's online platforms is also restricted from receiving financial or other material benefits from operating the DOLs.

Attempts to Circumvent Declared Online Location Restrictions

4. Following the re-designation of TOC's primary website as a DOL in 2025, the Ministry of Digital Development and Information observed that TOC's operator has set up alternate online locations to publish its content.

5. As these new online locations have a different Uniform Resource Locator (URL), they are not presently subject to requirements for DOLs. This has allowed their operator to receive financial benefits from operating the sites by carrying paid content, such as online advertisements. These locations are:

- a. **TOC's alternate website (located at <https://theonlinecitizen.com>)** – The site is hosted on the same domain as TOC's primary website and closely mirrors the primary site's branding and appearance. Since May 2026, TOC has redirected

users visiting its primary site to the alternate website through links on its homepage, while mainly publishing content on the alternate website (see [Figures 1 and 2 in Annex A](#)).

- b. **Heidoh's website (located at <https://heidoh.com>)** – Heidoh is an alternative news site set up by TOC's operator in 2025. For a period in 2026, Heidoh republished content carried on TOC's websites (see [Figure 3 in Annex A](#)).

6. Notably, TOC's operator has persisted in communicating falsehoods to readers in Singapore through these new sites. In March 2026, both locations were issued two POFMA Correction Directions each for falsehoods regarding the (i) re-appointment of Attorney-General Lucien Wong, and (ii) reply by the Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs to Parliamentary Questions on Singaporeans allegedly serving in the Israeli Defense Forces (see [Annex B](#) for details of the nine falsehoods in total). TOC's alternate website and Heidoh's website have thus met the requirements under POFMA to be declared as DOLs.

Alternate Sites Declared as DOLs

7. Given TOC's persistent communication of falsehoods on these alternate sites, and its attempts to circumvent the DOL requirements imposed on its platforms, the Minister for Digital Development and Information has found it necessary to declare both the domain names of TOC's alternate website and Heidoh's website as DOLs. This ensures that Singaporeans visiting these sites are alerted to their record of communicating falsehoods, and prevents TOC's operator from continuing to profit from the harmful act of spreading online falsehoods in Singapore. The Declaration will take effect on **1 July 2026**, and will remain in force for two years, until **30 June 2028, 12.00 pm (GMT+8)**.

8. The conditions and requirements of the new Declaration remain the same as the existing Declaration for TOC's online locations. The Declaration does not mean that the DOLs will need to cease operations. However, service providers such as digital advertising agencies and intermediaries are required to take reasonable steps to ensure that paid content placed on these two websites is not communicated in Singapore. Individuals and companies are also prohibited from providing financial support to these DOLs to avoid promoting the communication of falsehoods in Singapore.

9. The owner or operator of TOC's online platforms can apply to the Minister for Digital Development and Information to suspend, vary or cancel the Declaration. If the Minister refuses the application, an appeal can be made to the High Court.

10. Members of the public are strongly advised to be mindful of TOC’s history of communicating falsehoods, including on its affiliated sites, and to fact-check information published on the DOLs affiliated with TOC against official sources. Members of the public who encounter purported falsehoods may also report them via the [POFMA Office website](#).
11. A list of other Declarations currently in effect can also be found at [Annex C](#).

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SCREENSHOTS OF TOC'S AND HEIDOH'S WEBSITE

Fig 1a: Landing page of TOC's primary site (as captured on 28 May 2026)

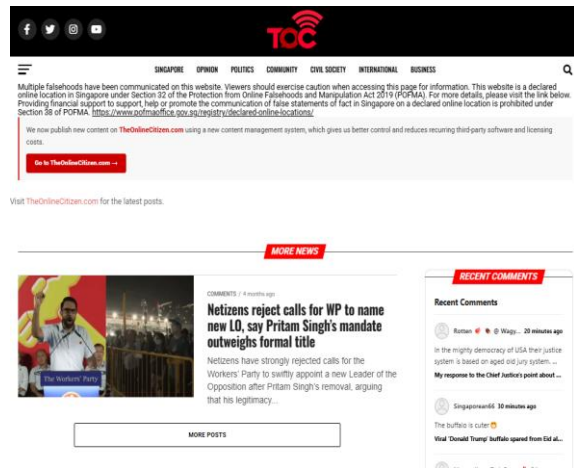


Fig 1b: Landing page of TOC's alternate site (as captured on 28 May 2026)

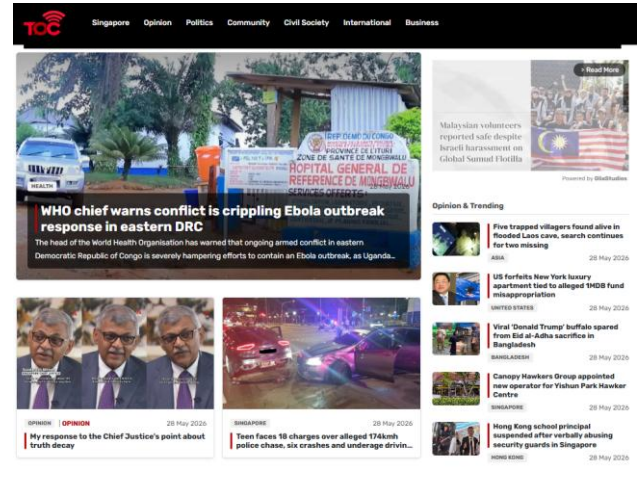


Fig 2: Links on TOC's primary site which lead readers to its alternate site (as captured on 28 May 2026)

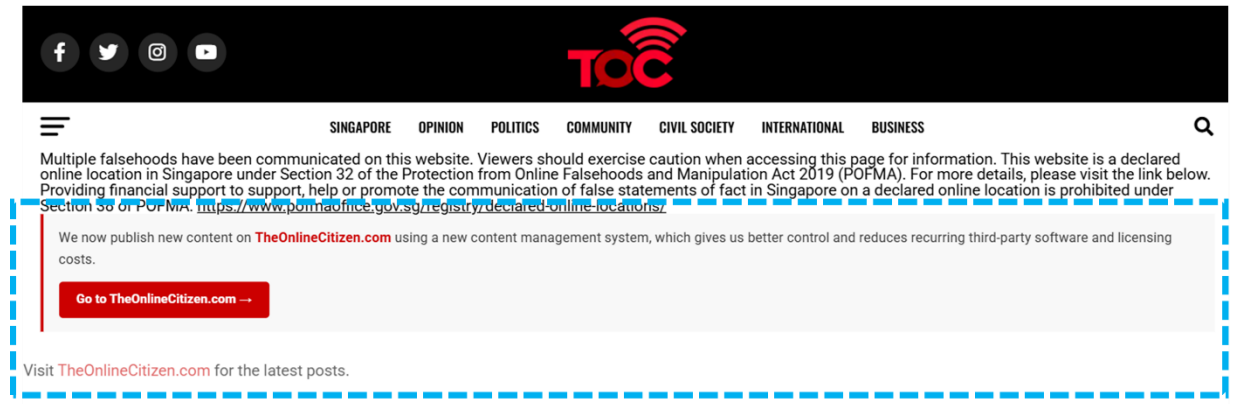
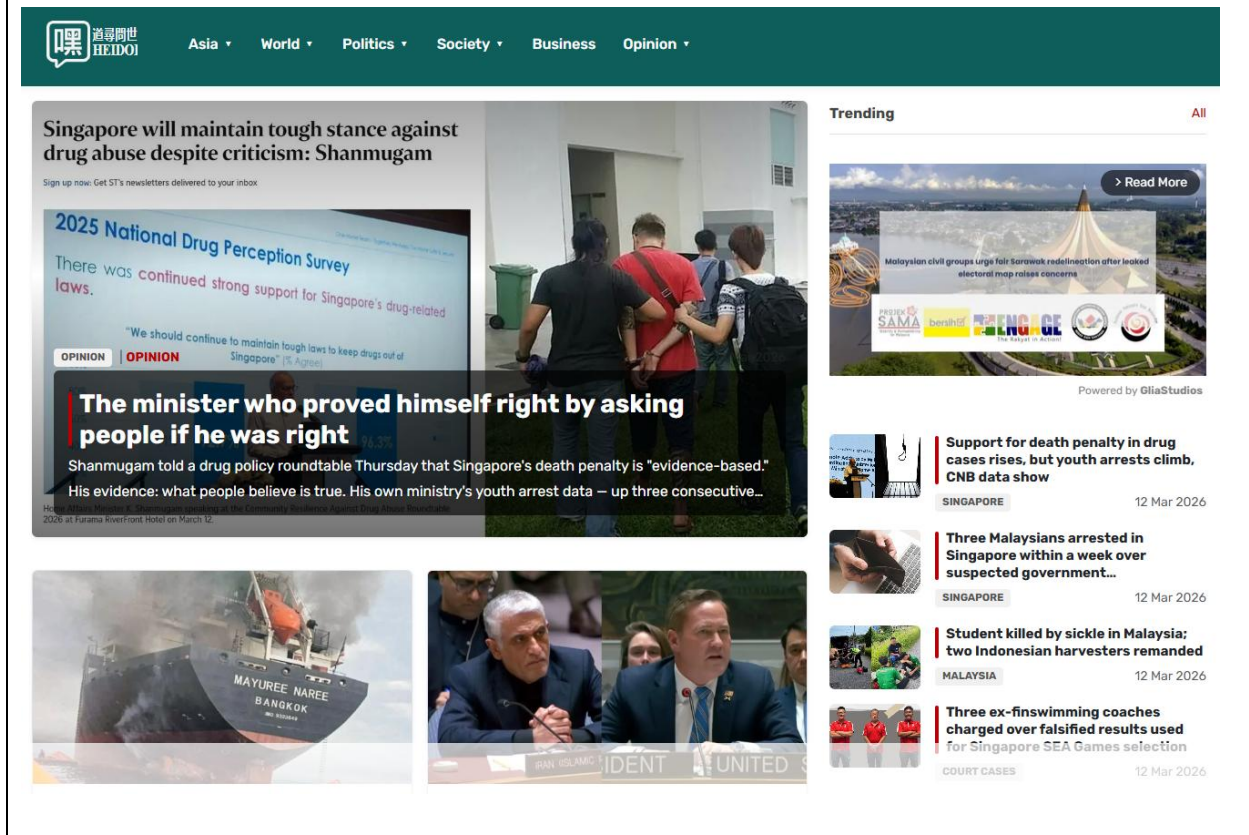


Fig 3: Heidoh's website, which linked readers to articles on TOC's alternate website (as captured on 12 Mar 2026)



**RECENT POFMA CORRECTION DIRECTIONS ISSUED TO THE ONLINE CITIZEN'S
ALTERNATE WEBSITE AND HEIDOH'S WEBSITE**

No.	Date issued	Falsehoods communicated on each of TOC's alternate website and Heidoh's website
1.	26 Mar 2026	<p>1) The Coordinating Minister for National Security and Minister for Home Affairs deliberately chose to give incomplete answers to the Parliamentary Questions on the two Singaporeans who allegedly served in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) during the Gaza conflict.</p> <p>2) Apart from the information in the Declassified United Kingdom article, the Government had information to act on, including identifying information of the two Singaporeans who allegedly served in the IDF during the Gaza conflict, as evidenced from its formal request to Israel.</p> <p>3) The Government is able to identify the two Singaporeans who have allegedly served in the IDF during the Gaza conflict but has chosen not to identify them.</p> <p>4) The Government has deliberately chosen not to take action under the Internal Security Act 1960 against the two Singaporeans who have allegedly served in the IDF during the Gaza conflict in order to preserve diplomatic relations with Israel.</p> <p>5) The Government did not issue directions under POFMA in respect of the source which stated that two Singaporeans had served in the IDF during the Gaza conflict because this statement was true.</p> <p>6) The Government has decided not to use Section 125 of the Penal Code 1871 against the two Singaporeans who have allegedly served in the IDF during the Gaza conflict, because</p>



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		<p>of Singapore's cordial relations and longstanding defence and intelligence ties with Israel.</p> <p>Press Release: pofmaoffice.gov.sg/files/media-releases/pofma_pr_mha_26Mar2026.pdf</p>
2.	23 Mar 2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Attorney-General (AG) Lucien Wong (AG Wong) has not recused himself from acting on matters pertaining to the compulsory acquisition of 38 Oxley Road.2) During the Committee of Supply debate on 2 March 2026, Ms Sylvia Lim was not permitted to raise any follow-up questions on the AG's re-appointment process.3) The Constitution provides for the AG to retire at age 60 without any qualification or proviso, but the Prime Minister has appointed AG Wong until he is 75. <p>Press Release: pofmaoffice.gov.sg/files/media-releases/pofma_pr_mlaw_23Mar2026.pdf</p>

LIST OF DECLARATIONS CURRENTLY IN EFFECT

Declared Online Locations	Effective date of Declaration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOC's primary site • TOC's Facebook page • TOC's Instagram page • TOC's X account page 	<p>Effective from 22 July 2025 to 21 July 2027</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transformative Justice Collective's (TJC) website • TJC's Facebook page • TJC's Instagram page • TJC's TikTok page • TJC's X account page 	<p>Effective from 21 December 2024 to 20 December 2026</p>