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M*edia, Liberty and Politics in Malaysia: Comparative Studies on Local Dynamics and Regional Concerns* is based on a collection of twelve academic papers. This book traces the development and progress of Malaysia as a nation that embraces issues of media, liberty and politics as essential parts of its culture, policy and well-being of the people. In between the 2008 and the 2013 General Elections, Malaysians have transformed themselves and demanded to form a more democratic society. Issues of political freedom, human rights, good governance and human dignity have become important and will determine the future of the Malaysian society. Besides, this book also tries to compare democratic practices in Malaysia with its neighbours such as Indonesia, Thailand and Australia, plus the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as an organisation to promote democratisation and strong ties between its members. This book is suitable for all particularly the academics, students of politics and international relations, journalists, legal practitioners, and the general public who are interested in the issues of media, liberty and politics in Malaysia.

Given the meteoric rise of social media in the world and its unassailable influence vis-a-vis the traditional media in spreading the fight for democratisation, freedom of expression, good governance and human security, the arrival of this book is indeed most timely as it explores how the emergence of similar powerful forces in Malaysia and the region in producing dynamic social change.

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Mohd Azizuddin Mohd Sani's informed and thoughtful discussion of media politics and political liberty do shed the light in the most complex issues in Malaysian politics and in comparison with neighbouring states. This book will find its valuable for students, academicians, specialist and the public who are keen to understand about the interesting concepts and issues of mahathirism, community, human dignity, social media, deliberative democracy and political marketing.

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