

## **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

Posted by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad at August 26, 2008 5:28 PM

1. Affirmative action by its very nature must involve discrimination.
2. Affirmative action is about correcting imbalances between groups. But in the process, the interest of individuals would have to be sacrificed. It is unfortunate for the individual concerned but if no one's interest is to be sacrificed then corrections cannot be made. The status quo would remain and this would mean there would be no affirmative action. Simply said, no corrective action would be possible unless there is some discrimination against someone.
3. Golf is a great game. But like other games the poorer players would be given handicaps. Otherwise golf would be very boring as the good golfers win every time.
4. In boxing we cannot match a heavyweight against a lightweight. The latter would be hammered to a pulp.
5. In horse racing the lighter horse would carry weights so that the race is between evenly matched horses and riders.
6. Globalisation has been promoted by the rich countries.
7. The essence of globalisation is open borders or a borderless world. With this, the rich and the well-endowed will have unrestricted access to the countries of the poor in order to exploit them. Of course the poor can have access to the rich countries too. It sounds fair. The playing field seems to be level.
8. But what will certainly happen is that the rich will go into the poor countries and with their capital, their managerial skills, and their technology, would overwhelm the people in the poor countries with their small businesses, limited skills and limited capital.
9. The end result would be that the poor countries would effectively be owned and exploited by the rich countries and the local people would be mere workers in the big enterprises of the rich, earning a pittance for themselves. Essentially colonisation of the poor by the rich would again take place.
10. But the rich countries will claim that the people of the poor countries are free to do business in the rich countries, buy over the banks, the industries and anything they like. But they know and we know that it would be impossible for the people of the poor countries to do this.
11. This is why the WTO has been rejected by poor countries. The people of the poor countries know they cannot compete; know that in the end they would be colonised. They are not being selfish. It is simply that they want to exploit their wealth for themselves.
12. Effectively the poor countries want to discriminate in their favour by rejecting the borderless world of Globalisation. Exploitation by the rich would most likely enrich the poor countries. But they would rather be poor than be exploited.
13. We take the relative peace and stability in our country for granted. But look at other multi-ethnic countries. In most cases the indigenous people, if given power would not just discriminate against what they consider to be non-indigenous people but would want to expel them. Look around us and you will understand what I mean. Look at the Tamils of Sri Lanka, and the Indians in Burma. There are other examples which I will not mention here.
14. But the indigenous people of this country actually welcome the non-indigenous and expressed their willingness to share the wealth and the opportunities that this great country has to offer between them.

But the sharing must be fair. That was the kind of sharing our founders agreed upon. The Malays would not have agreed if in this country they would be reduced to being the hewers of wood and drawers of water.

15. When the sharing did not really take place, the anger led to the 1969 race riots.

16. Following that our wise leaders from all the communities agreed on how to carry out the sharing. They agreed on what is basically affirmative action. They agreed that they would eradicate poverty irrespective of race and that there should be no identification of race with economic function.

17. It is only a small sacrifice. But the peace and stability that came with the NEP had enriched the country which in turn had contributed towards peace and stability even during the recession caused by the financial crises. We know that racial riots occurred in other countries at that time. Contributing to the fairness of the NEP was the decision that discrimination should not be by expropriation of what already belonged to others but through the distribution of new wealth and opportunities. Thus, the sense of deprivation would be reduced.

18. But even when the discrimination is to be based on growth the rich would still feel a sense of deprivation because they cannot get all the wealth and opportunities that they believe they were qualified for.

19. If contracts or licences or permits are to be given out why should someone less qualified get them when they, the qualified could make better use of these things.

20. In the case of university admission and scholarships, why should someone less qualified get admitted when the better qualified cannot.

21. So even when the corrective action is based on new opportunities and wealth and not by expropriation of what is already in the possession of the rich, there would still be a sense of deprivation by the richer communities.

22. Accepted that the richer communities also have poor members among them and the New Economic Policy's first prong clearly proposed poverty eradication irrespective of race, the fact remains that there is more poverty among the poorer community than among the richer communities.

23. If we eliminate poverty among the rich without regard to the level of poverty, then the richer community would be rid of poverty while the poorer community would still be saddled with extensive poverty.

24. Today we have reduced poverty to 5 percent. If we care to do a study, we will find that the majority of those still under the poverty line would be from the deprived community.

25. Still, despite the alleged discrimination, our poverty eradication is regarded as being very successful. It is nearly impossible to find hard core poverty among the better-off race in the urban areas. There are more in the rural areas.

26. Fifty years is a short period in the history of nations. We have not reached menopause yet. In fact we are in our youth still. Whether we succeed to overcome our present difficulties depends on us. If we fail, pointing fingers will not save us.

27. I will readily admit that the NEP had been abused. But we are so ready to blame that we pick on the wrong target. Of course the way the affirmative action was carried out, and the abuses, were picked on by the opposition to condemn the whole policy.

28. UMNOputra, like cronyism, was a word invented by politicians and the detractors of this brash country which dared to thumb its nose at the powers that be. Unable to condemn blatant corruption as they do to

other countries, they came up with cronyism and UMNOputra. When there is real cronyism and corruption they deliberately ignore them because these are committed by their favourite people.

29. Before making these criticisms against the affirmative action of the NEP, why not make a real study. Are most of the Malays getting the scholarships and entries into the universities the children of UMNO people? If they are, why was it necessary to have the Universities and University College Act to stop students from demonstrations against the UMNO-led Government? How did the doctors and lawyers in PAS get their education? Are the students all from rich families with connections?

30. I will be the first to admit that there have been abuses in the promotion of business among the bumiputeras. Given opportunities, given licenses, permits, contracts etc, they disposed these for immediate gains. This frustrates the efforts to help them. Some degree of abuses may be excused but the degree of abuse of the opportunities created by the NEP is far too much. They cannot all be excused.

31. I also admit that there has been unfairness in the award of scholarships and Government jobs.

32. I will not try to defend these abuses. We must try to reduce them. But affirmation is about discrimination. And those discriminated against will never understand the big picture, the benefits of an increasingly egalitarian society.

33. The Malays must accept that this discrimination cannot be forever. If they fail to respond properly to what is being done for them, they should accept this policy would be taken away.

34. When Malay youngsters, especially boys, failed to study and qualify for university education, when they preferred to play and not study, we cannot expect the non-Malays to patiently wait and give up their opportunities until the Malays decide to become serious and study. That would not be fair.

35. That was why we introduced merit in the selection of students for the universities. Unfortunately, the implementers of Government decisions chose to interpret it differently. By requiring Bumiputeras to sit for the matriculation and the non-Bumiputeras to sit for higher school certificates, they managed to give the impression that the Bumiputeras were actually better qualified than the non-Bumiputeras. With this, the intention of the Government to make the Bumiputeras become more serious about their education failed.

36. There is a tendency among Malays to regard the discrimination in their favour as a privilege, as a recognition of their superior status. I think this is wrong. The discrimination is in order to give them a kind of headstart so that they can catch up with other races. To me, it is shameful to have to be protected because we do not have the capacity to compete. We are not Red Indians to live on reserves. We should regard it as a temporary expedient to be done away with once we have achieved the capacity to compete on our own.

37. However, we must give time for ending the NEP and it should be done in stages. I hope that the time will not be too long. In the meantime, serious efforts by the Bumiputeras must be made to avail themselves of the opportunities. If this is obviously not being done, then, as with entrance into the universities, the discrimination must end.

## **297 Comments**

By loly on August 26, 2008 5:44 PM

Salam Tun...proud of you...forever.

By mfadhlan on August 26, 2008 5:44 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Kami sentiasa bersama mu.  
By amat on August 26, 2008 5:45 PM

salam che det

cant wait for permatang pauh results and ur reactions and predictions for the future

i support you all the way!!!  
By M.H putehAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 5:47 PM

tun,  
like i said....malays must stand up with their feet. the action must take place now or we never gonna stand up again.

www.mencandat.blogspot.com  
By furido1585 on August 26, 2008 5:51 PM

Salam.

Anwar Ibrahim terburu-buru inginkan jawatan Perdana Menteri dengan menabur macam-macam janji-janji yang boleh menggugat orang Melayu. Jangan fikir orang tidak akan tuntutan janji-janji dia. Malaysia sudah mengalami pembangunan yang pesat jadi pemimpin yang diperlukan adalah pemimpin yang berfikir jauh ke hadapan, bukannya yang hanya pandai berjanji itu ini ataupun yang mengambil tindakan popular yang baik untuk karier politiknya sahaja. Sedarilah Malaysia dikenali sebagai sebuah negara Islam di seluruh dunia dan ini menyebabkan AS yang ditunjangi orang Yahudi akan berusaha habis-habisan untuk menguasai kita. Sekarang sudah nampak dengan jelas Anwar Ibrahim la orang tersebut. Bagi yang Islam kenangkanlah apa nasib Saddam Hussein yang dahulu disokong AS semasa Iraq berperang dengan Iran...Semoga takdir akan menjauhkan Malaysia daripada diperintah oleh pemimpin yang disokong AS kerana akhirnya negara tercinta ini bakal hancur dan dirampas kemerdekaannya...

By bzzAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 5:54 PM

Ada ramai lagi yg tak faham konsep ini tun. Lebih2 lagi penyokong puak kiri... Semuanya salah. Belum kita terangkan dah salah. Jangan kata bahasa seperti post Tun ini mereka nak faham, cakap bahasa kedai kopi pun tak paham. Memang tak makan saman kot dia org nih?

By alasyfar on August 26, 2008 5:55 PM

salam tun..  
i'm the 1st..  
harap tun kembali ke pangkuan UMNO..  
By leadingAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 5:56 PM

Tun,

You said, "When Malay youngsters, especially boys, failed to study and qualify for university education, when they preferred to play and not study, we cannot expect the non-Malays to patiently wait and give up their opportunities until the Malays decide to become serious and study".

Now, let's look at the latest World University Ranking:

Universiti Malaya dropped from 192 last year to 246 this year, USM from 277 to 307, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia from 182 to 309, and Universiti Pertanian Malaysia from 292 to 364. However, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia made it into the top 500 for the first time, at 415.

<http://www.leading.com.my>  
By zali lampai on August 26, 2008 6:01 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Good to read your another article again

<http://anakmalaysia81.blogspot.com/>  
By ThienWu on August 26, 2008 6:02 PM

Salam Tun..

Selamat Menyambut Merdeka and Bulan Ramadhan...

Like always... another wonderful blog from u...

sometime people just don't understand...

wassalam...  
By sbm7 on August 26, 2008 6:12 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,  
Terima kasih diatas penjelasan yang cukup jelas..pada pendapat saya Tun mesti menjadi penulis dimana-mana media cetak utama agar penulisan Tun yang sangat berharga ini dapat dihayati oleh seluruh rakyat Malaysia..semoga Tun sentiasa dalam lindungan Allah s.w.t.  
By jebatmustdieAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 6:15 PM

YABhg Tun,

I feel that the impending WTO that Malaysia is currently negotiating will have a destructive effect IF it is not handled properly. We should not let ourselves be dictated in any way to follow the west's propaganda.

The NEP needs to be reinvented. Proper dissemination of information and explanation on its original goals need to be inculcated from the young.

Dengan izin Tun,

- 1) <http://jebatmustdie.wordpress.com/2008/08/09/matters-of-the-malaysian-heart>
- 2) <http://jebatmustdie.wordpress.com/2008/08/25/pakatan-rakyat-kill-with-a-borrowed-knife/>
- 3) <http://jebatmustdie.wordpress.com/2008/08/22/the-ketuanan-anwar-movement/>

Thank you.

Semoga Tun dalam keadaan sihat sentiasa.  
By fawz on August 26, 2008 6:19 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,  
Very good explanation, however the detractors will never agree. You have said it many times over, this time I will say it again for you, "wake up Bumiputras !"  
Thank you,  
Wassalam.  
By coqbadak on August 26, 2008 6:21 PM

YABhg Tun,

semua orang dok fokus kat permatang pauh sampai lupa nak tgk website Tun. Bagi saya, NEP adalah sesuatu yang amat-amat penting untuk dikekalkan di negara kita, terutamanya memandangkan masyarakat Melayu masih belum mencapai tahap yang setaraf dengan bangsa lain. Cumanya dasar tersebut perlulah diperhalusi bagi memastikan ianya lebih adil dan kelemahan2 yang ada seperti unsur-unsur kronisme dapat dibendung. Pastinya ada cara, cuma Kerajaan sekarang kena fikir dengan mendalam apa formula terbaik. Masalahnya Kerajaan masa ini terlalu sibuk dengan perkara2 yang tak penting.

The people has spoken and chose BN to rule the country. Jadi, BN sebagai pemerintah pergi la buat kerja yang diamanahkan untuk membangunkan negara, jgn sok sibok berpolitik. PR pun begitu juga, ramai yang dah pilih mereka sebagai pembangkang dengan mjoriti lebih besar, jadi pergi la buat kerja mereka sebagai pembangkang yang sihat dan kotakan janji2 yang ditabur dinegeri2 yang mereka menangi. Lagi 5 tahun lawan balik.

Ini nak cakap pasal cross-over, nak bentuk kerajaan cara rompakan begini saya tak setuju. Kalau ada calon2 nak cross-over baik dr BN atau PR, buat by-election, biar rakyat pilih balik siapa yang mereka mahu sebab rakyat memilih samada parti dan/atau personaliti.

Kami rakyat2 yang kerdil dah letih dgn polemik politik baik dr BN atau PR!!  
By Conspiracy TheoristAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 6:22 PM

Salam Tun Dr.Daddy M,  
Wat can I say,..heheh..dis is so far d simplest article sum up about being fair & justice for all in a multi-racial country like Malaysia.. thnx again Tun Dr.M for opening up our mind n tots.. May Allah blessed u wth gud health & strenght..(,")

SAY NO TO NWO!! SAY BYE TO AnWar!!  
By ezaniAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 6:25 PM

Tun

This is a very good article and once again you have shown your maturity in statemanship.

The only effective way for Malays to catch up is to force them to go into the 'deep end' of the swimming pool. Then they will learn how to swim. Pampering them as the Govt have done over the years will not help them. In this respect, we can compare the Malays leaving in Singapore and overseas (UK, Europe) with those in Malaysia. A similar trend can also be seen in the Chinese. If we compare the Chinese in Malaysia and the Chinese in China, it would appear the Chinese in China are more "hardworking".

The Malays have always been inferior to the hardworking Chinese. We can see this in the Olympics, in sports and what more in business. For a Malay to be successful, he must first feel angered by this like I have. Then he will want to work hard and try to emulate the Chinese and finally to beat him. I admit I have tried this way and to beat a Chinese at their game (e.g. in business or sports), is very difficult in this country especially when you suddenly find your own Malay race wanting to take you down.

On another note, there are a few Chinese who have squandered like Eric Chia and Lim Guan Eng. I am surprised at Lim Guan Eng. I am surprised he gave a public holiday to Penang just for Permatang Pauh election which cause a bigg loss to Penang. This is irresponsible.  
By jebatmustdieAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 6:25 PM

Dengan izin Tun,

Dear Government of Malaysia and also Minister of Information, Shaberry Chik (who keeps tab of this blog almost on daily basis).

It would be highly beneficial for all if the govt or the information ministry do the said study as proposed by Tun in this article (para 29). This is the 2nd time (I think) that Tun had mentioned about this study.

This study (on the effects and affects of the NEP) should be done ASAP so that any confusion can be laid to rest. The longer the wait, the more criticisms will be thrown at the govt on this very policy it has promoted since 1957.

Thank you.

By lot.g.21 on August 26, 2008 6:26 PM

Saya setuju dengan tulisan Mahathir kali ini. Melayu harus baca dan faham tulisan ini, bukan hanya terpekik terlolong mempertahankan sesuatu dasar yang jelek di mata bukan Melayu tetapi Melayu sendiri perlu sedar bahawa tanpa kesedaran dan usaha sendiri, dasar yang macamana sekalipun takkan merubah nasib.

Dasar yang dibentuk perlu untuk mengimbangi kedudukan antara bangsa dalam negara, tetapi pelaksanaan tidak seperti yang di impikan, banyak penyalahgunaan dan penyelewengan. Bila ada beberapa kerat yang menentang atau menolak dasar ini kini, ada yang sanggup bermatian mempertahankannya walaupun dia tidak pernah menghargainya dahulu malah mengambil kesempatan atas dasar berkenaan. Bagi yang pernah menikmati nikmat dari dasar ini pula janganlah menafikannya pula.

Ada yang masih kurang faham apa itu ketuanan Melayu, tetapi apakah bangsa Melayu masih perlu dengan ketuanan ini? Mengharapkan ketuanan saja tidak menjamin sesuatu bangsa itu berjaya, itu sekadar pendapat peribadi.

By dinturtle on August 26, 2008 6:35 PM

Salam TUN,

Diharap mereka yang dipertanggungjawab menjaga kepentingan dan hak Melayu (para pemimpin Melayu dari parti mana sekalipun )dapat memahami apa yang tersurat tapi pada pendapat saya, masalah utama adalah mereka yang menentang bukannya tidak faham tapi lebih kerana didorong kepentingan politik. Kononnya merekalah jaguh memperjuangkan hak2 asasi manusia. Walaupun dalam diri, mereka sedari mereka juga adalah hasil produk DEB.

Diakui juga terdapat banyak kelemahan dari segi pelaksanaan tapi BUKANNYA dari segi dasar. Setiap kelemahan yang digembar gemburkan itu kebanyakannya adalah kelemahan manusia, MAKNANYA, kita boleh saja perkenalkan seribu satu dasar baru yang serba lengkap, tanpa cacat cela tapi akhirnya, manusia juga yang harus melaksanakannya. Dan di sinilah masalah yang sama akan timbul juga.

Sama juga dengan segala undang2 trafik baru yang mahu diperkenalkan ( lari topik sikit, saja je...geram), kita punya terlalu banyak undang2 tapi takde makna nya kalau tidak ada enforcement. Tak perlulah nak perkenalkan undang2 baru kalau sikap kita masih sama. Lainlah kalau setiap undang2 baru itu melibatkan kos berjuta2..barulah faham.

By Captain on August 26, 2008 6:35 PM

Assalamualaikum Ayahanda Tun,

Well said ayahanda, this is what the malaysian people should understand but what to do due to our current Flip Flop govt. everything became so uncertain....

I really hope that you will come back and save all of us ayahanda..Anwar is the man who already started to destroy our beloved nation...there is more to come...

**BUKALAH MATA KAMU WAHAI RAKYAT MALAYSIA, TAK SAYANG KE KAMU SEMUA NEGARA YANG TERCINTA INI...JANGANLAH KERANA NYAMUK SEEKOR KELAMBU KAMU NAK BAKARKAN!**

KITA TAK MAHU ORANG MACAM ANWAR MENGHANCURKAN MALAYSIA KAN? KALAU TAK PERCAYA BACALAH BLOG YANG ORANG PAS TULIS SENDIRI NI <http://antihusam.blogspot.com/>

ANWAR PUNYA BELIT ULAR SAWA PUN TAKUT LA.....DASYAT PUNYA BELIT TU..

Semoga Allah merahmati Tun sekeluarga. Amin  
By kedahkini on August 26, 2008 6:41 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun..  
Semoga Tun sekeluarga berada dalam keadaan sihat sejahtera.  
Saya nk tanya pendapat Tun,jika anwar ibrahim mng permatang pauh election hari ini & akn masuk parlimen dlm ms yg tdekat..adakah paklah akan mempercepatkan masa peralihan kuasa kepada najib atau dia akan tetap tunggu hingga 2010?

Buat malu ja jd PM tp negeri seniri jatuh kt pembangkang..  
By anakjohor on August 26, 2008 6:42 PM

Laporan terkini Pilihanraya Permatang Pauh !

ANWAR LEAD 10K MAJORITY

OK  
By twocents02 on August 26, 2008 6:43 PM

Salam Dr M

We experience withdrawal symptoms for the past few days.

This article is a sincere and heartfelt view of a Malay in Singapore - an interesting read ...

[http://straitstimes.asia1.com.sg/Our%2BColumnists/Column/STISStory\\_266543.html](http://straitstimes.asia1.com.sg/Our%2BColumnists/Column/STISStory_266543.html)  
By Lee on August 26, 2008 6:45 PM

Thanks for your opinions.  
By Lahm on August 26, 2008 6:47 PM

Dear Tun,

Maybe we should all become apart of United States since Red Indians live better off.

This is practically a losing battle for the NEP supporters. The Malays are now split because of Anwar. While the government is too weak to even explain NEP clearly like how you explain it to win the heart of the non malays.

Another point, there was a question raised in Parliament recently as to what benefit is MARA to the non Malays. None of the MPs could actually defend. I was sad.

The greatness of MARA is that it is able to produce more dynamic and open minded malays that would enable them to be better off than what they are today. By becoming so, they will indirectly help the non malays since these open minded malays will eventually become independent and in return be more receptive and help their non malay friends  
By monday1 on August 26, 2008 6:47 PM

proud of you..  
but the current gov stil lack of everything  
yet tey still dreaming



By monday1 on August 26, 2008 6:49 PM

mimpi yg panjang dan mengerikan melayu sekarang  
kita sudah tiada jaminan  
cuma pak lah kata....  
ikut suka hati dia lah...

kau lena pak lah  
By esca on August 26, 2008 6:50 PM

Salam Tun,

well said Tun well said. i hope the lazy malays will change their priorities upon reading this. with that said, im pretty sure most of them wont be reading this blog as internet is still alien to them. i hope this will change soon of course.

to be honest, i have been ashamed of carrying a malay blood in me. this is becuz everytime my chinese friends get to noe, to their surprised that im actually a malay mix, there is somewhat a disgust expression made on their face. i never blame them as i understand that most of the malays that they have came across are either mat motors when they are driving on the road or filthy rich malay kids whose father is well connected.

i myself hardly seen any hardworking malays around. with the exception of female malays. this has got to change!!!!

Salam.  
By SYAMiLLiON on August 26, 2008 6:50 PM

yup...i agree with u...we must give time for ending the NEP and it should be done in stages...  
By monday1 on August 26, 2008 6:51 PM

melayu semakin bergelora  
By monday1 on August 26, 2008 6:54 PM

tun  
teruskan terukkan mereka..  
dia masih lena....tak tau siapa yg mampu kejutkan mereka  
By FazrullsAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 6:57 PM

Salam Tun,

Hangat di Permatang Pauh sekarang ni.. saya sejak seminggu lalu menunggu posting dari Tun,  
Alhamdulillah akhirnya ada juga hari ini.

Salam mesra,

Fazrulls  
By thaiso on August 26, 2008 6:57 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun.

NEP kena dera?

Pertaruhan bookies malam ni kalah.BN menang.

Mesti ramai bookies.Perniagaan yang tak perlukan NEP.

Terima kasih Tun.

By TDMhater on August 26, 2008 7:02 PM

For your knowledge:

Meaning of NEP (by Wikipedia)

The Malaysian New Economic Policy (NEP or DEB for Dasar Ekonomi Baru in Malay), is an ambitious and controversial socio-economic restructuring affirmative action program launched by the Malaysian government in 1971 under the then controversial Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak. The NEP ended in 1990, and was succeeded by the National Development Policy in 1991. Although the NEP was hailed in some quarters as having reduced the socioeconomic disparity between the Chinese minority and Malay majority, others accused it of having reduced non-Malays to the status of second-class citizens by cementing *ketuanan Melayu* (Malay supremacy). The NEP is often invoked as part of the Malay Agenda, which is in turn part of the Malaysian social contract granting Malays special rights in return for citizenship for non-Malays.

The NEP's success is a subject of heated debate. The NEP targeted a 30% share of the economy for the Bumiputra, but according to official government statistics, the NEP did not succeed in reaching this target. Although the policy ended officially in 1990, Malaysians often refer to the NEP in the present tense because many of the tangible economic benefits it offered the Bumiputra are ongoing. In 2005, some politicians from the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), the leading political party of the governing Barisan Nasional coalition, called for the restoration of the NEP as part of the New National Agenda (NNA).

In 2008, the chief minister of the state of Penang, Lim Guan Eng, made a breakthrough decision whereby he announced that the new state administration will be free from NEP.[1]

History

During British colonial rule, Malays were given certain privileges over their non-Malay counterparts, such as quotas for public scholarships and employment in the civil service. When the Federation of Malaya (West Malaysia) declared independence in 1957, its Constitution contained a provision called Article 153 that provided special rights for the Malays. The Reid Commission, which had drafted the Constitution, stated that "in due course the present preferences should be reduced and should ultimately cease." When Malaya merged with Singapore, Sabah, and Sarawak in 1963 to form the Federation of Malaysia, the new Constitution retained Article 153, and the definition of Bumiputra was expanded to include all the indigenous tribes of Sabah and Sarawak in East Malaysia. Due to increasingly strained relations between the federal and state governments, and a dispute over the special rights of Malays, Singapore separated from the Federation in 1965. [2]

The Reid Commission specified that the intent of Article 153 was to address the imbalance between the Chinese and Malays in terms of economic equity. In the period following Malaysian independence, however, the Bumiputra share of the economy did not substantially increase; as late as 1970, it was estimated that Bumiputras held only 2.4% of the economy, with the rest in Chinese and foreign hands. [3] Friction between the Malay and Chinese communities grew, reaching its peak in 1969 during the May 13 race riots.

NEP Launch

In the wake of the riots, the government declared a state of national emergency, and Parliament was suspended. The government formed a National Operations Council (NOC), led by Tun Abdul Razak. The implementation of the NEP was one of the NOC's first decisions, and the plan had the stated goal of "eventually eradicat[ing] poverty...irrespective of race" through a rapidly expanding economy, which would reduce the non-Malay share of the economy in relative terms, while increasing it in absolute terms. The net "losses" of the non-Malays would go to the Malays, who held just 1.5% of the economy at the time of the May 13 riots. In 1971, Parliament reconvened, and Tun Abdul Razak officially became Prime Minister. That same year, Tun Razak also announced the NEP, as well as some controversial amendments to the Sedition Act that prohibited discussion of repealing certain articles of the Constitution, including Article 153, even in the Houses of Parliament. The amendments passed, and remain in effect as of 2006. [4]

Goals

The NEP had the stated goal of poverty eradication and economic restructuring so as to eliminate the

identification of ethnicity with economic function. The initial target was to move the ratio of economic ownership in Malaysia from a 2.4:33:63 ratio of Bumiputra, Other Malaysian, Foreigner ownership to a 30:40:30 ration. This was to be done by redistributing the wealth to increase the ownership of enterprise by Bumiputras from the then 2.4% to 30% of the share of national wealth. The 30% target for Bumiputra equity was proposed by Ismail Abdul Rahman after the government was unable to come to a consensus on an appropriate policy goal.[5]

Alongside this redistribution of wealth was the goal of increased economic growth, which was mainly in the form of ISI. This economic growth would allow the non-Bumiputra share of the economy to decrease, while permitting the growth of non-Bumiputra business interests in absolute terms. In some quarters, this was referred to as "expanding pie theory": the Bumiputra share of the pie would increase, without reducing the size of the non-Bumiputra slices of the pie. This theory was first enunciated in the Second Malaysia Plan. [6]

In 1975 the government created incentives to expand large-scale manufacturing industries and energy-intensive industries, targeting these industries and building policies around them. The Heavy Industries Corporation of Malaysia (HICOM), for example, was formed in order to assist in the manufacture of pig-iron, aluminium die casting, pulp and paper, steel, cement, motorcycle and heavy engineering. At the same time, export incentives were initiated.

#### Implementation

The abstract policies and goals of the NEP were implemented by the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Malaysia Plans.

Some specific requirements were introduced to achieve the 30% Bumiputra equity target set by the NEP. Amongst these was a requirement that all initial public offerings (IPOs) set aside a 30% share for Bumiputra investors. These investors could be selected by the company being listed on the stock exchange, or the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, which would normally recommend such state-owned trust agencies as Permodalan Nasional or the Armed Forces pension fund. These shares were initially heavily discounted, as IPO prices were often significantly lower than prices after the listing had taken place. However, this advantage has disappeared in recent years. Nevertheless, this regulation has been criticised, especially as the 30% target continues to apply after the IPO has occurred; if the Bumiputra investors divest their shares, the company must issue new shares to maintain the proportion of Bumiputra shares above 30%.[7]

#### Results

Wealth in the hands of the bumiputras went from 4% in 1970 to about 20% in 1997. The overall wealth of the country as a whole also grew; per capita GNP went from RM1,142 in 1970 to RM12,102 in 1997. During the same period, absolute poverty in the population as a whole dropped from 50% to 6.8%.[8] It is unclear what role the NEP played in these changes.

NEP Benchmarks 1970 1990 2004

Bumiputra equity 2.4%

(RM477m) 19.3%

(RM20.9b) 18.7%

(RM73.2b)

Overall poverty 52% 17.1% 5%

Rural poverty 59% 21.8% 11%

Household income RM660 RM1,254 RM2,996

The effects of the NEP on wealth distribution are disputed. The Gini index declined from 51.3 in 1970 to 44.6 in 1997, and 1987 figures indicated the mean income of the Malays had improved relative to both the Chinese and Indian communities.[8] However, some have used 1997 statistics with 70.2 percent of households in the bottom 40 percent income group as Bumiputra, and 62.7 percent of households in the top 20 percent income bracket as non-Bumiputra, to argue that inequities remain.[citation needed] The Gini index also began to increase in the 1990s, going from 44.6 to 46.4 between 1990 and 1995; meanwhile, 1997 figures indicated that Chinese incomes were increasing at a rate double that of Malays'. Intra-ethnic income differences also increased markedly, especially among Malays.[9]

Bumiputra participation in the professions and private sector increased as well, although Bumiputras remain somewhat under-represented. Between 1970 and 1990, the Bumiputra share of accountants doubled from 7 to 14 per cent, engineers from 7 to 35 per cent, doctors from 4 per cent to 28 per cent, and architects from 4 to 24 per cent. The Bumiputra portion of the share market — a figure frequently cited as "a measurement of overall community wealth", despite claims that it was misleading — increased

from 2 to 20 per cent over the same period according to one academic's measurements. The Chinese share also increased from 37 to 46 per cent, at the expense of foreign participation. Official Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange figures from 1998 were even more optimistic, indicating Bumiputra share ownership stood at 28.6% in 1990 and 36.7% in 1996.[8][10]

The Chinese community in Malaysia accepted the NEP as a necessary evil for cessation to Malay aggression. Furthermore, the Chinese community generally moved away from the public sector and set up businesses in the private sector, where the impact of the NEP was less pronounced[citation needed]. In spite of the policies implemented under the NEP, the share of the national wealth owned by the non-Bumiputra races increased beyond the 40% mark. This figure, however, does not reflect that certain segments of the non-bumiputra population live in dire poverty. The Malaysian Indian and Orang Asli in particular form the lowest strata of the population in terms of economic ownership. The Orang Asli of Peninsular Malaysia are not considered Bumiputra under the Federal Constitution despite their indigenous status (see Bumiputra for further information).

#### Reimplementation

Officially the term of the NEP ended in 1990. However, much of it remained in effect through other governmental policies; the New Straits Times reported that this was because as of 2007, "the government believes the aim of having 30 per cent Bumiputera equity has yet to be achieved".[11] In 2006, it was reported that the NEP would be reinstated under the Ninth Malaysia Plan, the ninth in a series of five-year economic plans. Originally, the NEP was replaced by the National Development Policy (NDP), which ran from 1990 to 2000. The NDP was supposed to have then been replaced by the National Vision Policy (NVP), which would reportedly have lessened the aggressive affirmative action of the NEP and NDP. However, UMNO later called for the NEP to be reinstated.[12]

#### Criticism

In recent years, the NEP has come under attack as being an inefficient system that promotes a laid-back attitude among the Bumiputras. Several policies of the NEP which give economic advantage to the Bumiputras, such as Bumiputra quotas in ownership of public company stock, and housing being sold exclusively to Bumiputras, are viewed as discriminatory.

Many of the NEP policies strive for equality of results rather than equality of opportunity, with NEP proponents justifying the concentration on results rather than opportunity as by pointing out that measuring equality of opportunity is difficult or impossible. When the NEP was implemented, for example, it was announced that one of its goals was to have 30% of all equity in Bumiputra hands.

NEP critics have argued that setting a target of 30% of Bumiputras trained and certified to run companies would represent a better equality in terms of opportunity. Still others suggest this target may not work as training and certification does not necessarily guarantee equality of opportunity. Tun Abdul Razak's predecessor as Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, also opposed the 30% target, writing in the 1980s that "[a]n attempt was made to fill the target without thought for the ability and the capability of attaining it. ... Some became rich overnight while others became despicable Ali Babas and the country suffered economic set-backs". [13]

The NEP is also criticised for not dealing directly with issues of wealth distribution and economic inequality; that it no longer helps the poor but is instead an institutionalized system of handouts for the largest ethnic community in Malaysia as the NEP does not discriminate based on economic class. Bumiputras of high and low economic standing are entitled to the same benefits. The statistical problems of categorising wealthy and disadvantaged Bumiputras in one group also meant that the NEP's goal of having 30% of the national wealth held by Bumiputras was not indicative of a median 60% of Bumiputras holding 28% of the national wealth, but could theoretically translate into one Bumiputra holding 29% of the national wealth, with the remaining Bumiputras sharing 1%. Some have alleged that because of this imbalance, some Malays such as those in Penang remain economically marginalised. Criticisms also arose from the fact that there was no planned assistance for Malaysian Chinese and Indian communities to achieve their 40% goal during the actual implementation of the NEP.

It should be noted however that the manufacturing sector is exempted from the Foreign Investment Committee (FIC) Guidelines, the 30 per cent Bumiputera equity and restrictions in market entry have been removed for all sub-sectors.(pdf)

#### Education

The education policy of the NEP is one of the plan's more controversial points.

Bumiputras were accorded quotas for admission to public universities until 2002. These quotas were fixed, however, and in later years meant that the Bumiputra were allotted a significantly lower percentage

of places originally intended, as the population figures used to calculate the quotas were based on 1970s numbers. Despite this, the quotas were still considered by many non-Bumiputra as unfairly rewarding the Bumiputra. The government removed these quotas in 2003.

The removal of the quotas has done little to remedy the perceptions of Bumiputra bias in the public tertiary education system. Most Bumiputras opt to enter a one year matriculation programme, which is considered by some to be less intensive than the two year Sijil Tinggi Pelajaran Malaysia (STPM) or Malaysian High Certificate of Education, which is equivalent to the British A-levels). Although the 'grade' standards required for admission are the same for both programmes, there is no moderation to ensure the difficulty of achieving a grade standard is the same between both programmes. The Malaysian High Certificate of Education is open to all races, but the Matriculation programme has a 10% quota for non-bumiputras. In practice significantly more Bumiputra enter the matriculation program, even after normalizing for ethnic demographics.

These differences predate the removal of hard quotas. The difference in academic routes in fact begins in secondary school. Many Bumiputra enter public boarding secondary schools (sekolah asrama) whereas most non-Bumiputra remain in normal public secondary schools. The exams taken are the same until form 5 but then most Bumiputra go on to matriculation, whereas non-Bumiputra do STPM. However, even Bumiputra who remain in 'normal' secondary schools usually do matriculation instead of STPM. The lack of public transparency in grading of the papers contributed to this criticism.

The removal of quotas was largely reported to have resulted in an increase in the percentage of Bumiputra entering public universities. The perceived bias towards Bumiputras has meant that non-Bumiputra who can afford to do so choose to enter private colleges or to go overseas to further their education. There is a significant proportion of non-Bumiputra who do not enter into contention for admission to public universities. It is also alleged that during the marking of examination scripts in the Government exams, that Malay/Bumiputra students are given additional points even before the students sit for the exams. As a result despite the removal of the Quota system, this alleged unfair advantage gives more places to the undeserved students of Malay origin.

Critics argue that this policy of the NEP has also contributed to a brain drain. Others suggest that the NEP has contributed to racial polarisation and a feeling of marginalisation among the non-Malays.[14] However, as of 2007, Chinese Malaysians dominate the professions of accountants, architects and engineers while Indian Malaysians dominate the professions of veterinarians, doctors, lawyers and dentists well exceeding their respective population ratios compared to Bumiputra.[1][2]

#### Changing mindsets

Some Bumiputras have spoken of reducing or eliminating the NEP; for example, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia, in his maiden speech as United Malays National Organization (UMNO) president to the UMNO general assembly in 2004 stated "Let's not use the crutches for support all the time, the knee will become weak". Badawi went on to state that continued usage of crutches would eventually result in needing a wheelchair instead. As of October 2004, Badawi has not addressed any significant concerns about the NEP.

Not all Bumiputra political leaders shared Badawi's views. For example, Badruddin Amiruldin, who was elected as UMNO's Deputy Permanent Chairman, waved a book about the 13 May incident at the assembly during his speech while declaring, "No other race has the right to question our privileges, our religion and our leader", continuing that any such action would be akin to "stirring up a hornet's nest". The following day, Dr. Pirdaus Ismail, a UMNO Youth Executive Committee member, stated, "Badruddin did not pose the question to all Chinese in the country. Those who are with us, who hold the same understanding as we do, were not our target. In defending Malay rights, we direct our voice at those who question them."

Agreement on the continued implementation (or reimplementing) is not always unanimous within the ruling Barisan Nasional coalition. In 2005, Khairy Jamaluddin, the UMNO deputy youth chief was debated by then MCA (the major Chinese component party of the ruling Barisan Nasional) vice-president Chua Jui Meng on a nationally televised debate - both leaders agreed to Chua's proposal to set up a national committee to review the NEP. However, as of the March 8th 2008 general elections, this has yet to be implemented.[15]

Because of the controversy over affirmative action policies in Malaysia, especially the NEP, it has been feared that the NEP may indirectly contribute to a decrease in foreign investment. In 2005, foreign investment fell by USD4 billion, or 14% — a decrease some commentators attributed to the controversy over the government's ethnic policies.[16]

#### Equity calculation

The calculation of Bumiputra-held economic equity has been frequently disputed, with a number of allegations from some quarters that the government intentionally underestimated the share of Bumiputra equity to justify the NEP and its related policies. Although many affirmative action measures of the NEP were continued under the National Development Policy which ran from 1990 to 2000, and later by the National Vision Policy set to run from 2000 to 2010 — leading many Malaysians to refer to the NEP in the present tense — the official Bumiputra equity share remained less than the original 30% target.[17]

In 2006, a major dispute arose when the Asian Strategic and Leadership Institute (ASLI) issued a report calculating Bumiputra-held equity at 45% — a stark difference from the official figure of 18.9%. The report's publication triggered a relatively vocal public debate about the status of the NEP and its related policies, with many from UMNO questioning the methodology used by ASLI. One strongly disputed issue was ASLI's decision to consider government-linked companies (GLCs) as Bumiputra-owned, inflating the calculated figure of Bumiputra equity. Although ASLI later withdrew the report, citing unspecified errors in its methodology, the debate did not die down. One political analyst suggested that "If Bumiputra equity is 45 per cent, then surely the next question is, why the need for Bumiputera rights? It has implications for government policy and it (removing indigenous rights) is one thing UMNO will never accept at present." Others have argued that the debate over inter-ethnic disparities has obscured intra-ethnic inequities, citing the increased Gini coefficient for Bumiputras (from 0.433 in 1999 to 0.452 in 2004), Chinese (0.434 to 0.446) and Indians (0.413 to 0.425).[17]

A major point of dispute was the government's use of par value (as opposed to market value) of shares to calculate the equity held by Bumiputras. Many questioned the ASLI study on the basis that it had not used par value; conversely, others criticise the government for not using market value[3][4]. On another note, some critics later noted that a 1997 University of Malaya study had calculated the Bumiputra share of equity to stand at 33.7%, using par value.[18]

At the UMNO General Assembly that year, Education Minister and UMNO Youth Chief Hishamuddin Hussein quoted a local study indicating that at current rates, it would take the Malays "120 years to achieve income parity". He also cited a 2004 statistic indicating that for every RM1 earned by a Malay, a Chinese earned RM1.64 as evidence that the income gap had not been eliminated. The Deputy Youth Chief, Khairy Jamaluddin, proposed increasing the target "quota" if non-Malays continued to allege that the 30% target had been met, as "By any yardstick, the Malays are still left behind".[19].

By kobeng on August 26, 2008 7:02 PM

marila bersatu wahai orang melayu

By JobsBroadway.com Author Profile Page on August 26, 2008 7:12 PM

Your comments and writing are good. They should take your advice in growing Malaysia. With your experience, Malaysian will get better benefits.

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By "My Way" on August 26, 2008 7:13 PM

Hi Tun,

It has been a while I didn't comment on your blog...

Anyway, about this topic...Affirmative Action is good to get the other minority or other group that is disadvantage in terms of economic to be on par with the 'best'. Just like in the US and other Western countries, they do practised some form of affirmative action.

Long-term wise, as we can see today a lot of abuses which resulted the NEP to be highly critical by certain groups. The NEP really needs to be tighten so that only the deserve group gets the aid and support.

The Malays and other Bumiputeras eventually must stand on their own especially with the Vision 2020 taking place in about 12 years from now. Clock is ticking fast!

Cheers!

By roesman on August 26, 2008 7:13 PM

Dear & Salam Tun,

I've read many of your previous articles and never had the interest to provide feedback either because my being too critical of you or your previous administration.

Even being critical, my admiration of you and the little knowledge that I have of how you think, has never faded.

Never that I believe, a true and real statesmen would not gain personally from its power, but however I do believe that their ultimate mission is to assist the nation to face and be prepared for challenges ahead.

Thus, by far..this article is the best. And I would like to wish you thank you as it has given me a broader perspective to carry on with lives in this country we love.

Wassallqam

By abdullahajAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 7:14 PM

My drearest Tun,

Yet again another superb comments of yours to read and again 110% agreeable with you.

Sad to say while driving back home from office (40km in distance) I did not see a single car with Malaysian flag on it. Merdeka day is just barely 5 days to go nor i noticed shops hanging Malaysian flags.

We have spoke many times that serious and immediate measures need to be taken to improve present government, country's security and economy. Where are we heading ? Nobody knows..... UMNO leaders, why wait any longer ? We need a Hang Jebat here.

The other Abdullah.

By Mohamed IsmailAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 7:15 PM

Salam TUN

Sesungguhnya kami rakyat Malaysia paham akan maksud tersurat dan tersirat Tun. NEP disalahguna selepas perletakkan jawatan oleh Tun atau dengan kata yang lain disalahguna oleh Paklah....

Paklah Bodoh!!!

By azrein on August 26, 2008 7:17 PM

Salam Ayahanda Tun Dr.M,

Yet again a good write-up from you. Thank you and please keep on writing. Truly through your writing Malaysian would be educated in field a lot of them don't really understand. Of course some of them just do not want to understand.

I do believe that Malaysian in general do tolerate towards each other and most of them know that somehow or rather there are needs for affirmative action to ensure economic parity and harmony in the country.

wassalam

By Malaysian on August 26, 2008 7:17 PM

"That was why we introduced merit in the selection of students for the universities. Unfortunately, the implementers of Government decisions chose to interpret it differently. By requiring Bumiputeras to sit for the matriculation and the non-Bumiputeras to sit for higher school certificates, they managed to give the

impression that the Bumiputeras were actually better qualified than the non-Bumiputeras."

To be frank, I have never realised that Tun is aware of this as it actually created a sense of false superiority for those students which went through matriculation. Although the scores obtained by the Matrics students were far higher, it was never the true reflection of the results.

With this, I really hope that there is a single examination to measure the performance of students pre-university. Then this is only Merit by name and practice.

By Worried on August 26, 2008 7:19 PM

Hi Tun,

I totally agree with what you have said. But the time to end privileges should have been well publicized so that the Malays would have known that its time is running out and that in itself would have created a kind of pressure on the Malays to get their act together. But the problem is that UMNO Youth or the Bumiputra Congress keep coming up with statements of lengthening and even increasing the quotas as a birth right of the Malays. Thats why the Ketuanan Melayu has also been floated around. This guys have no intention of giving up the privileges. They want them as a birth right forever, period!

By dayanganita on August 26, 2008 7:20 PM

Dear Tun,

Absolutely a brilliant piece.

May I add..

1. To enter universities, malays love to depend on quotas. To enter postgraduate studies, there is no quota -purely by merit BUT still there are trainee lecturers position that enable the malays to join even when there are others with better qualifications. To go abroad for subspecialisation, there is completely no quota because in the real, international world only merit matters. This is when malays fall. Some fall hard on their faces.

2. Malays are not stupid.

3. We do not have to forever depend on government quotas and assistance.

4. We need to realise that good command in English language is essential to survive.

5. Mastering English language will never make us less malay and less patriotic.

By chian yee on August 26, 2008 7:24 PM

I am a Malaysian chinese and I understand that sacrifices has to be made to create the balance between the races to achieve peace and stability.

NEP has helped a lot in restructuring the society and I wish to convey my sincere thanks to the leaders who has the vision and courage to implement this corrective policy

(courage as it is not easy to tell millions of chinese that the country is going discriminate them)

(vision as in the ability to foresee the devastating consequences had the NEP not been implemented ie: racial riots )

By durianguy on August 26, 2008 7:27 PM

1. I strongly felt that my tax money are not spent wisely. Who is accountable to MRR2?? Roof leakage?? Toll??



2. Many ideas and policies formed by our fore fathers were noble and with good faith. The problem lies with the interpretation and the executioner i.e. the UMNOPutras.

3. Also, to make matter worst, the current leaders lead by AAB were not capable at all. Many feel good announcements but is our economy that strong? Really?

4. We have already lost an island. If there is no change in the current govt, i'm afraid many of our other properties will be gone in no time .... Iskandar Johor??

5. Not that i'm a pro DSAI but maybe he could make the difference. This would definitely bring in a jolt to the UMNOPutras. They have to redefine themselves....you don't need to shout "Ketuanan Melayu". Respect should be earned!

5. It is not about Malay, Bumi, Kadazan, Indians, Chinese, etc competing each other. It's about how we, as a Malaysian, work together and compete with the rest of the world. The racial issue must be stop!

6. I would love to see the current singular political party be dissolve (UMNO, MCA, MIC, PAS, etc...) and instead, represented by a multi racial party to be governed by nationalism - for the good of the country and it's people.

Good luck, Malaysia!

By isahbiazhar on August 26, 2008 7:27 PM

At last you have come to your senses.If only we had given the non Malays all the privileges, today the Malays would have been far better and our nation would have been a leading nation in the world.It is not too late now.Disband everything and give the nonmalays the right of the citizen.Abdullah is trying but the fanatic malays still hold the fort.

By Mamak Nyanyok on August 26, 2008 7:28 PM

Tun:

Apa kata Tun telah menjalankan prinsip perkauman di Malaysia sehingga membawa bencana kepada BN?

Apa kata kalaulah Melayu tidak dapat menerima perubahan global ... apa akan jadi?

cuba lihat video clip ini

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GE44Km9EkgA>

By notnewsAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 7:29 PM

I am happy that you recognize that discrimination will happen if you are to prefer someone over something. Your article is basically what I said not too long ago in one of your posts and it is indeed very heartening to hear such truthful words from a leader like Tun. NEP will continue as long as we can see progress being made but it will have to eventually be abolished in the distant future even if the equity pie is not reached.

By hapib0yAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 7:32 PM

Dear Tun Dr. Mahathir,

i'm glad that Tun raise this comment out and i hope that this approach will raise awareness among this society. Though it's Malaysia but i think it doesn't mean that other races should be discriminate. :D

regards,

TAN

By sdahenanAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 7:37 PM

ASSALAMUALAIKUM WARAHMATULLAH HI TAALA WABAROKATUH

Yang di hormati lagi di sayangi Ayahanda Tun dan Bonda Siti Hasmah

Seperti selalu, telah benarlah akan perkataan ayahanda Tun. Melayu perlu berusaha dengan sepenuh tenaga sementara kesempatan masih ada.

Kesempatan itu tidak akan dapat bertahan lama dan pada suatu hari ia nya akan sirna juga.

Di situ lah kelebihan ayahanda Tun, melihat sesuatu dari WIDER ANGLE. Begitu lah ayahanda Tun yang selalu PRIHATIN akan bangsa nya sendiri , akan tetapi bangsa nya sendiri TIDAK PRIHATIN akan perancangan ayahanda Tun.

Semoga Ayahanda Tun dan Boinda selalu berada di dalam limpahan Rahmat ALLAH SWT

Alif Lam Mim

WASSALAM

By muja on August 26, 2008 7:39 PM

Tun,

1. When I was born I was given a Malay name (Years later I realised that I am a Malay). When I was growing up, I had many non-malay friends. We never realised that there were any difference between us.

2. I went to an English school. Again we mixed freely. Going to school and meeting up with Mahendran and Fook Chow was something that I looked forward to.

3. When I was in secondary school, we formed a football team and there were players of different races in the team. Fook Chow was made the goalkeeper as we believed that since he was a chinese, he should be okay in goal just like the national keepers like Chee Keong, Kam Fook and Fung Kee. However he let us down on many occasions.

4. Fook Chow left to study in US, while Mahendran has become a big-time contractor immediately after we finished secondary school. I didn't do as well as them, although I was the best student in the class, a prefect too. Fook Chow (or his parents) had the money. Mahendran was poor, though. His father was only a labourer in an army camp. No grudges because they were like brothers to me. I still miss them every now and then.

5. I had to struggle all my life in order to be successful. Never once did I go to see anybody to seek for favours. When i was growing up , my siblings (10 of them) and I lived in a small shack where some parts of the house didn't have roof. I learnt my maths by counting the stars at night.

6. As I start working, some non-Malays kept telling me that I am a Malay with special privileges. These group of people complain a lot and do very little and at the end of the month they get their pay. To me this is unfair. As a bumiputra, i have never managed to get anything for free until today.

7. The other day, I read a complaint from a non who complained that his race has been marginalised ( I would rather use a more polite word than what he wrote). He even threatened that his race would cause trouble in the country if they are still going to be treated 'badly'.

8. I am surprised. Just a year or two ago, the richest man in Malaysia used to be his own race. They even have the flying man of asia (Air Asia). Fernandez even said the he was a living proof that if we work hard we are going to achieve our dreams and that there were no discrimination in Malaysia. The ones who complain are normally the ones with grudges and those who are not willing to work hard. The same goes with the Malays.

9. We need to understand that what had been agreed upon by our forefathers is something that should not be questioned. You go anywhere, you will see that you need to adhere to a certain sacred promise.

10. The Malays' mistake is they always mention the "ketuanan melayu" but they give too much. In western countries, they don't mention "ketuanan barat" but they give too little.

11. I remember when I was studying in England, I told Vikas, a friend from India, that in Malaysia we even have Indian Ministers and he was stunned.

12. I believe England means English Land, Scotland- Scottish Land , Ireland - Irish Land. Just to remind the immigrants, I suppose. Malaysia used to be known as Tanah Melayu and if you translate that it should have been known as Malayland by now.

13. Malaysia is a beautiful country for everybody. It is a land of opportunities. So stop complaining.

Have a nice day to you Tun and all Malaysians.

By entahlah on August 26, 2008 7:44 PM

Dearest Tun,

Spot on sir!! I agree 110% with you on this. Hopefully in the next writing, the stages can be outlined roughly. Thank you in advance.

Best regards and wassalam.

By OrangLama on August 26, 2008 7:48 PM

Salam Tun,

Tun kata perkara 36-37:

"There is a tendency among Malays to regard the discrimination in their favour as a privilege, as a recognition of their superior status....If this is obviously not being done, then, as with entrance into the universities, the discrimination must end."

Saya kata:

Saya tak setuju pandangan Tun. Semenajung malaysia dahulunya dikenali Tanah melayu ialah hak orang Melayu. Tiada berlaku diskriminasi lansung. sebenarnya orang melayu bermurah hati memebnarkan kehadiran kaum lain di sini. DEB baru sendiri tidak cukup memepertahankan hak Melayu. Kalau boleh lebih dan selamanya. Menghapus hak Melayu ibarat, kita jemput seorang ke rumah kita dan akhirnya dia pula jadi tuan rumah dan kita jadi kuli dia.

Saya lebih rela kita miskin dibawah pemimpin Melayu beragama Islam daripada miskin dibawah kepimpinan orang kafir atau orang Islam tapi dibawah telunjuk orang kafir (seperti PKR dibawah telunjuk DAP). Melayu perlu diajar berdikari dan maju dengan cara lain, bukannya dengan melepaskan hak melayu. Bagaimana orang Melayu nak maju, jika kerajaan sendiri tidak berjaya mencorak pemikiran orang Melayu. Program TV banyak hiburan cerita lawan. Cerita katun pun cerita lawan, cerita Melayu sekarang cerita cinta, gaduh2 dan macam2. akhbar penuh dengan cerita karut marut. Ramai Orang Melayu dah berjaya tidak rasa bertanggungjawab nak bantu bangsa sendiri. Ada masa ,ada wang main golf, motor besar, dan banyak perkara yang tak membantu masyarakat melayu secara keseluruhan.

Ramai Budak Melayu jadi penagih dadah. Banyak tak peduli masa depan. apa nak jadi-jadi, whatever will be ,will be! Tak dapat masuk Universiti pun depa tak peduli. Dapat masuk Universiti, kalau gagal pun depa tak kisah! Maka ada masalah minda budak2 Melayu. Depa berminat nak jadi penyanyi rock, pelakon, jaguh lumba motor dan lain2 lagi. Punca dia lihat lah TV kita! TV kita yang mengajar anak2 kita minat tak tentu arah! Tak cukup dengan TV depa minat computer/video games dan lain2 lagi sehingga diluar kawlan ibubapa. Semua ibubapa hendak anak berjaya tetapi kadangkala keadaan semsa dan sekitaran tidak mengizinkan. Kadang2 ibubapa control anak tetapi bila dia pi sekolah atau luar rumah, anak tu minat benda lain. Dah lupa pesanan ibubapa. Masyarakat tak peka kerana tiada kempen /usaha

kerajaan ke arah itu. asyik nak kata ibubapa perlu beri perhatian kepada anak2 tetapi kadangkala masalah berpunca dari masyarakat/kerajaan.

kerajan septutnya hentikan terus aktiviti hiburan karut mengarut barulah jernih sikit fikiran depa. Hentikan cerita drama TV karut mengarut cerita cinta2, hentikan konsert remaja,hentikan semua perkara2 yang memberi angan2 kosong kepada budak2 Melayu. Selagi fikiran depa kosong, selagi itulah segala nasihat dan tunjuk ajar orangtua, guru2, orang berpengalaman tak dihayati oleh budak2 Melayu ini!

Akhir sekali, saya ingin katakan bahawa jika tiada hak Melayu , maka lemah lah Melayu. Orang Melayu jika nak bersaing dengan orang Cina dan India sepretilah seorang pelajar sekolah rendah Tahun Satu lawan dengan pelajar universiti.

Kaum Cina dan India adalah beruntung kerana mereka miliki tamadun terawal dunia. Sudah tentu cara berfikir mereka lebih baik dari orang Melayu. depa tahu hidup berkumpulan, bersatu teguh demi kemajuan. Depa tahu kehidupan budaya bersaing lebih awal dari kita. orang Melayu tamadun baru. Budaya dengki mendengki, cantas mencantas dan pelbagai keburukan adalah perkara biasa untuk orang Melayu. Cuba lihat senario politik malaysia sekarang ini.

Orang Cina dan India bukan sahaja maju di Malaysia tetapi di Amerika Syarikat. Di UK dan kebanyakan negara Eropah, orang sana tak bagi muka kat depa.

By NizamAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 7:49 PM

Sedarlah wahai orang MELAYU! BANGUN!

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Warisan

Anak kecil main api  
Terbakar hatinya yang sepi  
Air mata darah bercampur keringat  
Bumi dipijak milik orang

Nenek moyang kaya raya  
Tergadai seluruh harta benda  
Akibat sengketa sesamalah kita  
Cinta lenyap diurus zaman

Indahnya bumi kita ini  
Warisan berkurun lamanya  
Hasil mengalir ketangan yang lain  
Peribumi merintah sendiri

Masa depan sungguh kelam  
Kan lenyap peristiwa semalam  
Tertutuplah hati terkunci mati  
Maruah peribadi dah hilang

Kini kita cuma tinggal kuasa  
Yang akan menentukan bangsa  
Bersatulah hati bersama berbakti  
Pulih kembali harga diri

Kita sudah tiada masa  
Majulah dengan maha perkasa

Janganlah terlalai teruskan usaha  
Melayukan gagah dinusantara

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By Sukdershan on August 26, 2008 7:59 PM

Dearest Tun,  
Wonderful article for all of us to ponder about. Alas your good intentions have been abused by the implementors of the government policy during your administration. The policies should be fair to all races as rightly mentioned by your good self (refer Article 153)  
By rakyatmalaysiaAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 8:01 PM

Salam Tun Dr. Mahathir,  
We understand the good purpose of affirmative action, anything if abused with the wrong intentions and objectives with become a drawback itself, it's a double edged sword.  
We can see how some people can do good things that benefits the country with the same method and power while some merely fight for their own interest.  
Sadly this is what happened to our own country in the moment.  
It's not the matter of which party should lead Malaysia anymore, it's who can lead Malaysia back to the glorious days where we can proudly claim ourself as proud Malaysian, a peace and prosperous country.  
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www.undirakyat.com  
By azizol haqimAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 8:06 PM

Aslkm Tun,

While I agree with what Tun said 100%, can we assume that the non bumiputera will be fair to the Bumiputera once the NEP is abolished and the politic and economy is controlled by non-Bumiputera bearing in mind to what happens to the Malay in Singapore? Is this not in line with the concept of "Bangsa Malaysia" as advocated by certain people. Would Tun not agree that because of the racial, cultural and religious diversity between the Bumiputera and non-Bumiputera makes it necessary to have some sort of permanant regulation to control the distribution of the economy and the control over politic similar to that the NEP and the BN and PR concept respectively?.

Salam  
By jeng3 on August 26, 2008 8:08 PM

Salam Tun,

You understand the game so well. I want to stand on my own two feet as I do not feel intellectually inferior to any other races. Economically, perhaps... but I will make sure me and my children will strive to be successful in all our undertakings.

Wassallam

Jeng3

By wan mohd aimran Author Profile Page on August 26, 2008 8:11 PM

for the first time in a long time, you are making sense Tun, and i am happy to say that i agree with your frank assessment of the situation.

By shazrim Author Profile Page on August 26, 2008 8:12 PM

Apa nk jadi dengan orang melayu, makin berpecah

Shazrim Sharif

UiTM Kedah

By SHAZ Author Profile Page on August 26, 2008 8:13 PM

36.....The discrimination is in order to give them a kind of headstart so that they can catch up with other races. To me, it is shameful to have to be protected because we do not have the capacity to compete. We are not Red Indians to live on reserves. We should regard it as a temporary expedient to be done away with once we have achieved the capacity to compete on our own."...

Salam Yg Bhg Tun and all,

How can the Malays regard their benefits as 'temporary' when they have been too complacent and believing that the benefits are there to stay forever, thinking that there would be no other group or race dare to challenge their rights?

The real headstart for the Malays is when they are being stumped by the others and when all their rights, their lands, their dignity being ripped off them.

By scor on August 26, 2008 8:13 PM

Dear Tun,

It is true that one would be able to see a clearer picture when you are an outsider. I would be glad if the government will elect you as a senior minister, or at least as one of think-tank members for the government. Since the racial integration is so crucial for the progress of a country, something need to be done. We can't hope for NEP which not only failed to bring up more successful Malays, and to stay on for another 50 years before given up in them. As this is not so important as how much it will affect other races, but it will further impaired with economical growth of our country for the next 50 years. We are far behind our neighbour, Singapore who are less fortunate than us without any natural resources or land for plantation. Why this is happening? This is not because our leaders are not as smart as those in Singapore, but poor management of our own wealth. How sincere are we when we are talking about equalization of wealth shared by all Malaysians? Based on the comments above, i am very sure all Malaysians are much willing to see this happening. I don't think the Malays will protest if someone from other races can help them to bring up their race. As a nation, we should use all the resources we have, including the best brains we have. We should realize that the biggest challenge for Malaysia is to have the best Malaysians without discrimination based on races to run the country's administration. I don't think

a chinese is so direly want to become a prime minister to contribute to the country. I have no objection for the ruling of a prime minister must be a Malay, because i am sincere to contribute to the country despite headed by different race than me. As long as my contributions been appreciated by all Malaysians.  
By [anggunjelita.com](#) Author Profile Page on August 26, 2008 8:20 PM

salam Tun  
Harap Tun sihat selalu....  
kalau satu hari x masuk blog Tun ni rasa macam boring je. Harap Tun selalu boleh bagi sekurangnya 2 artikel satu hari. TQ

Noor  
[www.anggunjelita.com](#)  
By [ghanimu88](#) on August 26, 2008 8:21 PM

Salam Tun,  
Sampai bila bumiputera nak berharapakan bantuan dan handicap? Dah 51 tahun merdeka!  
Regards.  
By [boy81](#) on August 26, 2008 8:21 PM

Tun,

I agree with your comments on the Bumis although I am Bumis myself.  
The problem now is that, those who have read this article are very unlikely in the 'lazy boys' group.

Just hoping that you find ways to reach 'this' group and give them a wake up call.

Good stuff Tun..keep writing.  
By [Kokabala](#) on August 26, 2008 8:24 PM

Dr.M,

Thanks for the NEP. I am leaving this country for good. Same as lots of my friends who are skilled and professional. I wish Malaysia all the best with its affirmative action.  
By [rarunasalam](#) Author Profile Page on August 26, 2008 8:29 PM

TDM

while I appreciate your comments in view of establishing meritocracy, I still think your arguments are flawed based on the examples you've provided.

Yes, you can't pit a Heavyweight against a lightweight -but who are you refering to as Heavyweight here? Is it the Bumiputera cluster who have been given resources to establish successes and generate new opportunities, or is it the cluster that lives in estates, generates low income to manage large families, attend national type schools knowing they don't get same level of education resulting in them starting with a disadvantage?

You commented that NEP needs to be gradually reduced, but for any gradual reduction, it needs a timeline in place. It needs that commitment from all quarters to see that the plan gets implemented responsibly, and one such responsibility is to establish the plan upfront, have clear communication of the plan, and ensure the milestones are being met. Until today, all there is is talk - it was the case under your administration where you begged the Malays to work and strive hard (you even cried about it). But they were talk - no action to follow-up. You can't just make it DSAAB's issue - you need to take responsibility for the lack of establishing a timeline.

We are in the 21st century where we openly cry about the disadvantages and unfair treatment that 3rd world and developing countries receive at the hands of Developed nations. Yet in our own land - we have

legal implements that disadvantage one Malaysian against the other on basis of class and creed.

So, lets get our back yard sorted before we complain about level playing fields (or lack of it) internationally.

(Ravi)

By Zarir on August 26, 2008 8:36 PM

Tun,

Comprehensive article, and totally agree with all your points.

I just believe that in this world, when someone get richer, there will be someone else get poorer as the result. It's up to us on how to take the correct corrective actions to stabilize our country.

By Onlooker on August 26, 2008 8:47 PM

Tun,

By right, New Economic Policy (NEP) should have been ended since 1990. If the Malay people still insist today that NEP should be carried on until the true achievement of the final target of 30% wealth and 30% employment in the public companies be given to the Bumiputeras, then in Bursa Malaysia we will hardly be able to find many counters that are really a good choice for investment. This means that it is not easy to find the companies that really come with good quality assets in true sense, as well as in the sense of book values that are being reflected as assets of high Net Tangible Value in the balance sheets of the company annual reports. More often than not, what we are able to see in Bursa Malaysia will only be the stocks of some high gearing and debt-ridden companies, which will eventually be graded as PN4 or PN17 members when recession hits. This will be the end-result of the long term implementation of the NEP - shamefully lack of economic motivation and management efficiency for the publicly owned companies to perform well in the business world.

What rationale do you find that can really make us feel proud of the success of the government intervention measures for bailout purpose, such as those measures of Dana Modal and Dana Harta? I find that I myself have no reason to feel proud of any bailout effort at all! I would rather like to see more and more small and medium businesses, which are not required to abide to the 30% Bumiputeras Rule of NEP, growing slowly but steadily in Malaysia than seeing more and more Bursa Malaysia member companies, which are required to allocate at least 30% shares to Bumiputeras, finally slipping itself into the category of PN4 or PN17 when time turns bad.

In this article, Tun still does not show a strong determination to call for the abolition of the affirmative action. Before Tun continues to give your support to the continuation of affirmative action in favour of Bumiputeras in Malaysia, I would like to call for your attention to an article, which attempts to define the meaning of justice as published in the website below.

<http://www.cesj.org/thirdway/socialjustice-defined.htm>

By the way, I wish to remind Tun that the word "Red Indian" should not be used again to identify the American Indigenous Ethnic if Tun speaks to Americans or to the other World. The more appropriate name, which is much more commonly used in America for identifying this Indigenous Ethnic, is "American Indian".

Onlooker

By manfromthehill on August 26, 2008 8:50 PM

dear tun,

the truth is often comes in shades of grey and not as clear as black and white as we wish.. its heartening



to hear a universal truth about the state of education and the relevance of NEP policy. actually the decision for NEP to be withdrawn in stages would require planning and fiscal control and courage from the ruling party to let go of the crutch. this can only be effected by a strong prime minister and who has a strong integrity.

we malaysians on the whole walk the middle path. we have our pursuit of happiness and i dont think we blame each other for our problems and we have come a long way with the muhibbah spirit. often it is the politicians who played up the sentiments and populist elements come into play.

the most glaring problem however, is the state of affairs and i think most malaysians have become complacent and take a lot for granted. well educated and top flight talent often leave malaysia for greener pastures and we lost a great deal of capable malaysians to foreign lands. the government is doing nothing to inspire this group of people and i have even malay friends who prefer living abroad now. it is sad indeed.

sometimes hardship is a good medicine for a wake up call. too much gula-gula as you know contributes to 'decadent teeth'. it is time for frugal consumption and a return to the basics. it is time also for politicians to stop making populist decisions which does not benefit the rakyat in the long term.  
By kuthe2 on August 26, 2008 8:56 PM

Salams.. And May Peace be Upon You.

Tun,

Hope you are well... well..

NEP.. PEN.. MOUse...

As long as the respect is there.. I think should not be a problem.

Opportunities should be fair to All..

But sometimes Hard work, What you know, Who you know and How you do it is Important.

Life is a learning process..

What we Bumi wants is Respect laa..... We give.. So you must give laaa...

Tolong Menolong baru boleh Untung..!

Melayu Unite.!

Malaysians Unite.!

Selamat Menyambut Hari Merdeka.!. Most Importantly... Sambut Ramadhan...

Bulan Suci lagi Menyucikan..

Alif Ba Ta

By AizatAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 8:57 PM

Salam Tun,

I agree with u. Renung-renungkan wahai bangsaku.

By XBB on August 26, 2008 8:59 PM

Dear Tun,

I admire with surprise you admitted the unfairness toward the non bumi in the education system. I was one of the victim, yet I never regret being victimised in this case. I get a very good results in my SPM and STPM, and yet, was not accepted to further my education in the local university. I have no choice but to further my education abroad. My family is not rich, but my father worked very hard to ensure I can further my study to achieve my dream. I was lucky and able to study in US, and achieve Master degree with grant and scholarship from school. I got a job back in KL, with US company, and begin to climb corporate ladder. In the same company, I see those local graduate, work with wrong attitude, always MC, never do their job with positive mind set, always blame we are discriminating them.....etc. For many many times I heard from HR that the foreign company prefer to hire non local graduate b'cos they have better working attitude.

I have switch job 3 times in Malaysia and experience same thing in each company. I quite tired with the same O environment. And last job offer, I had been headhunted to work in Neighbour country. I was so impress and motivated with the staffs here and all have the positive mind set, self independent and think very positively. I now a company Director for Asia Pacific able to work and experience a much broader market, and I can tell that if Malaysia remain with the current system, we already experience slow growth, idle in new generation quality, and soon will be the slave countries to all the already develop countries in Asia. I'm sorry to say, but this is going to be the fact. Whether you like it or not.  
By hijaumuda on August 26, 2008 9:00 PM

Salam Tun..

Maaf keluar tajuk. Tun, sedih betul saya PENGKHIANAT tu yang menang. Saya x leh terima!! Rasanya bala dah betul2 melanda negara kita lebih2 lagi kat kita org Melayu.

Saya dah boleh agak dah apakah yg akan berlaku di Parlimen nanti!

Apakah akan betul2 berlaku perkara itu pada 16 September mendatang??

Saya rasa tak sanggup nak memikirkannya.. Lebih baik migrate p KOREA UTARA la camni..dah tentu2 ada bom nuklear, Amerika x berani nak usik!  
By samuraimelayu on August 26, 2008 9:02 PM

Salam Ayahanda Rakyat Tun,

We shall understand. Perhaps our comments were half baked and uncalled for as remarked by one of the critic of chedet.com.  
Izinkan,

To the high handicapped golfers, GOLF is catergorised as a game for 'Gulungan Orang Lemah Fikiran'  
To the low handicapped golfers, GOLF is catergorised as a game for 'Gulungan Orang Lapang Fikiran'  
And to the Pro Golfers, GOLF is catergorised as a game for 'Good Opportunity, Leisure and Fame'

We heard Pak Lah and Pak Najib are golfers. Which catergory of GOLF do Anakanda Rakyat Chedet.com think they belong to?

We used to be a 14 handicapper but since being a Chedet.com Addict now plays to 18.

To fellow golfers, enjoy your golfing on Merdeka Day.  
By jaygal on August 26, 2008 9:05 PM

Agree with Kokabala.....

Malaysia are loosing more and more skilled professionals due to this sought of discrimination.  
I'm a big fan of you Tun, but you have been asking the Malays to wake up for the past....15years? Any

luck with that yet? I doubt so

We will never appreciate anything when it is still with us but definitely regret it when its no longer with/taken away.

Wish you good health Tun.

By afifi342 on August 26, 2008 9:07 PM

Terima Kasih di atas semua penjelasan Tun yang sungguh memberikan pencerahan baru kepada saya yang sekian lama mencari-cari sumber maklumat yang jelas dan telus tentang apa yang berlaku di Malaysia.

Terlebih dahulu saya ingin memohon maaf kerana selama ini saya sering menganggap Tun adalah dalang kepada segala kejahatan yang berlaku di Malaysia.

Balik kepada artikel kali ini. Setelah memahami sebab, tujuan dan falsafah DEB dilaksanakan barulah saya dapat bersetuju 100% tentang perlunya polisi seumpama ini dilaksanakan.

Dengan fakta-fakta yang Tun persembahkan disini tidak dinafikan DEB telah memberi sumbangan yang besar dalam menjadikan Malaysia gah seperti hari ini. Namun kita kecewa kerana DEB gagal mendapat persetujuan rakyat Malaysia keseluruhannya. Masih ramai yang menyangkal.

Pada pandangan saya [b]DEB akan lebih berjaya sekiranya setiap rakyat memahami intipati, sebab, tujuan dan falsafahnya[b] seperti yang Tun jelaskan di dalam artikel ini. Tiadanya pemahamanlah menjadilkan DEB pincang.

Apa yang dipelajari di dalam buku teks tentang DEB nampaknya telah gagal mencapai matlamatnya. Penerangan Tun dengan contoh dan analogi lebih senang difahami dan dihadam.

Dengan pemahaman barulah kerajaan dan rakyat (seperti yang tersenarai di poin no 30&31) dapat bergerak seiring. Saya yakin mereka yang mendapat peluang daripada DEB tidak akan dengan mudah mengkhianati 'amanah' yang diberi sekiranya mereka sedar kenapa mereka diberi peluang itu.

Sekian secebis pandangan dari rakyat

By T on August 26, 2008 9:12 PM

/// 12. Effectively the poor countries want to discriminate in their favour by rejecting the borderless world of Globalisation. Exploitation by the rich would most likely enrich the poor countries. But they would rather be poor than be exploited. ///

Dear good doctor,

So what should poor countries do in practical terms? Be a closed economy like Cuba and North Korea?

By Ricardo on August 26, 2008 9:17 PM

On another note, there are a few Chinese who have squandered like Eric Chia and Lim Guan Eng. I am surprised at Lim Guan Eng. I am surprised he gave a public holiday to Penang just for Permatang Pauh election which cause a bigg loss to Penang. This is irresponsible.

Why in the 1st place the Govt have the election during a working day? This is a more disruptive action that haveing a day off. Kudoss to LGE for his action so that morer people can go and vote.

ON the issue of NEP, NEP is a good idea provided that the discrimination is against the well-to-dos and help is for the poors of all races only.

Remember everyone started at same base level i.e. all immigrants from Indonesia, China, India and other countries. The smart and hardworking ones will definitely prospered while the rest will remain as they

were. These affected all races.

The Govt cannot create any rules just to benefit a certain category of people. As my personal opinion, NEP benefits a certain category of people, will create a false sense of superiority in this people's restricted surroundings, but when exposed to wider environment, the false sense of security disappeared when skill and intelligence is lacking when compared to others. That's when they will do the best to maintain rules to protect/hide their inferiority complex.

If NEP has created a person, after going thru the trial of school, college and university, who is able to stand on its own two feet, can think for himself, can compete and work with everyone, will not require the backing of help from the Govt then the Govt has achieved its aim. This person will be grateful to the Govt forever.

If NEP has not created a person who is able to stand on its own two feet then forever this person will require the backing of help from the Govt. This person will be resentful to the Govt, if the Govt does not help him.

If you have a person who is not the best to teach the other to perform their best, what is the point.....  
GET THE BEST PEOPLE TO CREATE THE BEST YOUNG MINDS OF ALL RACES FOR THE COUNTRY.

The Govt must be shy of having the best minds from other races or countries to be the guiding stars for all our young people.

By Tun Dr Marvellous on August 26, 2008 9:32 PM

Salam Hormat Tun dan Selamat Merdeka ke 51

Melayu kaya dgn Harta Bumi tetapi kenapa masih banyak hidup dlm kemiskinan. Dan non-indigenous hidup lebih baik dari indigenous.

Masalahnya kebanyakan org Melayu selalu minta belas kasihan tanpa berusaha majukan diri dan hidup hanya menumpang kesenangan org lain sehingga anak-cucu pun terikut2 maka jadilah keturunan keluarga meminta2, belas kasihan dan lain2 lagi. Bila senang sikit LUPA DIRI asal usul mereka dulu susah. Hantar luar negeri disuruh belajar menimba ilmu sebaliknya pulang bawa sijil beranak "Mat Salleh". Kalau yg bagus tidak apa, yg kucing kurap tepi jalan yg dikutipnya jadi suami atau isteri.

Selagi BN/UMNO tiada berusaha mengatasi masalah ini dan hanya menolong org yg tertentu, pilih kasih, membantu org yg dah senang lagi senang, sanak-saudara, kaum puak dan lain2, maka masalah ini akan berterusan hingga timbul perkara2 yg tidak inginkan berlaku seperti sekarang ini.

Buatlah sesuatu peraturan seperti apa yg saya fikirkan "Bayar dulu perbelanjaan pelajaran bila Lulus barulah boleh 'CLAIMS' balik ongkosnya". Kalau GAGAL jgn bayar. Biar mereka belajar sungguh2 jika mau berjaya dan dpt 'CLAIMS' balik wang yg dibelanjakan. Kalau tidak sampai bila2 pun minta belas kasihan.

Ketika dibawah Tun menerajui banyak ahli2 Menteri dan wakil rakyat berpura2 kononnya mereka telah jalankan tanggung jawab mereka walhal kurang memuaskan. Lihatlah sekarang ini sejak Pak Lah 'take over' bermacam2 tembelang busuk muncul.

Negara luar pula memang sudah lama ingin menaluki dan menguasai kekayaan Malaysia dan lain dunia ketiga. Salah satu peluang yg paling besar ialah mempengaruhi Anwar dgn dasar2 policy mereka.

By michaelooi on August 26, 2008 9:36 PM

EDITORS OF ALL MALAYSIAN NEWSPAPERS. PLEASE PRINT WHAT IS WRITTEN BY TUN.

Translate all of Tun's writing for all to understand. For I am sure, many will benefit from what Tun is sharing with us.

You already have Tun's permission.

Or maybe, you just do not have the balls to do what is right and what is good for our country? Yours too!!!!!!

Each time I read Tun's blog, my heart cry for if only we still have you as our PM.

For now, I can only pray for Tun's good health.

By Chris on August 26, 2008 9:36 PM

Sir,

I do not deny that the Malays needed affirmative action in the earlier years of the country's formation. If none was given, imagine the state of affairs they would find themselves in today. Yes, they needed such assistance for all the reasons you provided. Even the blacks in the USA still enjoy such policies favoring them. So, for me, this was and is still good for Malaysia.

The thing is why not start afresh and sit down and divide the economic pie more or less equally among the races. I mean from now onwards we share the abundance of this country fairly. Everyone does his/her part and we all enjoy the bountiful resources within Malaysia. That's just the physical resources. When the people are financially stable, then the human resources come to life. Since they now have the means, they can burst forth in their creativity of ideas and products and just about anything you can think of. Then Malaysia will rise above the rest. Way above puny Singapore. Taiwan and Hong Kong, so-called dragons will be insignificant in comparison to Malaysia. China will give due respect. India will come a calling. Indonesia will still be far behind us in terms of worldwide market share. Malaysia has no limits to where she can go.

Please sir, work it out for the rest of us that Malaysia don't go down the drain. There's too much to lose.

By joehoneyAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 9:36 PM

Salam buat Tun serta Keluarga,

Sian Najib.... Penat dia berkempen. Pak Lah releks aja. Kalah pulak tu! Silap2 kena marah dengan Pak Lah.

Hidup Tun!

By wokyoh on August 26, 2008 9:40 PM

SALAM PERJUANGAN BUAT TUN YANG DIKASIHI.

TERIMA KASIH SETELAH LAMA MENYEPI....

permainan yang baik kadang-kadang dicemari oleh:

- 1)pengatur perlawanan/bookie haram.
- 2)pengadil yang disogok dan berat sebelah.
- 3)pemain yang dirasuah.
- 4)penjaga masa dan garisan yang keliru.

hakikatnya semua penonton dan peminat setia perlawanan tidak tahu itu semua...

semoga tun ada formula terbaik untuk mengekang kemaraan musuh politik tun - anwar ibrahim...

kadang-kadang lagu lama...senandung semalam..kalau diberi nafas baru...sedap juga didengar....sekadar hiburan waktu santai...

By 2now on August 26, 2008 9:42 PM

Salam Tun,

Affirmative action as Tun admitted will hurt the people of Malaysia but if there is a need in the past 30 years. In the onslaught of globalisation, Malaysia needs the best to compete. Are we still going to discriminate our players? Is the present AB's government had any strategies to increase the Malays' capabilities and on the other hand unite the people for the world? Badawi had no plans, for these two

years to come. Tun had been brave to help the Malays but sadly as people says, spoilt child may not give up his plaything so easily. Will the Malay Dilemma be there when Tun is no longer with us. I hope not.  
By WhoAreWe on August 26, 2008 9:48 PM

Tun,

1. The country has grown from what it was back in the days before merdeka up to now. I have seen students and peoples plus families of the Chinese and Indian not given the chance for education. This was a disgrace for the country but nevertheless it wasn't recognized by the government as well. There are countries like Germany (The Japanese of the Europe), Denmark and so on have given free education to their people based on merits. Indonesian and Indian descendants have lived in those countries and become citizen have been given free education.
2. Look at where their technology and economic growth lies. Why couldn't we follow the same foot steps.
3. When i have conversation with friends over a cup of tea; we just laugh it out when we talk about this. But nevertheless we have come to a simple conclusion that the Malaysian government has recognized the potential growth of the Chinese(Business) and Indian (Professional Work) would exceed the Malay if we were give an opportunity to be equal in terms of scholarship and university entrance; hence it would be a threat to the Malay community.
4. But if you were to reverse the opportunity and give it to the chinese and indian as well; then there will be competition which then the Malays will grow faster and equally. Why spoon feed when we can have healthy competition.
5. Competition does create better economic growth.

any how i'm not a big supporter of the current government and the opposition's as well...But i would be a great supporter to those whom make a change in the system and give equal opportunity. There are alot of people at my age (20's) whom are not registered voters. Why??? coz the system dosent benefit us at all. So we work and work and educate our self during the nite times to get a degree and perhaps masters and move on to other companies or MNC...hoping we would be transfered overseas for a better chance and recognition. What do we do when our own country cut's over opportunity off.

People like in the present government has ask the Indians to go back to their country and comes up with the Keris indirectly threating the Chinese. DO you know what we the younger generation think..we think that they are just scared.. in fact very scared which leads them to make such statement and such act. It does show clearly about the government.

we do not hope for anything much. But we are waiting for a change... once the people takes it to their hand for the change then it would be much difficult to handle.... these are just my thoughts...

Good Luck and Godspeed Tun  
By nusams on August 26, 2008 9:54 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,  
This is the best explanation on NEP that I've ever come across. Absolutely brilliant.

Again the stability of this country lies in the hands of the Malays & Bumis. If we fail to introspect and improve ourselves, NEP will carry on and the other races will eventually loose their patience. Then interracial hostility will arise and bigger problems will follow. When this happen, should not the Malay blame themselves?

"Verily never will Allah change the condition of a people until they change it themselves."Quran (Surah Al R'ad 13;11)

I wish we could clone you Tun, but then again whats the point of clonning your brain, your physical self etc, when what really matters is the spiritual heart of an honest, brave, caring leader, and this obviously is

yours alone and cannot be cloned.

Wasallam

Nurulhuda Samsudin

By Oumono on August 26, 2008 9:55 PM

we were mere humans.how fair can we be.

to those who's leaving malaysia for good, just go.nobody need ungrateful self proclaimed professional and skilled citizen like you.do you think other country's better than malaysia.if so, then do you ungrateful SOB think that you guys deserve better country than malaysia.tak malu pnya org..the europeans build up their country with blood and sweats and you tak malu pnya org senang2 nk claim citizen or permanent residence of these rich countries.

shame on you guys.obviously your 'professional' and 'skill' training doesn't really make you guys better, but turning you guys into something horrible than beast itself.Tun, we should look into our education system.clearly we are not producing grateful scholars but we kept producing self-centered that would run on the first sight of hardness in life.

Tun. You are a great man. You turned Malaysia into something ponderous. No one in this world can pay you back for what you have done for Malaysia. All I can give to you is my appreciation of your effort of blood and sweat for 30 years turning this country into a land full of opportunity. You are truly a great man. God bless you anywhere you go.

By suibee on August 26, 2008 9:56 PM

1. yup... sometimes we're "shallow" and may not think broad enough or see far enough... good to have the motives (or game plan) explained;

2. i've always loved those who can play a good chess game... there're twists & turns & some moves are unpredictable... but eventually with only a single goal that's to checkmate... i believe good leaders have these qualities...

3. just like how the parents loved their own children, they can never babysit them... either practice to improve the handicap... or fight somebody your own size...

4. always loved the word "integrity"... something nobody can break...

By chineseAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 10:00 PM

Hi Tun, I am a Chinese in Malaysia, I am 44years old, I feel very happy finally I can talk with you to express my feeling and opinion, I feel very unhappy to our government now, I am staying in Sabah and I am a construction contractor, course I am very near and know with the allege migrate, recently our government just carry out an action that use one hundred fifty million to rush out 150,000 persons of allege, seen like perfect move for people in Sabah, but actually is the most stupid move for Malaysia's people, one hundred fifty million is belong to the people of Malaysia, Do you know how many allege migrate bean caught in those operation beam taking is not more then 2,000 people.

actually this matter can soft with the Arther option, this option was decided by Naji, just simply tro one hundred fifty million to the sea and don't feel anything, because most of the allege migrate will return, because I had seen myself, how can they give up the life here, they feel like heaven here they can easy to find money and most of them have hand-phone but in there country is not easy to have a hand-phone for them, you just can imagine tought one hundred fifty million nation money to the sea like nothing, we can hope the person like this to become our CM?? ah!!! Tun, is that I comment here can get to jail, because I am afraid can be bomb. ha! ha! bye bye!

By Din Investor on August 26, 2008 10:01 PM

Salam Tun,

Hopefully the receiver of aids recognised that the aid is not free forever, they have to pay some day.

Wonderful article from you, Sir.

By abu sayab on August 26, 2008 10:02 PM

THE MALAYSIAN MALAY - DR.SYED ALWI

Wonder how long more before our Malay brothers wake up to the harsh realities of this globalised world?

THE MALAYSIAN MALAY

by Dr Syed Alwi of Singapore

Dear Editor,

As you know, I am an avid watcher of Malaysian affairs. I must confess that lately, Malaysia appears to be failing. Not a day passes by without more events that clearly highlight Malaysia 's race-religion fault-line. If things keep going this way, I fear for Malaysia 's future.

Today, schools in Singapore celebrate Racial Harmony Day. I can visibly see the joy in the children's faces as they wear their ethnic costumes and have fun together at school. But in Malaysia - even the right to choose a religion has become a sensitive, national issue. No doubt, there are many in Malaysia who hate my liberal views on Islam, family included. But I will say what I must say openly. I have come to the conclusion that Malaysia cannot progress any further without first addressing fundamental questions regarding its identity and soul.

I remember the days when we can laugh at Lat's cartoons on everyday Malaysian life. But sadly, the Islamic tide has polarised Malaysians. Some people ask why I should bother about Malaysian affairs since I am a Singaporean. May I remind Malaysians that it was Tan Siew Sin who once said that Singapore and Malaysia are Siamese Twins. Should Malaysia go down - it would hurt the region tremendously. Especially Singapore ..

Where do you think Malay apostates would head for if Lina Joy loses her case? Singapore of course! I find the Malaysian Malay to be very under-exposed. For them, it's all Islam and the NEP and everything under the sun would sort itself out. I am sorry to say this - but Islam and the NEP may be the cause of the undoing of the Malaysian Malay.

There is nothing wrong with religion or affirmative action. But, like everything else in life, they must be taken in moderation and with a pinch of salt. A little doubt is good. Unfortunately in Malaysia , emotions over Islam have overcome reason. What we see today is the result of the NEP and Islamisation policies of the past thirty years or so.

No one owes Malaysian Malays a living. Let me assure you that should Malaysia fail - the Malaysian Malay will suffer enormously. And rightly so. After all - they have been pampered with all sorts of goodies over the years. They cannot now expect more goodies. Perhaps the day of reckoning for them, is near. Whatever it is, Malaysia had better wake up to the realities around her. The globalised world of the 21st century has no NEP to offer the Malaysian Malay. And humans cannot live by religion alone.

Regards,

Dr Syed Alwi.

By TunA on August 26, 2008 10:02 PM

Salam Tun



Anwar had just won the byelection. This is what the people in Permatang Pauh wants so be it.

Over and over again God almighty has revealed who this guy really is. The people of Sodom was banished because they lust after their own kind. They and their offsprings, save a few, were deemed not fit for this world.

Yet the people in Permatang Pauh wants the same kind of Sodom people to lead them.

I pray to the AlMighty God to show us the Straight path and to save this country. Let not the hands of these materialistic power craving people lead all of us to destruction.

By annat on August 26, 2008 10:02 PM

Sudah dijangka DSAI akan menang. Tapi tak mengapa kerana dia tidak akan simpan lama belangnya. Bila dapat kuasa lebih, belangnya akan tonjol sikit demi sedikit maka semua akan kenal siapa DSAI yang sebenarnya. Tapi masa tu 'nasi sudah menjadi bubur'. PeNiNg! pEnInG! SeDiH! sEdIh! GiLa! gIIA! Apa nak jadi pada Malaysia? MALAYSIA NOW ARE FAMOUS FOR IT'S FLIP AND THE FLOP.

By Pulau on August 26, 2008 10:04 PM

Yang dihormati Tun Dr. Mahathir

Goodbye Kokabala, hope you find your perfect heaven in Jaipur.

and don't forget to take your skill with you. We don't need your ego here. poh dah..

By key on August 26, 2008 10:04 PM

Apakhabar Tun sekeluarga dan chedet fan,akhirnya dapat jua membaca tulisan Tun setelah beberapa menunggu.Tun,coretan kali ini walaupun kelihatan biasa2 sahaja.Tetapi amat penting bagi pelajar2 kita untuk mengetahuinya.Terutama pelajar2 bumiputra/melayu terutamanya yang kebanyakan hanya pandai bercakap tetapi tak tahu untuk menguruskannya.Rasanya pelajar2 sekarang tak perlu dimanjakan sangat,bila berjaya kelak jadi penentang kerajaan.Mereka begitu cepat lupa diri,hingga orang yang didapati salah disokongi.Tak kenang budi pun orang buat apa kita nak susah2 menabur jasa.Lihatlah sekarang,tak habis2 dengan reformasi,hingga tak tahu mana yang baik untuk menjadi pemimpin.Sebab dah terlalu dimanjakan.Kadang2 dah hilang rasa bangga melihat anak bangsa sendiri berjaya dalam akedemik,kerana secara ummunya banyak yang berhaluan kiri/penentang(parti pembangkang).Mereka begitu mudah terpengaruh dengan asutan luar yang boleh membinasakan dan keamanan negara sendiri.Dari segi pencapaian akedemik pulak memang agak jauh kebelakang dari bangsa2 lain dinegara sendiri.Tiada yang boleh dibanggakan.Hingga boleh dilihat dari mata kasar.Sedih,marah dan benci pun ada jika dapat tahu kebanyakan yang menjadi penentang adalah lulusan dari universiti tempatan dan mendapat pembiayaan dari kerajaan kebanyakannya.Sepatutnya mereka ini dikenakan tindakan yang lebih tegas , juga diperketatkan dimana2 pusat2 pengajian disini dengan syarat2 yang tertentu.Supaya tidak timbul kelak bakal pemimpin yang mementingkan diri sendiri .Semoga Tun sihat serta dilindungi ILLAHI.

By suakbadil on August 26, 2008 10:12 PM

SALAM SEMUA.....

masa kecik diasuh n disogok dengan ...

ps2...ps3....vcd....dvd...karaoke....

SEGALA MACAM HIBURANLAH.....

sampai tak sedar azan.....

dewasa sikit...apa yg anak mau, dibelikan...

..sedikit pun tidak diajar untuk berusaha....

..TAK KENAL APA ITU "SUSAH","KEPERITAN" dll...

sekolah menengah...

jadi jaguh, salah laku disiplin dgn demerit 100%.....

...pas tu jdi penjaga bus stop 24jam, pnjga shopping cmplx 12 jam, penjaga warung/kedai 12jam....hari2 buang masa!!!!

habis tu jadi mat rempit...penagih....dll

....dilema kebanyakan orang MELAYU.....

By reader on August 26, 2008 10:16 PM

@kokabala

goodbye and don't let the door hit you on the way out.

By cram on August 26, 2008 10:20 PM

Salam Tun,

Another superb article. #33 is especially spot-on, today, if anybody were to suggest that the NEP be abolished, there will be HUGE demonstrations. Granted, so one says, lets wait another 50 years, can Tun promise there won't be any more war-cry about it ? To some people the NEP already becomes 'HAK ABADI', to them, that 'why should I try so hard when the Government is there to help me ? attitude is their 'wawasan hidup'.

By IQIN on August 26, 2008 10:22 PM

Salam Tun,

Ypu are very right in everything that you say... When the malays are given every opportunity... We are still not excell.. not the best... I think, its bcos of attitude...

By FXSpec on August 26, 2008 10:24 PM

Dear Tun,

As we can't expect any understanding on the need for the NEP from the likes of Kokabala and friends, I think we should just let them go leave this beloved country of ours, skilled professionals or otherwise, and the sooner the better. Without them around, thus deprived of their skilled professionalism, we simply need to work that much harder to make up for what little losses we would incur, to close the gap, so to speak....hehe. Indeed, I can't wait to work harder which I've already started to do so ever since my first day at work after polishing my skills and attaining my professional credentials. And I believe that I am not alone, theres so many of my ilks out there.....especially those who may rightfully call themselves NEPutras/putris.

Talk about those who had it all and not wanting to share with their compatriots....their fellow countrymen. Yet this was the country which had ensured the survivality and prosperity of their forefathers and hence had nurtured them from the cradle right to the day they obtained their skills and professional qualifications. What ungrateful lot Kokabala and friends actually are....so, they'd better be gone....and be gone before daybreak.....and I'll be the happiest to see them go!!!

By sikenit on August 26, 2008 10:25 PM

salam tun and all,

firstly, thank you tun for all your hard work and brilliant ideas, you are one of the best leaders the world had ever seen during the last century that a third world country had produced. You engineered the development of this country and I dare those out there who challenge that statement to point out who- in their opinion was responsible for Malaysia's development.

secondly, To Kokabala and the rest of his professional friends - good bye! You epitomised the sayings, the grass next door is always greener. May you find your ideal world with no discriminations in the place that you are moving to.

lastly, I wish that all Malays will remember one thing- IF one day our children find themselves at a disadvantage, do not scream and shout at the BN government, as we are the ones NOW who are responsible for their future situations.

May Allah helps us all.

By anjvnabeatAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 10:30 PM

Nampaknya hanya PAS akan menjaga hak-hak Melayu & Islam.

By wlow on August 26, 2008 10:35 PM

I have no idea why the handicap must be given to people based on his/her race. Why can't it be given to the poor no matter what race he is? You don't see golf handicap is strictly given to a chinese guy do you?

By chineseAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 10:41 PM

Hi! Tun Dr M,

Among the bumiputeras. Given opportunities, given licenses, permits, contracts etc,this is not help them this also is not to love them, but this only to kill them, They will forever cannot stand up only depend on goverment, this is not my opinion, this is the fact, this is the true, I am a chinese, why chinese is faster than bumiputeras, Because chinese know they don't have free meal from goverment, they don't wait, they don,t thick just go ahead to find themsefl.

All of the success were from many time failure then they grow harder become more charaching, just let them to failure don't giveup, sure they can success in future, I wish them grow harder together with us to make a bright future.

MALAYSIA BOLEH.

By tee kay pee on August 26, 2008 10:43 PM

at this point of time i am writing, the pkr won the permatang pauh with big majority. its a sign to PWTC@DAAB now!!!.....

budget 2009 this friday??...huh....further damages to the country i guess.....

By linda on August 26, 2008 10:43 PM

salam...

Tun...

saya SEDIH....

SEDIH...

SEBAB...

PARLIMEN KITA AKAN RAMAI YB YANG AKAN KURANG AJAR...

SAYA ...

SEDIH...

BENCI ....

PARLIMEN KITA AKAN JADI HURU HARA...

LANUN NAK JADIKAN MSIA BUKAN NEGARA ISLAM...

HARAP RAJA-RAJA KITA SEDAR...

DAN BERTINDAK...

By Nazirul HazimAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 10:47 PM

Dearest Tun,

An article I wrote last month which I think is a subset of what you have said in this article.

<http://nazirulhazim.blogspot.com/2008/07/kontrak-sosial-malaysia-ulasan-kepada.html>

<http://nazirulhazim.blogspot.com/>

By chineseAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 10:56 PM

Hi! Tun DR M

Affirmative action is just a dream, in this world too many seft fish, gerous, gritty. affirmative action only can happen in heaven, sorry Tun I can promise will not happen within 100 years.  
By abdooleziz Al-AnbarAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 10:59 PM

Salam Tun Dan Famili..

Terima Kasih Tun kerana menulis artikel AFIRMATIVE action yang pernah saya ulas satu masa dulu...

Selain artikel di atas Artikel 2008 ELECTION juga sungguh menyentuh perasaan saya.

Salama 5 kali election saya tak pernah memangkah selain dari BN sehingga lah PRU ke 12 yang lepas.

Seperti yang pernah saya katakan dulu apa pilihan yang kita ada? apabila melihata BN...UMNO, MCA, MIC semakin SOMBONG dan BONGKAK selepas 2004 election...

Kita pun sebenarnya tidak yakin akan pakatan pembangkang, kalu memerintah kelak hanya umpama menyalin kulit sahaja.

Pemilihan UMNO atau MCA yang sedang rancak sekarang ne pun lebih kepada nak merebut jawatan dengan niat jelas untuk kepentingan diri sendiri dan keluarga...

Berubah lah kalu tak Rakyat akan membuat keputusan sama sama lari dari mulut harimau masuk mulut singa...

Apa pilihan yang kita ada TUN???

Semuga sihat selalu..

By Hjabat on August 26, 2008 11:00 PM

Dear Tun Dr Mahathir and others,

Nak dengar pantun seloka Melayu kuno ?

"Virus jenis ni mana depa pi aja habis infected, habis, K.O.  
Kalau hinggap kat pokok pisang, pokok pisang mampuh. Kalau masuk kolam ikan, ikan mampuh. Hang pusing macam mana pun, tak boleh. Taruk baja PEN ka, apa ka, tak boleh. Virus jenis ni memang terkenal seluruh dunia. Kita ni tunggu masa aja nak mampuh."

By Dr. Rezuan Che MatAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 11:04 PM

Salams Tun,

DSAI sudah menang. Tak lama lagi masuk parliment.  
Tahniah kepada Pak Lah. Tahniah, disebabkan Pak Lah lah rakyat mengundi pembangkang.  
By ExcellentThoughts on August 26, 2008 11:07 PM

Dear Tun

Well Said it must be done slowly and surely Malaysian are more matured now. 50 years after merdeka we have come a longway we have done remarkably well in such a short time.

We need the right leaders to lead us and move this country forward.  
in order to slowly abolish the NEP.

To find another Mahathir it will take us another 50 years you are a champion.

Take care.....

By ailin on August 26, 2008 11:08 PM

asalamualaikum Tuk Det..

saya sokong commnt suakbadil. saya masih remaja dan menuntut di universiti. kadang2 saya letih dan penat memujuk diri saya supaya jangan diikut perasaan 'melayu' yakni malas, mahu berfoya2, tidak serius dan sbgainya.

saya letih dan penat pujuk diri saya supaya JANGAN kalah dalam apa yang saya lakukan kini. saya tahu, 'kerja' saya terlalu mudah. cuma belajar dan belajar.

apa yang saya alami, keliling saya rata2 rakan2 universiti, sangat manja. kalau saya terlalu takut untuk berdepan kegagalan dalam ujian, mereka tidak begitu. melawan lecturer. langsung tak hormat. dah lah lecturer cina, lepas tu bdk2 melayu tunjuk samseng kurang ajar biadap.

RESPECT. itu sahaja yg saya minta dlm jati diri org melayu, especially remaja. penat saya, kalau tiap2 masa kita sahaja yang respect orang, tetapi orang tak respect kita.

tapi ibu bapa saya bagus. mereka didik saya baik2. dan kini saya bangga saya tergolong dalam kalangan yang baik2 juga. bangga jadi remaja melayu yang berpandangan jauh. kerana siapa?

dah tentulah Tuk Det..... walau tak seberapa, saya tetap nak ucapkan TERIMA KASIH. Tuk Det telah membawa ombak dan pengaruh yang sgt besar dlm hidup saya. terima kasih yang tak terhingga. Tuk Det membakar smgt saya tiap2 hari. sy hidup dlm semangat juang pun kerana Tuk Det. Tuk Det boleh, kenapa saya tidak?

By samad sulaiman on August 26, 2008 11:08 PM

Betul seperti tekaan Tun yang Anwar akan menang. Sayapun amat yakin Anwar akan menang. sebab apa? mestilah kerana KJ cakap besar nak kuburkan karier Anwar. Najib pulak tengah orang tak suka buat apa bkempen d Permatang Pauh duduk jelah kat rumah biar pak lah buat kerja kalau dia dah pandai sangat. Tahniah rakyat Permatang Pauh kerana mempunyai wakil rakyat yang sukakan...paham ajelah. Kalau kalah Anwar akan kata konspirasi polis, SPR, undi hantulah tapi bila menang ok pulak SPR, polis. Baguslah kurang harta benda rakyat rosak. Polis pun dapat balik kampung dah sebulan berkumpul di Permatang Pauh. Penyokong Anwar tak caya ka kerajaan tak ade konspirasi

By arep on August 26, 2008 11:09 PM

assalamualaikum

tun maad kan saya kalau komen ni tak sesuai untuk umum. saya semakin takut dgn hak org melayu dikikis sedikit demi sedikit di hilang kan. anwar dah menang pilihan raya, uitm nk bg 20% utk org bkn melayu gila ape...saya sungguh sedih...siapa kah yg akan membetul kan keadaan..dan tolong lah kerajaan sekarang jgn ada korupsi...kaki mengampu...tolong lah naik nye negara tu dgn perpaduan, keikhlasan dan kebijaksanaan....saya betul2 ambil berat tentang hal ini sbb generasi akan datang saya merasa kan penduduk malaysia semakin tidak bertamadun da penting kan wang ringgit. lihat saja lah dia jalan raya cara pemanduan org sekarang dan perangai nak cepat kaya....di harap tun dpt komen balik isu ini..saya bkn diskriminasi tp saya melihat bangsa saya semakin hancur

By RyscheClyde on August 26, 2008 11:09 PM

Dear TUN, my fellow Malay Comrade, and dearest malaysian..

Well said by TUN DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD. I bet there is non current leaders in BN and also PAKATAN can ever ever compete with TUN's. Very simple, straight to the point, and clear. There is no

flip flop, everything is common sense. Im so greatful to able to live under your leader ship for 22 years. I only met you ONCE in reality-I felt very overwhelmed and happy even though you have already retired.

In today's Malaysia politics, most of them use high tone- condemn accuse here and there..and suddenly everyone become greedy to become Prime Minister. DAP's agenda is to take over PWTC, PKR is form government, and PAS is to restructure the law. While BN keep on counting pocket money as much as they could because they know soon or later PAKATAN will take over.

It is very negative when I look and read all the PAKATAN allegations. Its all about Malay Rights to live in Malaysia. It is as if they want the Malay to get out of this country and live their life in poverty. Its balas dendam. Come on lah, what have we done to you Non Malays that you hate us so much until to extand to discrimante us?

By austози on August 26, 2008 11:10 PM

Dear Tun,

When you put it this way, it's easier to swallow for the non-Malays. I think it is unfortunate that many Malays regard the provisions specified in the NEP as their rights/privileges "enshrined in the Constitution" (they aren't) and vow to keep the NEP alive for eternity "to safeguard their Bumiputera rights". It is the suggestion that the discriminatory policy should go on forever that unnerves most of those who are discriminated against by it.

However, you have not explained away the basis of the assumption that all Malays are bad golfers, all Chinese are excellent golfers, and the Indians do not play golf at all. I think this is the fundamental flaw in the NEP. Wouldn't it be fairer to judge each player by his abilities rather than skin colour? Abuses of the NEP have been possible only because of this ill-conceived criterion on who should be given the handicaps. Tun, you probably realise that those who oppose the NEP most strongly come from the middle and lower class non-Malay community, which is a very large population of the Malaysian people. They are the ones hardest hit by the policy, because only the rich can afford to be generous in sharing their wealth. Incidentally, these are also the people who have shown in the recent elections to have deserted BN. Compared to the Malays in the same income group, they are worse off because the Malays at least have the NEP to fall back to, while these non-Malays are expected to make sacrifices to keep the NEP going. It just doesn't make sense.

I believe a study like that you proposed should be carried out, but I will not trust the government to do it. Have an independent body conduct it. Have more than one studies by different institutions if need be, but let them be independent of any manipulation by the government, because those in government presumably have the most to gain from the perpetuation of the NEP.

By zaba\_afie on August 26, 2008 11:12 PM

al- fatehah .... maha suci allah, aman lah, makmur kan lah, akan negara kami ini malaysia, dan anugerah saorang peminpin berjiwa asli islam mampan, hindar kan drp keburukan modal insan, amin.

By darahmelayu on August 26, 2008 11:16 PM

Salam Tun

I am so proud of u and how i wish that u still rule the country.  
how sad and pathetic our country is right now especially when malay just dont get u.  
sesungguhnya perjuangan kita belum selesai tun..

By dharma on August 26, 2008 11:16 PM

Dear Tun DR.M..... THANK YOU FOR WRITTING THE TRUTH.NOW YOU ARE OUR NATIONS FATHER.pLEASE CONTINUE WRITTING AND CORRECT THE MIND SET OF OUR MALAYSIANS.GOD IS ONE. LOVE IS GOD.LOVE ALL MAN KIND.PLEASE HELP THE POOR NO MATTER WHATEVER RACE HE/SHE BELONGS TO.

TAKE CARE AND WE LOVE YOU.

By janganlalai on August 26, 2008 11:24 PM

A very good point made by azizol haqim which i totally share the same thing as follows:

'While I agree with what Tun said 100%, can we assume that the non bumiputera will be fair to the Bumiputera once the NEP is abolished and the politic and economy is controlled by non-Bumiputera bearing in mind to what happens to the Malay in Singapore?'

By senjakalaAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 11:25 PM

Assalamua'laikum YAB Tun dan Keluarga dan sentiasa sihat dan dipelihara Allah s.w.t. selalu Amin.

Affirmative Action : Action favouring those who tend to suffer from discrimination. Since 1970 NEP was introduced and no denial certain percentage of the indigenous achieved some height among other communities. It has been like 38 years since its inception, how long more NEP need to achieve its goal or it is already long overdue if only the implementations were carried out earnestly.

As I have earlier quoted to your earlier post (Cronyism and NEP) the fate befallen my eldest daughter. She had deprived from the faculty of her choice though with reasonable good academic and co-curriculum achievements and instead being given to a borderline student from the east coast, who later dropped to be married. What a waste.

Unless all these wrong choices be stopped during the IMPLEMENTATION of the policy NEP will not succeed.

So, Tun that is why we see a lot of our very own Malay students and intellectuals are frustrated and react away from the right directions.

Tun dear, you are not to be blamed in total but that is the scenario that I perceived why NEP seems a failure and discriminating.

Wasallam

p/s my third son faced more or less same fate like her eldest sister but alhamdulillah, my wife and I managed to put him back on the right track but not without pain.

By mingAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 11:29 PM

Tahniah Anwar telah menang dan tepat jangkaan Tun Mahathir bahawa Anwar mesti menang=)

Sebelum ini suratkhbar utusan mengatakan 100% pada PRU 12 lepas BN akan 2/3 dan sekali lagi analisis mrk adalah salah.. Pada pilihanraya kecil sekali lagi akhbar utusan sengaja membuat analisis yg salah pd pembacanya krn utusan ceritakan bagaimana hebatnya BN seperti membuat karangan bahawa mrk yakin Anwar akan kalah hari ini tetapi syukur krn Anwar bukan saja menang tetapi menang besar haha..

Akhbar kepunyaan Barisan memang tak boleh dipercayai dan tdk bertanggungjawab melaporkan berita dan apa apa analisis.. Pemuda pemudi skrg dah maju tdk senang ditipu oleh kerajaan!

Kata kata akhbar utusan dan najib memang seringkali bohong rakyat!! Akhirnya Anwar benar kembali=)

By libzimAuthor Profile Page on August 26, 2008 11:39 PM

When we talk about discrimination it is almost all the time means government discriminating against the economically dominant minority. There has never been talk about discrimination in the private sector. The bumiputra are not only discriminated in the private sectors, but sometimes humiliated which psychologically makes them feel inferior. The minority especially the Chinese always under rate the bumiputra to the foreigners causing foreigners to look down on the bumiputra. They don't just do that here in Malaysia, they do that also overseas. I was in Australia earlier and I was told about this by an

Australian friend.

I remember when University Malaya was the only university in this country, I used to hear about Malay students being discriminated.

Singapore used to be predominantly Malay now the Malays are the minority there. They are discriminated but their voice can't even be heard. This is "press freedom". Fine example from Singapore. If affirmative actions are not taken, for sure Malaysia will be the next Singapore. NEP target will not be achieved forever. In fact it will be further and further away from the target because the minority will work very hard to ensure its failure and to abolish. All these are being disguised as liberalism, free speech, press freedom, trade liberalisation, meritocracy and a lot more western ideals which are meant to ensure the economically dominant minority will maintain control. I hope other countries especially the third world countries will also learn about this from Malaysia and beware.

By Patek1472 Author Profile Page on August 26, 2008 11:43 PM

"Victory Cries" After Permatang Pauh By-Election.

"Laungan-Laungan Kemenangan" Selepas Pilihanraya Kecil di Permatang Pauh.

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"Merdeka! Merdeka! Merdeka! Merdeka! Merdeka! Merdeka! Merdeka!"

"Hail! Man of Honour" walks again in the Corridors of Power

Posted at <http://patek1472.wordpress.com>

By libzim Author Profile Page on August 26, 2008 11:45 PM

Government should know what is the best for its people and should do everything necessary to protect its people. It's the government's responsibility. The government should not just listen to the demand of western oriented NGOs with their disguised ideals. There is no absolute freedom. If the government doesn't control, other parties will impose controls. This can be from trade associations, NGOs, cultural societies etc.

By Imran Abd Rahman on August 26, 2008 11:46 PM

Assalamualaikum all.

DSAI has won. Is he on his way to Putrajaya now? Personally, I do not wish him to be there (nor do I want Dollah to be there either).

Besides, Tun is the only PM I know since I was born.

I am not an UMNO or a PKR person. If there is such a thing as a Mahathirian, then I supposed I am one of them.

It is very disheartening to see what is happening now.

The 'sumpah' being ridiculed in public and politicized, the non existence of Jalur Gemilang few days before merdeka, Nurin Jazlin still yet to receive her justice.

We are so intoxicated with all this politicking that we all failed to see the most basic thing that we should do; take responsibility and care of our own backyard.

These two people mentioned above is an example of what we should not be. One is ruining our country, the other will ruin it.

Tun is not perfect but he did lay out the tracks for us. He can't force us to walk on it, it is our choice.

Unfortunately, not many people seem to notice those tracks now.

That being said, I personally hope that we take a breather from all this politicking and give the coming month of Ramadhan the respect it deserves. BN or PKR, take off those gloves, and just put our hands together, and ask for blessings from the Almighty for our beloved land. The road to Putrajaya can wait.

By cyberdroxxx on August 26, 2008 11:46 PM

Dear Tun

Waking up the bumis youngsters? What can be done to the Rempits, Lepaks, Dropouts and such? Can placing them in institution for them to earn good merits to fill the bumi quotas in universities become



reality?

A new education system should be implemented for these socially drifted groups. Correctional facilities set-up to ensure they qualify for a place in universities by merit or they will not join the society.

I wonder if that's possible.

By Ahmad Fauzi Author Profile Page on August 26, 2008 11:46 PM

Yg Disayangi Tun,

Semoga dikurinkan kesihatan dan kesejahteraan.

Teruslah bimbing orang melayu. Memang benar kata Tun "Melayu mudah lupa" Muda-mudi dah tiada maruah diri. Lupa perjuangan bangsa. Sedih dengan situasi kini. Ini Tanah Melayu dari dulu Tanah Melayu tapi melayu hanyut dek hiburan merosakkan. Melayu sanggup tikam melayu orang lain sengih gigi.

Saya dibelakang Tun walau apa pun yang terjadi. Ramai sangat yang jadi pengkhianat bangsa. Wassalam.

By patrickz218 on August 26, 2008 11:49 PM

lazy and lack of self belief!

By TK on August 26, 2008 11:57 PM

Dear Tun,

I have to agree with most of your latest article. I wish that you had enforced such principles when you were in a position to do so.

Whereas in 1969, there might have been such a big gap between the races, it was not the case in 1989. The NEP should have revised based on income. Why all this racial ill-will? No one will question if poor families are helped financially and quotas reserved for them in universities. The sad part is that the rich got richer. Even Malays lost faith in UMNO when they saw rich Malays rebuilding low cost housing into mansions.

What can be done to correct the situation now? Will PKR deliver on their promises? This will become apparent after not too long.

By the way, Tun, I would like to say that in spite of what many call "white elephants", I believe that you made the right decision in the following:

1. KLIA (now how can we get more airlines coming in?),
  2. Cyberjaya (pity that politicians made this such an expensive place),
  3. Putrajaya (one way to reduce congestion in KL but it is too dominated by one race and religion),
  4. All the Highways, even with toll (wish I could be sure that rates are fair),
  5. Twin Towers (it really made people aware of Malaysia),
  6. F1 in Sepang (lots of tourist dollars),
  7. Education moving towards the International language, ie, English (lots of resistance though),
  8. Multimedia Super Corridor (less involvement of top international names now though),
  9. Shipping ports on the West coast (which reduced Singapore's dominance),
- and lots more.

Yes, Sir. You had great vision and built a strong infrastructure that made Malaysia attractive to investors and tourists.

Is then the main weakness of your administration the choice of the people around you? Are they the ones that brought in corruption and brought down the judiciary?

Some decisions like the national car project did cost the rakyat a lot and is still costing us. The pinch is more because the value of our money is sliding and the cost of everything is going up. Although many think that the Malaysian currency is strong, it is just because they are not aware the the US dollar is even weaker currently. But the US currency will be shored up as no country can afford to have the US declared bankrupt. The same is not true of Malaysia. Even if Anwar takes over the government, will there be any money left in the treasury for him to make a difference???

(Outside the topic - A comment was made that the Penang gov't was irresponsible in declaring today a state holiday. Couldn't the federal gov't predict that? As soon as the election was declared on a working weekday, an ordinary uninformed member of the rakyat told me that the Penang gov't would probably do that. It looks like the BN is running around like a headless chicken.)

TK

By Malaysian Indian on August 26, 2008 11:59 PM

Dear Tun,

By far this has been a good article with very good interpretation of the NEP and affirmative action.

I do agree that affirmative action will bring some kind of discrimination. But don't you think that the following sentence is true also.

By Ricardo on August 26, 2008 9:17 PM

" the issue of NEP, NEP is a good idea provided that the discrimination is against the well-to-dos and help is for the poors of all races only."

But is that happening ? Malays are always privileged no matter their status (rich or poor).

Consider this : minimum 7% discount are given for Bumiputra house buyers regardless the cost of the house. Do you consider a Bumiputra who can afford to purchase a house costing RM 300,000 is handicapped.

NEP may have started with a noble cause but implementation of it has made other races lagging in so many areas. There is marked increase of Bumiputra students in the intakes of public universities at the expense of Non-Bumis.

By fazli on August 27, 2008 12:04 AM

Dear All,

I think these talks of PAS replacing UMNO as the champion of Malay/Islam cause is just "feel - good" story mooted by die hard PAS supporters. Let's face it, if UMNO is erased from the country's political scene, PAS will only be the moral guardian of the malays in the PR government. When it comes to NEP and complicated economic issues, DAP & PKR will run the show.

Think long and hard.... who will benefit the most when these scenarios takes place? A good example is REHDA (Real Estate and Housing Developer's Association) recently made known their "wish list" for 2009 budget but did PAS said anything?? No!!!! They are too busy trying to kill off UMNO (they only have until June 2010 to do it). This is why DAP loves PAS so much.

Why is NEP not important to PAS???? Simple.... they are only interested in petty matters like Avril Lavigne concert, separate queues in supermarkets and separate public transport for different gender. It seems that with every concert cancelled, the malay/muslim in this country has taken a giant leap to heaven. Also, I wonder how millions of muslim in Europe and US survive as PAS does not exist there to protest these moral degrading and faith shattering concerts??



SEKARANG MACAM DAH REVERSE BALIK SEMUA.

OVERHAUL SEMUAA  
TERMASUK RAKYAT MALYSIAAA

MODAL INSAN MANA?

EDUCATE SEMUA BALIK

YG MASUK UNIVERSITI TU BELUM JAMIN HASIL EDUCATED PERSON  
UNTUK ADA KARIER SEMATA-MATA TU TAK CUKUP UNTUK NEGARA  
MEDIA PLAK ASYIK SIAR HIBURAN TAK SUDAH2

TOLONG LAH:

TOLONG DIRI SENDIRI

TOLONG KELUARGA

TOLONG SAUDARA-MARA

TOLONG KAWAN2

TOLONG MASYARAKAT

TOLONG NEGARA

DEDICATE FOR ANWAR IBRAHIM,

KALAU TAK BOLEH TOLONG DIRI SENDIRI,

TAK PAYAH TOLONG NEGARA.

TONGGANG TERBALIK SEMUA NANTI.

,  
young engineer  
UiTM graduate  
slave to GOD

By manblack on August 27, 2008 12:19 AM

sayang...percaturan bn/umno gagal sekali lagi..tahniah untuk anwar..tahniah untuk pak lah..tahniah untuk najib...tahniah untuk permatang pauh...takziah juga untuk permatang pauh...

By Aku PeningAuthor Profile Page on August 27, 2008 12:20 AM

Akum Tun,

I have notice that most of the readers enjoyed being the top 10 to post their comments and some just "enjoyed" reading your article or view.

My question: Are we so relax that we don't care about what is happening around us? Are we not afraid what will happen to our children in the future due to the current "volatile" political, economy and unity unstablality?

I see more readers would just act "wait and see" attitude. Am I alone who feels that we need to do something now in order to provide better oppurtunities for our children in the future?

Looking forward to your speech at Kiara this saturday.

End - Aku Pening

By rhmn on August 27, 2008 12:24 AM

Saya dengan ini MENDESAK DAN MENGGESA AGAR

PERDANA MENTERI MALAYSIA ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI

MELETAKKAN JAWATAN SERTA MERTA dan bukannya 2 tahun akan datang

TAK ADA APA-APA PUN YANG BOLEH DILAKUKAN OLEH AAB UNTUK MENGEMBALIKAN KEPERCAYAAN RAKYAT

SELAGI ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI MENJADI PM SELAGI ITULAH BN AKAN DITOLAK OLEH RAKYAT

LIHATLAH PERMATANG PAUH SEKARANG

By malaysianboy on August 27, 2008 12:25 AM

TDM

1. The founders of this country did not agree on the NEP. If they did the NEP would be enshrined in the Constitution, which it is not.
2. Quoting from you, what the founders did agree on is that "they would eradicate poverty irrespective of race and that there should be no identification of race with economic function." This is obviously inconsistent with the NEP.
3. I do not object to the idea of affirmative action in principle. However, people who benefit from it needs to understand that this is a form of support (a concession, if you will) given by others. It is not a right or a privilege.
4. Affirmative action should benefit all races. Can you provide some examples where the Chinese and Indians have benefited from affirmative action?
5. Affirmative action requires accountability and an expiry date. Otherwise, people who benefit from it do not feel the need to put in the effort to improve themselves. This defeats the purpose of affirmative action.
6. The NEP has failed on a few counts. First, it has become a tool to buy favour in return for political support. Second, it has largely not benefited the disadvantaged Malays but mainly those who actually don't need the support - e.g. the Malay students who obtain scholarships are often the children of Datuks. Third, NEP is now a crutch for some Malays; they think it is their inalienable birthright. Fourth, NEP has used to subjugate the other races. It has morphed into a monster known as Ketuanan Melayu. It leads to inequality and has bred resentment among other races. In the long run, there is no way the country can be united if one race lords over the other races. Other races are made to feel like second class citizens.
7. Btw, as far as I know, affirmative action is intended to benefit the minority and not the majority.
8. The Malays really have to do some serious soul searching and not hide behind the NEP. Unless they face reality, they will be living under the misguided assumption that the oil will never run dry in the country. Ultimately, they will simply do themselves in and really, they will have no one else to blame for it other than themselves.

Cheers.

By jeremy on August 27, 2008 12:34 AM

Hi Dr Mahathir, firstly let me introduce myself, the name is jeremy. It is certainly an honor to be able to communicate to you through blogging. I have been reading a lot of books that you have been writing for the past few years for example on globalization, MSC etc and all the recent videos that you were in it for example hard talk and bloomberg. Like any other malaysians i am pretty aware of our country's economy

and its political stability. I have always dreamt of a Malaysia that is prosperous and united. No doubt, under your watch as prime minister everything was under control but that doesn't mean there isn't a bubble crisis just waiting to burst. As you are a doctor you would probably know that diabetes doesn't just happen in one day or a year, the patient is actually dying for many years before he is diagnosed with diabetes. The recent elections, is a very good sign for my metaphors, that Malaysian people are getting less ignorant about their country. They might not be that "intellectual" but they believe in a united country where every single citizen benefits from it. Even the Malays whom I have spoken to tells me that they want equality and a fair play, to compete fairly with everyone regardless of races. They deserve to be respected.

Tunku Abdul Aziz whom I have personally spoken to is a very good example of great men that we have in Malaysia. Tunku Aziz wants to see a better Malaysia which is free from corruption for years to come. A humble man who fights a righteous cause.

The recent downfall of BN is not due solely to our current PM but a series of events that took place long time ago that affects the outcome of the 2008 election. A butterfly effect. There's a saying "Like the proverbial butterfly that flaps its wings on one continent and eventually causes a hurricane on another".

Nevertheless, my respect is to you Dr Mahathir.

With kind regards from  
A pharmacist and economist,  
Jeremy

By pastikanori on August 27, 2008 12:34 AM

Salam to all,

Walau 100..1000 tahun lagi bangsa Melayu akan terus layu..  
kata orang jika disebut Me"layu" 44 kali maka akan layulah ia..

- 1.Melayu lemah kerana tidak menghayati agamanya - Islam.
- 2.Pemimpin melayu tidak ikhlas membimbing orang melayu menghayati Islam. Islam sebagai mainan dibibir sahaja untuk raih undi.
3. Pembimbing Islam (Ustaz/pendidik/ulamak dll) lebih kearah menegakkan fahaman politi masing2. Tidak peduli tentang amanah asal iaitu membimbing orang Islam kearah yang lebih baik.

Jika depa ni amanah maka tidak akan ada (atau kuranglah) masalah sosial yang semakin parah (rasuah,dadah, buang anak) begitu juga dgn masalah keperibadian yang negatif dapat diperbaiki.

Melayu lemah?  
Siapa peduli? .... Tiada siapa.  
Perlu ke peduli? .. Tidak!! masing2 ada akal usaha sendirilah! Jika malas..tak makan..lantak le..

I am not Melayu but I am Malay

patikanori@gmail.com  
By entrepreneurAuthor Profile Page on August 27, 2008 12:44 AM

Salam Tun, Semoga sihat selalu. Bagaimana respon Tun tentang kemenangan DS Awar Ibrahim dengan majority yang lebih besar. Dapatkah beliau menjadi PM pada 16 September ini?

<http://very-hot-article.blogspot.com/>  
By milshah on August 27, 2008 12:50 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

As always your words continue to inspire us especially the malays to move forward. It has always been the challenge for the malays to be able to compete on a level playing field with the other races as well as the world.

On another matter, I'm currently reading Mahathir Mohamad An Illustrated Biography.

A very interesting book for me. I found that the reading habit has been nurtured into you when you were young. I also found that when you were young you were not allowed to go outside your house compound. Although your father was a strict disciplinarian, it has made you a better person. Your first love later became your wife. Thats true love I would say. Very seldom we can find that nowadays.

Will there ever be another leader like you?

Happy Merdeka and Selamat Menyambut Ketibaan Bulan Ramadhan.  
By syahir on August 27, 2008 12:55 AM

A'kum Tun Dr. Mahathir!

I am with you! Long live Malaysia forever!!!

<http://gunungraya.blogspot.com/>  
By Mohd Naim on August 27, 2008 12:59 AM

Yg. DiKasihi Tun,

Satu lagi penjelasan yang tepat dan berhemah. Saya sedikit pun tidak rasa tersinggung dari kenyataan Tun itu sebaliknya mengalu-alukan supaya orang-orang Melayu kelak dapat melakukan seperti apa yang Tun wawaskan untuk mereka. Walaupun Tun menyarankan supaya DEB itu patut dihapuskan apabila sebab ianya diadakan mencapai matlamatnya kelak. Begitu jugalah dengan hak keistimewaan golongan itu bukanlah satu kemegahan tetapi ianya sekadar peluang agar mereka dapat mengejar untuk boleh bersaing.

Tetapi, kenapakah bila cabaran yang datangnya dari bangsa-bangsa asing terutama dari ahli-ahli politik mereka untuk menghapuskan DEB dan hak keistimewaan orang Melayu mendatangkan kemarahan yang amat sangat?

Pada saya ianya disebabkan niat orang yang mengajukanya selain Tun, disyaki penuh dengan muslihat dan tidak jujur. Kebanyakan mereka dapat kita baca semata-mata mencari penguasaan politik supaya mereka dapat berkuasa. Tiada langsung kejujuran untuk berkhidmat kearah kedamaian dan kesejahteraan kaum yang berbilang bangsa di negara ini. Hanya kepentingan diri sahaja yang utama. Sememangnya mereka itu tidak berhak mempersoalkan isu-isu sensitif kaum di Malaysia ini oleh kerana kredibiliti mereka yang tercemar.

Kalau kita lihat kembali semasa pemerintahan Tun, isu-isu sensitif kaum ketika itu dapat ditangani dengan berkesan sehingga kita dapat menghormati satu sama lain dan berasa seronok menghadiri perayaan berbilang kaum. Serpihan DEB membuat ramai bangsa asing kaya dan mewah sungguh pun dasar itu dianggap mereka masih tidak adil. Ucapan-ucapan bernas berserta tindakan cekap dan tegas Tun menenangkan kita yang keadaan negara dan rakyat terkawal. Kita dapat menjalankan urusan harian dengan yakin tanpa risau akan masaalah negara sebab percaya yang Tun boleh mengatasi segala cabaran dengan bijak.

Sungguh kesal dan hampa kita telah mundur kerana semua itu di musnahkan oleh DSAAB dan UMNOnya. Padan muka kalah di Permatang Pauh dengan lebih teruk lagi daripada PRU lepas. Dengan seluruh kekuatan parti dan kuasa kerajaan tertumpu pada satu tempat pun tak boleh menang atau sekurang-kurangnya mengurangkan majoriti si Mat King Leather itu. Memang dayuslah kalau DSAAB dan UMNOnya masih tak faham lagi.

By threesixtynine on August 27, 2008 1:03 AM

salam che det

berikan kepada kami (forumner/blogger/rakyat) 3 contoh jenis perniagaan asas, regardless food supply based, automotif based, technology based etc yang berjaya dikuasai oleh orang melayu islam & berjaya menghasilkan rantai perniagaan dari mula sampai end product di kalangan kita yang masih survive & dipelopori oleh orang melayu islam sehingga hari ini ?

sepanjang 22 tahun tu sekiranya che det alihkan sedikit tumpuan pada perniagaan asas di malaysia (selain mega projects) saya yakin pasti ramai usahawan bumiputera yang self-sustain akan terhasil, bukannya seperti hari ini, yang kaya hendak bertambah kaya, yang susah terus susah, walaupun otak geliga mengalahkan einstein.

By Orang Dapur on August 27, 2008 1:17 AM

Salam Ayahanda Tun.

Anwar dah menang.

Parlimen pasti kecoh.

Pembangkok bertambah kuat.

Yang pasti

MELAYU MENANG SORAK KAMPUNG TERGADAI

Memang benar kata Ayahanda Tun MELAYU MUDAH LUPA.

By tongkat on August 27, 2008 1:25 AM

Tun,

Here's an example of affirmative action in play and in crumbles - the US airline industry. This is not affirmative action in terms of race, but it is one in terms of the nationality of the companies.

The US restricts foreign airlines from operating on domestic flights within the country, to protect its interests in the domestic markets. The domestic airlines (American Airlines, United, Delta, Continental etc) compete against one another on a lower measuring stick, without the competition of more advanced and dynamic foreign airlines that are accustomed to "battles" on a global scale. They have grown dull and ineffective. This has resulted in lousy service, horrible on-time rates and low quality airports. On the world scale, the US airlines rank very low on prestige and we're now seeing them crumble under the pressures of the world markets.

You can translate that to affirmative action in Malaysia. The Quota system forces Bumiputeras to compete for a lucrative pool, and forces the non-Bumi's to compete among the best for a small number of spots within the country. On the global scale though, without true merit competition, we will flounder as a country that is only competing within itself.

By red7617 on August 27, 2008 1:55 AM

A'kum Tun



DSAI menang di permatang pauh, adakah dia merupakan ancaman terbesar BN/UMNO. mampukah bn bertahan dengan kepakaran spin master  
Harap Tun mampu kembali membantu mengembalikan/memulihkan kegemilangan umno yg mekar dikalangan org melayu seperti sebelum pru12. kembalilah tun demi negara dan bangsa..

mendoakan tun semoga sihat selalu,  
merdeka dan selamat menyambut bulan ramadhan..  
By nagazol on August 27, 2008 2:18 AM

YAB Tun,

Nampaknya seteru-seteru Tun dari semua penjuror sudah lengkap bergelanggang di parlimen.

Apakata Tun tubuh satu parti baru, canggung rasanya melihat Tun tak berwadah.

Terima kasih.  
By Kokabala on August 27, 2008 2:18 AM

Tun Dr.M,

One word of caution. Affirmative action will result in a Zimbabwe like country. Where Zimbabwe is today is due to Affirmative action where the White business and farm are taken over by force by the black. Once a rice bowl of Africa but now its people are dying of starvation.

I believe you won't agree with me as Mugabe is a good friend of you.  
By mydaudi on August 27, 2008 2:26 AM

Salam Tun,...you've said it again and again since the day you wrote 'Dilema Melayu'. Again when you say 'melayu mudah lupa' and again when you cried in PWTC. You've been so patriotic to the nation and defensive on behalf of the majority bumiputras at the same time fair enough to the others. 22 years as a PM is relatively quite a while. You've done your best. Maybe it needs you another 22 years to successfully change the mindset of the bumis particularly the Malay. Untuk memerdekakan satu masyarakat yang telah terjajah minda dan keyakinannya selama 500 tahun bukanlah semudah memerdekakan tanahnya secara fizikal. Terima kasih kepada Tun kerana telah memberikan sebahagian besar pengisian kemerdekaan kepada kita semua. Namun jauh di sudut hati, tertanya-tanya apakah makna kemerdekaan bagi orang Melayu pada tahun 2020 nanti?  
By anak georgetown on August 27, 2008 2:35 AM

Ayahanda Tun sekeluarga, assalamualaikum .....

Adakah akar umbi sahaja yang bimbang tentang kebangkitan pembangkang? Persoalan ini timbul kerana semenjak PRU lepas didapati kepimpinan Umno masih lagi lena, seolah olah seperti Umno telah mencapai kemenangan besar. Apabila bermulanya mesyuarat di peringkat cawangan komitmen ahli melebihi PRU. Ini belum lagi menghadapi mesyuarat bahagian. Apa yang telah dan perlu dilakukan oleh pucuk pimpinan untuk survival parti orang Melayu. Hasrat rakyat telah diterjemahkan di atas kertas undi pada 8 Mac 2008 dan yang terbaru di Permatang Pauh. Adakah mereka yang tak sedar diri ini akan meratapinya setelah TALKIN UNTUK UMNO dibaca atau pun sememangnya wujud dikalangan mereka yang bercita cita hendak membaca TALKIN UNTUK UMNO.

Pohon komen dari Ayahanda Tun dan bloggers.  
Semoga Ayahanda Tun sekeluarga sentiasa sihat dan dirahmati olehNya.  
By Redhuan D. OonAuthor Profile Page on August 27, 2008 2:38 AM

Tun,

I recently saw a comic book published about you in MPH. I read through the whole content and as expected found out some history about Tun that was not bragged about such as how you were successful in the market stall business at the college age.

What i can see there is that Tun became successful despite the disparity that exist especially at your time. Why then the others do not succeed as you did? The answer is simple. They were lazy and blamed others while you are not and did not. You strive and was not given any assistance by the powers of the day. You struggled like a chinese or indian would and succeeded.

One of the main reasons i see that you succeed was because you came from a strict upbringing. Your father was a headmaster and of an English type school.

Now, without the discipline we can all see how all this can go down the drain. You have the discipline, you succeed.

However, not everyone are like you or me. If given the chance to succeed but without the need to be hardworking and discliplined, they will not succeed and have proven to consistently not succeed.

Any handouts or handicaps given to them are not appreciated for the mere fact that they are not hardworking and discliplined. I suspect that they do not even have any inkling of what should be their vision.

Thus it shall all be a waste. Tun yourself has witness such wanton waste. Those wasted millions, and bankrupt millionaires in its fall.

Hopefully we have a new leadership that knows how bad it is to waste. And like a good father, we wish for a PM that shall give only to his sons that will make good of what little is given, and in the end succeed so that the capital he took can be returned to grow another success over and over again.

Peace be upon you,

Redhuan D. Oon  
PendAtang Dengan Izin  
By zoe on August 27, 2008 2:44 AM

Dear Tun,  
I'm glad that finally you share the truth. A very sensitive topic that rarely a politician will share like you.

Not so long ago, my relatives were questioning on NEP policy. Many of us were asking "why". Why us? why can't? Why they?....

Some how, I had different perception. Like you said, I would rather leave the "privileges" to bumis in exchange of peace of mind living in the country. Perhaps, NEP was the best solution to avoid May 13 happen again.

Sometimes in life, we shouldn't ask "Why?" but "How?". Whatever we want in life we must sacrifice something precious in exchange.

I can't wait to read your autobiography. I saw you on tv comment on Permatang Pauh election today, you look tired and older compare to the last time i saw you on tv not too long ago. Please take care of your health and don't overwork. We need you Tun. You know what? Whenever I read the subject or heading with the word "PM" my brain will register you're the PM, it actually takes me 2 years to register Badawi. Because you're my PM when I learn the word of government, you're my PM when I was first day at school, you're my PM when I started to work...You're always my PM.

By Zahari S on August 27, 2008 2:54 AM

Assalamualaikum YBhg Tun Dr. Mahathir,

I'm one of the millions rakyat that have benefited from the affirmative action implemented by the government in 1970.

Tun, your analogy about affirmative action is very straight forward and easy to understand. It's not that I don't understand about affirmative action because this policy exist everywhere in the world.

When I was sponsored by the government to further my studies in the US, I personally experience affirmative action being implemented in the US.

In the US they have what is called a minimum wage policy where you'll be paid a minimum salary of about USD3.25 per hour for the type of work that most affluent people would not want to do. For example, a janitor. Today the rate is much higher.

Another thing is that they created affirmative action policy in employing black and hispanic Americans in addition of providing special quota for university entrance for under privileged citizens.

So, by virtue of my understanding the affirmative action implemented by the government, I took it upon myself to provide for my family. Until year 2008, I've always buy all the books for all my five children and refused to "take" advantage of the Skim Pinjaman Buku Tekes. Now, I've two children in IPTAs and I've been "sponsoring" them without any money from PTPTN.

This is how I'm paying back the government who have paid for my education all the way to the US.

Anyway, nowadays, anything that the government is doing with regard to affirmative action, in our case the NEP is being looked upon with suspicions as the NEP is only benefiting the Bumiputra. What these people failed to see is that the Bumiputeras that they despised for benefiting from such policy are the same Bumiputeras that provide them with the demand for their goods and services.

Yes, the hated Bumiputeras and until recently UMNOputras are the one that buy from the non Bumiputeras business owners. This provides the non Bumiputeras with business opportunities in retailing, constructions (new houses, new apartments, renovation works), car workshops, fast food restaurants, high end coffee shops, numerous kopitiam shops, etc.

So, in as Tun mentioned, the NEP has its own shortcomings especially in the awarding a direct nego contracts when the Bumiputeras who were given the contract turned around and give the contract to a non Bumiputera for a fee of about 5% to 10% of the contract. On this note, I believe the Ali Baba concept was introduced by the non Bumiputeras as they are the one that have the money and expertise. Without such arrangement, the non Bumiputeras would not be able to "enjoy" the fruits of NEP.

Finally, the affirmative action implemented by the BN government have benefited all the races in Malaysia as the hardcore poverty and the income distribution have reduced. For those who want to continue to cry foul over the NEP are more than welcome to seek greener pasture somewhere else in this "borderless" world.

LoyalCitizen  
Shah Alam

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on August 27, 2008 3:15 AM

Dear Tun,

What a disastrous by-election for BN. What does the results reflect? Time for Pak Lah to ponder whether his clinging to power as a Prime Minister should end immediately. The results speak by itself that the position of UMNO particularly, is in a precarious situation. Pak Lah must take full responsibility for the shameful and embarrassing results. What more can he say other than to accept the fact that the rakyat had already expressed loud and clear their lack of confidence towards UMNO and its leaders. What can he do for the next 2 years to save UMNO's credibility. Nothing at all. HE MUST RESIGN NOW. No two way about it. Those UMNO supreme council members who still want him to stay are really dungus. He will drag all of them into the drain together with him. It is a matter of time UMNO will become a "pariah" party,

if Pak Lah still insists to continue holding the almost collapsed fort. UMNO will be write off for good in no time. Believe me. Make no mistake about it. The writing is written very clearly on the wall. Likewise, Najib is also gone case. His credibility is really shaky now. His political career will be shortlived. He is now a liability to UMNO. He cannot last long. What a pity!! All the leaders of UMNO are dreamers. They must realise that they are now holding a time bomb in their hands waiting to be detonated by themselves like suicide bombers.

I give Pak Lah the latest after Hari Raya to say goodbye to Seri Perdana and get ready to pack up. He does not deserve to stay there any longer at the expense of taxpayers money. The rakyat do not give a damn what he is doing now. A lame duck Prime Minister !! Tak malu ke?

Pak Lah, are you still in a state of denial? You think you can still turnaround UMNO's fortune for the next 2 years. No way at all. You are just making things worse for UMNO.

To UMNO grassroot members, jangan jadi "dah bodoh stupid". Your party is on the brink of going to HELL. ACT NOW BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE !! Kick Pak Lah out to save your bangsa Melayu supaya bangsamu jangan jadi macam orang angau ditepi jalan merayap-rayap tanpa pedoman. Yes Tun, I am very harsh in my comment but this is the only credible blog of yours that I can freely express my frustration. I just hate to have Malay leaders who are really "pekak, buta dan bisu" !!

By pugster on August 27, 2008 3:19 AM

My warm regards to you Tun, your article is most enlightening. Being a non malay, we were instilled by our parents to strike out on our own without much assistance by govt institutions for our education. In order to progress, we absorb whatever we could and we take on parttime job to see us through our further education. When we join the workforce, there was no level playing field. We climb with determination to realise our ambition. All these while, we observe our bumi counterpart's progress, sometimes with envy and wish we were bumis too! The affirmative action to change this will not be received well as many are still in a state of denial. E.g the recent protest by uitm for political means! The recent announcement that civil servants can take on a second job will further cripple the administration. Corruption and croynism will be rampant. I believe that the affirmative action to rehabilitate the govt must be no 1 priority before helping my fellow malay comrades. We need leaders like you to make that change. By beejay69Author Profile Page on August 27, 2008 3:19 AM

Dear sir, I've been following your Posting since early june this year, I'm truely amaze with what i've been reading. With all the feedback (pro & Con) that you've been getting, I must say that I'm excited with joy ! You're still kicking and alive! Keep it up sir! Let Malaysia and Malaysian be alive! Coz' I think this is Healthy way of communicating. May God bless You sir.

By mamakTHEgreatAuthor Profile Page on August 27, 2008 3:51 AM

Tun,

It's pretty sad to have leader such as DSAI to be the PM one day. Everybody knows that with his determination power, he would do anything to achieve what he wants. Many people doesn't really know what he has done to win the votes of general public. Until today, the involvement of DSAI in The Interfaith Commission(IFC) has yet to be revealed.

Today, he told all Indian and Chiness that Malaysia is not own by the Malays and one day he will just turn the table and say Malaysia only owns by Malays not Indian or Chiness.

I hope the current leaders and BN members of parlimen knows what his capable up to. If they think the could use the principal of "tunggu dan lihat", i think we are inviting for disaster.

But having said that, its also high time for the current leaders to retreat and go back to drawing board to look at the fundamentals of winning votes from general public. But, i dont think it could happen because

everbody has their own ego..

Things which we are unable to see during your time is happening right now. The government administration is being questioned openly even was broadcast in National TV. Everybody resorting to go for Sumpah rather than allowing legal system to proof it and lots more.

Well, the General Public has voted it and now we just wait for the implication.  
By rajalanunAuthor Profile Page on August 27, 2008 4:24 AM

Salam Tun,

Admire you so much Tun, semangat berbakti kepada bangsa yang tak pernah luntur. Dari zaman belajar lagi saya ikut perkembangan Tun dan sangat teruja dengan sejarah perjuangan Tun dalam UMNO sehinggalah kini.

Its not easy for a leader to admit their weaknesses. Lagi2 Malaysia ni multi races. But Tun make it very proper, with very good justification and your writing easy to understand by all. Im sure other non-malay readers understand much what are you tring to say. But yang menyedihkan secara peribadi saya lihat pemimpin sekarang hanya mampu menuding jari. If ada yang admit kesilapan pun, dia punya pusing macam tak bersalah langsung, macam melepas tangan, alih dituding pada org lain jugak. Umpama to admit mistake tu haram. Takda pendirian langsung. Dah tau tak mampu, tak payah la jadi pemimpin. Berkarung2 sumpah laknat rakyat yang dizalimi.

For us as new generation wonder who can take the burden with true responsibility to the nation. Quite scary enough. Hopefully its not too long, too deep and too late. We dont want the dark tragedy repeated.

Keep on writing Tun.  
May Allah bless you.

Wassalam.  
By Dunhill on August 27, 2008 5:01 AM

I am surprised at the number of Chinese people who found flaws in this article. If this article is so difficult to understand, perhaps one could simply read points 1 to 10 and stop right there. There is a purpose in numbering.

There is no point to pretend to be ever so democratic and abhor discrimination, or more specially racism entirely. Why compare our multi-racial society to predominantly white societies. They do not and will not have our problems. If comparison is so important, draw analogy from our neighbours. It is to your convenience to forget the plight of our neighbours. It is also to your convenience to scream NO to discrimination not in your favour.

By siam kedah on August 27, 2008 5:56 AM

Tun,

Apa yang tulis memang senang di baca dan mudah di faham. tetapi di peringkat pelaksanaan jauh sekali kesannya.

Cuba Tun fikir apa terjadi pada orang Siam Kedah. Rata rata masih miskin dan masih lagi terikat di sektor pertanian dan jadi kuli batak dengan Cina. Peluang untuk dapat biasiswa paling tipis. Melayu atas dasar DEB dah berapa ramai jadi Dr. Jurutera, lawyer. Siam ada berapa kerat...boleh bilang dengan jari.

Walaupun dalam pertanian, masih lagi ada diskriminasi. Di Kedah masih perlu sijil Siam. Tetapi itulah nasib Siam yang kecil dan tak ada kuasa politik. Dasar DEB jelas tapi bila Siam nak dapat bantuan kerajaan...mereka adalah lain lain dan BUKAN BUMIPUTRA. Jadi POCHIK HILEK mana mau dapat.

Ahh, banyak lagi boleh saya ceritakan tetapi realitinya orang Siam di Malaysia adalah kaum yang paling tertindas di Malaysia.

Kalau main golf, orang Siam handikap 24 terpaksa lawan dengan Pro Cina dan Melayu yang dapat free stroke..

Tambahan pula ada dua tiga orang Tun yang diharap memimpin Siam rupa rupanya mengambil peluang makan untuk perut sendiri saja. Pasal itulah sampai hari ini Siam masih usung bantal datang Kuala Lumpur jumpa Paklah. Betul Tun tahun 2008 Siam masih lagi usung bantal datang tidur Wat di Kuala Lumpur.

Salam hormat Tun, tapi itulah kenyataannya.  
By zainnan on August 27, 2008 6:02 AM

Dear Tun,

We have no choice but to congratulate Saudara Anwar for his stunning victory in Permatang Pauh.

The saying is very true that one can fool some people for sometimes, but one can never fool all the people for all the times.

It's irony that leaders have never learnt from history. If only man realises that history does really make him wiser.

It's painful to see powerful leaders like Musharaf and the gang are searching for the exit doors disgracefully, which naturally is adding another chapter to history too.

By ynwa1976 on August 27, 2008 6:10 AM

Wah Jeremy, a chaos theory expert arent you.

Not sure what to make of Anwar's win. I am guessing it is more reflective of people's disenchantment with the Abdullah's administration than pure love and admiration of Anwar's qualities and policies.

I think affirmative action still has not gone past its use-by date. Even Anwar is not fully against NEP. Look, even the Parlimen building requires renovation etc ie tweaks are required as well in the NEP. But total removal will be a shock to the system, just like the removal of the oil subsidy. Even you chedet, were against the culture of subsidy before. So I am positive that we are not moving in the wrong direction if we tweak the NEP. Maybe by tweaking, we can reduce the percentage of abuse. The way chedet described the process of giving out subsidies sounds more like shooting in the dark, a hit and miss process. Maybe we should emulate what banks are doing - they collect historical data on borrowers, and use them to predict the behaviour of future population of borrowers. I'm sure we have that database of people who have benefited from contracts, subsidies etc before, so maybe we can use them to select future candidates better.

My 2 sen.

By azienmat on August 27, 2008 6:18 AM

Hooo...!!Hoooo...!!Hooooo....!!Hooooo.....  
Permatang Pauh, oH Permatang Pauh.. Sampainya hati-mu..

Huuu...!!Huuuu...!!Huuuuu....!!Huuuuuuuu...  
Permatang Pauh, oH Permatang Pauh.. Sampainya hati-mu..

Haaa...!!Haaaa...!!Haaaaa....!!Haaaaaaaa...  
Permatang Pauh, oH Permatang Pauh.. Sampainya hati-mu..

Heee...!!Heeee...!!Heeeee...!!Heeeeeeee...  
Permatang Pauh, oh Permatang Pauh.. Sampainya hati-mu..

Hiiiiiiii!!..Hiiiiiiii!!..Hiiiiiiii!!..Hiiiiiiii!!...  
Uwaaaa..Uwaaaa...Uwaaaa... Uweeek...Uweeek...Uweeek...

oh Melayu.. Buah Pauh Pauh-mu sudah layu..  
tak sedar....!?  
ker..

By RAR on August 27, 2008 6:55 AM

Dear Tun,

Thank you for the kind explanation. One of your many forte is the ability to explain things in a simple manner.

I agree with another commenter, sbm7 that it would be worthwhile if you can write in a regular column of a newspaper at which you'll have a broader outreach and I do think all these should be explained to the public.

It may be that certain quarters will try to stop your free writings but I think that in the interest of the nation, I sincerely do hope that a newspaper will take on this idea. Perhaps the column have to be restricted on policies and suggestions? (ie not refering to any individuals... unless we do have free press..maybe wishful thinking)

On the other hand, I do notice that you have been touring the country giving speeches. Perhaps it will be possible for Tun to actually give some guidance and frank assessments and advice to the younger generations (this is more of an appeal to the young groups/NGO's).

I'm suggesting this as I do believe sincerely that a lot of young generation in this country needs to essentially be slapped in the face to wake up and assume their responsibilities instead of non benefiting activities ie demonstration, politicking etc etc.

Lastly, keep up the good work and grateful for your views. Look forward to the next entry.  
By Mukhriz on August 27, 2008 7:01 AM

If you think malays get it easy in the private sector, then I think you're crazy! Since day 1, malays have been discriminated against for fair employment and distribution of wages based wealth.

From the point that jobs are advertised (when did mandrin become a requirement for roles with markets in just m'sia), till their resumes are submitted. These days its very, very common to see non-malays running the HR, senior exec roles and ultimately the CEO/COO roles. These losers are very protective of who gets into their father's companies and hence hiring is only limited to the non-malays, usually those with a 3 syllable name. For the lucky few malays to make it, they are usually exluded from important tasks and made to do work that adds no professional value or tasks that require affiliation with other malays like a govt account. This is how the non-malays now squander wealth and deny malays good private sector jobs, and ultimately seclude them from a fair share of economic equity that the NEP has had to fight for all these years.

Govt officials, pls do something about this before the malays are entirely wiped out the whole private sector employment network.

For proof, pls look ta Shell, Exxon, Caltex, BP, Maxis, Ericsson .. etc. Fair employment my arse!  
By H2O on August 27, 2008 7:04 AM

dear tun,

I do agree with libzim comment, there are discriminations in private sector! so please dont blaming NEP since non-bumi are not sincere to bumi. see what happen to malay singaporean!  
By mochiAuthor Profile Page on August 27, 2008 7:40 AM

Dearest ayahnda Tun;

1)Sometimes BEING NOT FAIR IS FAIR ENOUGH, thats how we can control a multi racial country.  
2)Most of the Malays just like to talk and talk until the cows come home. No action being done thats why we can see our country slowly coming down in every aspect ex. economy, sport etc.  
3)Although many people agree with everything u said in your blog, I just wonder how many of them take any action to change the country or just read and throw their personal comment and feel good about it.  
4)We always say that 'malay dont work hard', 'Malay mudah lupa'and many more negative thaught about this race but the majority middle class workers are malays and they did their piece of building this nation, nobody appreciate them.Managers and above in public sectors are concured by non Malays..and why is that? Are we not working hard or are we being stupid of being fair?  
5)Look a Singapore..Thas is a perfect example of how we will become if 'being fair' and giving too much.  
By dinturtle on August 27, 2008 7:51 AM

Salam TUN,

Bagaimana caranya untuk menyokong BN tapi BUKAN pemimpinnya ??? Kalau di sokong juga BN, sokongan kita akan disalahertikan oleh pemimpinnya...dikatakan rakyat masih dibelakangnya. Kalau di sokong pembangkang semata2 kerana kecewa dan konon nak 'ajar' pemimpin BN, pihak pembangkang pula yang suka..dikatakan ramai suka duduk kat belakang dia !!

Makanya di sini saya amat faham tindakan TUN keluar dari UMNO tanpa meninggalkan UMNO.

Sebelum ni saya ada beri cadangan untuk menunjukkan protes tapi tak disiarkan. sekali lagi saya beri cadangan.. apakata kita adakan satu pelekat kereta yang uniform, punya satu dua perkataan yang mewakili hasrat kita dan kita ramai2 pakat lekatkan di cermin kereta masing2.Mungkin kecil tindakan itu tapi percayalah jika jutaan penyokong TUN melakukannya, saya percaya mesej akan tersampai. At least kita laku sesuatu dan menunjukkan ketidakpuasan hati kita. SOKONG ?  
By Godfather on August 27, 2008 8:15 AM

Affirmative action means automatic discrimination ? What a joke. Do you think that there will be peace if the discriminated know that they have been deprived of places in university, deprived of business opportunities, deprived of their livelihood simply due to affirmative action for a particular race ?

You are dead wrong, Tun. Affirmative action can take place with minimal discrimination if it is done properly. If there is minimal leakage so that there is room for all. To use your golf analogy, there are handicaps, but still everyone gets to play. Nobody gets thrown off the golf course. However, you designed affirmative action so that even good players get thrown off the course. You closed the golf course to a particular race. You designed quota for the golf course. Result ? Mediocre golf players from a particular race. Even the golf players from the minority races have their games affected through lack of proper competition. And finally - instead of playing golf, your golf players mess around with the female caddies and waste everyone's time. They now think that it is their right to play golf.

What a joke for Bolehland.

By kaychin on August 27, 2008 8:31 AM

Dear Tun,

Although I born after 1969 riot, I too can understand the affirmative action our leaders had choose to. During my days in Malaysia, I am actually very happy and comfortable with the status quo created by this



"affirmative action".

But as you give too much sweet and too frequent to your child, you always end up spoiling them. It is now openly known that DEB is abused by "UMNOputras".

I salute you dear Tun, as a true leader you not only say nice thing to please your people, but you too said "not so nice" thing to tegur them.

Now I sincerely hope that our new government will work out a better formula, for our better future.

I have high hope on you, my dear Malaysia. This Merdeka, I will make a special prayer for you, from the bottom of my heart, I pray that God will shower abundant blessing to you, to keep you strong, healthy, proper.

Selamat Hari Merdeka.

By iskandar on August 27, 2008 8:36 AM

Hari ini ANWAR IBRAHIM dah MENANG dan akan duduk dalam PARLIMEN. Maka HARI INI bermulalah proses MENGHAPUSKAN HAK KEISTIMEWAAN MELAYU, HAK AGAMA ISLAM SEBAGAI AGAMA RASMI NEGARA DAN HAK BAHASA MELAYU SEBAGAI BAHASA KEBANGSAAN. Hari ini juga bermulalah PERJUANGAN ANWAR dan kunci-kunci nya utkmenghapuskan perkara tersebut yang menjadi tunjang keamanan dan keharmonian negara. BErsedialah wahai umat ISLAM MELAYU khususnya utk menghadapi penghapusan DEB dan Wawasan2020. Bersedialah untuk menerima kenyataan bahawa selepas ini semua agensi kerajaan yg dikhususkan untuk orang MELAYU dan BUMIPUTERA akan dibuka kepada Bukan Bumiputera. MARA, FELDA, RISDA, MARDI, FELCRA dan banyak lagi akan diambilalih oleh bukan bumiputera.

Ini lah yang dimahukan oleh ORANG\_ORANG MELAYU yg menyokong ANWAR dan PKR kerana mereka mahu kesamarataan.

Saya bukan menentang hak bukan bumiputera tetapi seperti kata TUN, ini adalah HAK KEISTIMEWAAN yg diperolehi kerana banyak yg dikorbankan oleh nenek moyang saya dalam memberi HAK KERAKYATAN kepada mereka, walaupun mereka beritahu bahawa mereka lahir di bumi MALAYSIA sekalipun tetapi mereka masih mesti melihat sejarah kerana jika nenekmoyang saya tak bersetuju memberi HAK KERAKYATAN kepada mereka maka mereka akan dilahirkan di NEGARA ASAL MEREKA..

wassalam...

By gee on August 27, 2008 8:41 AM

A'kum

Permatang pauh bukan menolak Ariff Shah ..tapi menolak BN & DSAAB.

Tak lama lagi harga minyak akan naik kembali ... jika DSAAB masih ...

Sebagai membalas "budi" pengundi Permatang Pauh..

p/s : Saya juga bersama Tun dan seluruh rakyat Malaysia yg cintakan keamanan.

Salam

By raizul on August 27, 2008 8:49 AM

Salam kepada Tun dan Keluarga

Pandangan Tun kepada Kepimpinan sekarang memang jelas dengan kekalahan BN di Permatang Pauh.

UMNO ditolak oleh Rakyat selagi Pak Lah menjadi PM.

Ternyata PKR boleh meletakkan siapa sahaja untuk memenangi pilihanraya selagi Pak Lah menjadi PM.

Bagaimana seorang yang mempunyai akhlak buruk boleh menjadi wakil kepada rakyat. Ini semuanya berasal daripada permainan pemimpin UMNO yang dulunya diketuai oleh DSAI. Main duit, main perempuan, taktik sana, taktik sini, menyusun strategik untuk menang, dan semua perlakuan adalah seperti permainan catur yang dibawa oleh Barat. Bab keikhlasan dan kebenaran tolak tepi.

Sebab itu orang-orang Tua dulu tak bagi main catur. Kalau dikaji konsep permainan catur telah menunjukkan sikap Barat mengenai kehidupan. Jika dikaji, semua buah bergerak tidak lurus kecuali askar tetapi bila nak makan still menyimpang.

Dan jika dikaji permainan Dam oleh orang Melayu lebih gentlemen, pergerakan semuanya lurus dan kalau nak makan pun lurus.

Inilah hakikat perbezaan Bangsa Barat dan melayu. Bangsa Melayu lebih gentlemen.  
By Neil on August 27, 2008 8:51 AM

Tun, Yes, I for my part fully agree with paragraph 28,31,34,36 and 37. These are the things we the minority race always try to bring to the attention of the gov't but it always fall on deaf ears. I agree the Malays need help, but we can't be make to wait for them in getting help. If the Malays want to be stupid we the minority must not be make to look stupid. Look at the lifestyle, if they want to live in the kampong or dress like ghost, why should we be instructed to follow them. Why can't the gov't be Fair? As I said earlier, we all only ask that we be treated FAIRLY. Is that a sin? Is that too much?  
By hustler on August 27, 2008 8:53 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

ADAKAH APA YANG KITA BUAT SEMALAM, AKAN KITA UBAH ESOK DEMI KEBAIKAN TETAPI OBJEKTIFNYA TIDAK DAPAT KITA KECAPI?

Salam Merdeka  
By Humble Servant on August 27, 2008 8:56 AM

May Allah Bless You Tun. Dr. Mahathir, I agree with you, Malay have to get themselves "prepared" to battle in a fair field. Everybody Must be in the same level with the rest of the participants of the so called game. Get ourselves equiped, move fowards and face the world. The shield should be removed...and put our weapons on. we cant continuously be defensive..but have to strike... Thanks for the wonderful writing and its time for me to change and arise to this challenge....  
By zaidi suhaimi gilongAuthor Profile Page on August 27, 2008 9:07 AM

Salam Tun.

Stay healthy okay.  
By cedric on August 27, 2008 9:08 AM

Yang Berhormat Tun,

I am a Malaysian Chinese. My generation understand the idea of NEP and have been patiently cross subsidising for the NEP implementation.....for 30 years without complaining. I have been interviewing graduates where I found that some of these graduate only obtained grade 3 in their SPM. How fortunate are they...when in my time getting grade 2 in SPM couldn't even earn us a place in Form 6. Today, we are sad to hear cried that we are robbing them of their right!!!! But we would like to ask...what about others right? We are not all rich you know. We are also poor and are finding difficulties in providing opportunity to our sibling to further their education. Who is going to take care of them? Please consider our problem too.

We are still cross subsidising.....may we ask for how long more????  
By m-faizal-san on August 27, 2008 9:09 AM

Ya Allah selamatkanlah Malaysia..  
By ShahidanAuthor Profile Page on August 27, 2008 9:14 AM

Dear Tun,

I first met you in 1966 . My family was poo and I needed a job. My mother was a regular visitor (when she was unwell of course) and thought she knew you very well and you would help. So both of us went to see you at Maha Clinic and you gave your valuable time to us.

But I didn't get any job at your clinic. You advised me to go back to school and continue with form six education. You asked me whether I wanted to ride a bicycle when other people would be driving cars. You told me if I encountered any problem I was free to see you again.

From that time I grew to like and admire you. You are a real Malay and you have the guts not to mince words.

When you became the PM I was bloated with happiness because your are the right person with very clear thinking . You knew that as PM a person must be tough and not bend down to populist pressure. I admired you strong hand tactics because I felt too many leaders are just demagogues and too many religious leaders are pedagogues.

We met again during SAHOCA at your resident.I knew you wouldn't remember me and I had refresh you with the meeting at your clinic in Alor Setar. And you asked me if I was riding a bicycle. We shook hands and departed.

I still see you as a great men with great visions. That doesn't mean I agree with all your actions but in the balance your good decisions were heavier. I don't care with what bad things people say about you because most people think they are more knowledgeable than others.

Most opinions are laced with emotion.

I was sadden when you said you wish to step down as PM. It was a wrong decision because the new PM in waiting was too good a person who kindness was easily manipulated .

You were right in sending Anwar Ibrahim to jail. You knew what was happening and going to happen. Abdullah Badawi wanted to show he was different person and you opposite . His greatest mistake was releasing an anarchist to go free. That was his undoing and it was the beginning of a period of demoralization of the Malays.

I really wish I could meet you. You are part of Malaysian history.

Long live Mahathir.  
By gohhoehoeAuthor Profile Page on August 27, 2008 9:15 AM

Salam Tun  
Sungguh benar cakap Tun yang berikut

"The essence of globalisation is open borders or a borderless world. With this, the rich and the well-endowed will have unrestricted access to the countries of the poor in order to exploit them. Of course the poor can have access to the rich countries too. It sounds fair. The playing field seems to be level. But what will certainly happen is that the rich will go into the poor countries and with their capital, their managerial skills, and their technology, would overwhelm the people in the poor countries with their small businesses, limited skills and limited capital.

The end result would be that the poor countries would effectively be owned and exploited by the rich countries and the local people would be mere workers in the big enterprises of the rich, earning a pittance for themselves. Essentially colonisation of the poor by the rich would again take place."

Fiedel Castro pernah suarakan rasa bimbang beliau terhadap kesan negative penggunaan BIODIESEL sebelum Crisis Bekalan Kekurangan Makanan berlaku.

Akibat daripada Tawaran bantuan ,Filipina mengalami Crisis Kekurangan Bekalan Makanan.

Bangkit lah rakyat Malaysia jangan percaya IMF,imperialism.Hidup Mahatir bagi

Kebaikan DUNIA KETIGA!

Sekian terimakasih

HOHO

By doosra on August 27, 2008 9:22 AM

I don't think any non-Malay in the country has been under any illusion about the rights of our Malay brothers and sisters; it is enshrined in the Constitution. However, I would like to know as a 5th generation Malaysian, when do I get to stop being referred to as 'pendatang' or 'bangsa lain-lain'. I am a Malaysian, pure and simple. The people of Permatang Pauh and the results of the last Federal election have clearly shown that Malaysians want change. There is enough of the pie to go around, how we share it, needs to be re-examined. with all due respect, you did nothing to rectify this while in power, so why not enjoy your retirement and let Malaysia move on.

By sodoful on August 27, 2008 9:30 AM

yahoo!!!  
yipee!!!  
hooray!!!

ANWAR WON!!!

By NOTFOREVER on August 27, 2008 9:31 AM

Dear Tun Dr Mahathir,

I have been an ardent support of Tun's action throughout Tun's 22 years as PM, and have never fail to awe at the immense progress our country has undergone.

"Discrimination.... as a priviledge", "recognition of superior status"

- it is exactly because a large proportion of the Bumiputra community takes discrimination as a priviledge, they have not been able to dispense with it. It has been regarded to be equivalent to "special rights..". Therefore the statement of "superior status" does not hold water for the simple logic that I think, it is more of an inferiority complex that this special priviledge has created to the Bumis.

- S.Africa under Mandela was different. There, the majority was bullied into submission with discrimination of all kinds, whereas over here, there was already a discrimination in favour of the majority in place after Merdeka. And it was agreed to by all the communities. Those who were discriminated against were forced to be hardworking to get what they aspired to be; were the S.African majority abled to do that? Need the Malaysian majority to do that?

- the logic of golf-handicap, boxing, horse-racing are flawed. How many years do Tun expects a handicapped golf player to remain so? How long would it take for a boxer in a particular weight category to advance to the next weight category? Sometime the boxer can never be advanced to the next category- the boxer will just have to fight at that category and the prize will still be there for him. I don't think the next weight category boxer will need to reduce weight to the lower weight category. Same for horse racing.

Tun also mentioned about a time to end the NEP, which I think, is very much dependent on how much the Govt thinks the NEP has achieved. This is already a moot matter because it has been argued umpteenth times on the NEP achievement. If we want to continue with the original NEP, then the percentage has not been achieved; if we want to forge ahead, then the percentage has been achieved.

The racial riot of 1969 has never been due to the imbalance in economic parity between the Malaysian races. It was an excuse. How else could the opposition command such sudden volumes of votes? It was not from the non-Bumi alone. Just like the 2008 GE. The vast majority of Bumis have actually awoken.

They want progress.

By Putra1308 on August 27, 2008 9:31 AM

Salam TUN,

Tulisan yang mampu membuka mata Bumiputra...

Saya mencadangkan pihak kerajaan menawarkan jawatan kpd TUN sebagai penasihat negara. Saya yakin kebanyakan rakyat tak kira apa2 kaum pun akan setuju. Tolong lah ini demi utk kebaikan negara. Pihak kerajaan tidak perlu rasa malu atau ego. Ternyata kerajaan kita skrg ini memerlukan bimbingan utk mentadbir negara. Tawarkan dahulu jwtn tersebut, terpulang kpd pihak TUN utk menerima atau tidak. Biar TUN yg memikirkannya....

By nekzAuthor Profile Page on August 27, 2008 9:35 AM

Assalamualaikum buat Tun dan keluarga, semoga dilindungi dari segala bala bahaya dan semoga memperoleh kebahagiaan hidup dunia dan akhirat.

Semenjak Tun menjadi Perdana Menteri hingga kesaat Tun bersara, saya mengikuti perkembangan dan kemajuan yang dibawa oleh orang yang bernama TUN DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD. Dari sebuah negara yang bolih dikata ada sedikit kekurangan kepada sebuah negara yang GAH dibawah kepemimpinan TUN. Kalau sebelum Tun menjadi PM, berlari-lori kayu balak, ayamitek, khinzir, getah dihantar ke negara jiran. Tetapi apabila Tun menjadi PM segalanya STOP. Hasilnya itulah kejayaan yang dikecapi oleh rakyat Malaysia selama 22 tahun Tun memerintah.

Saya rasa Tun berhak mendapat ucapan terima kaseh dari seluruh rakyat Malaysia.

Itulah TUN DOKTOR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD yang ku kenal dan ku kagumi.

Seorang yang tidak agresif tapi tegas, sentiasa tersenyum dan tidak mudah melatah dan satu lagi ialah 'VERY LOW PROFILE'.

SELAMAT MENYAMBUT HARI KEMERDEKAAN KHAS BUAT TUN DAN KELUARGA dan am nya untuk seluruh rakyat Malaysia.

By autaman on August 27, 2008 9:35 AM

Wow Tun , What a lengthy article but nevertheless , it's such a good read.

I do agree that the criticism of NEP exist it's because of it's abuse and the issue being over politicised by politician.

On the Permatang Pauh election , I am still surprise on the comment given by our DPM. First, before the election took place , he said that he is CONFIDENT that the BN will win. What analysis is this? It's damn clear who is going to win. Sad to say , BN are is in their denial mode.

After the result came out , he commented that democracy is alive and will study on what went wrong during their campaign and BN are ready for changes. It seems that they are still denying their loss of their PRU 12 .All the analysis have already been provided spot on by Tun in your previous article. People are

losing trust and are disgusted with the UMNO top members already. This trend are still continuing after the PRU 12 where in just around 6 month , the majority won by PKR has increased by around 2,000 voters and yet BN still insist that the majority won are around the same.Come PRU 13 , UMNO will become irrelevant as TUN have predicted if nothing is done to the top leaders in UMNO especially our beloved AAB and yet , our current PM and his "yes man " are still denying it.

For most of the public , we have no alternative but to chose PKR . It's not that we really support them but what can we do? The current government are so weak and kept on burdening the rakyat. I just got my electricy bill and whoalla , the rate have increased!The current government have no direction at all to manage the economy and as a result , cost of living have gone up . So now , people will just support the one who can promised to bring down our cost of living as Mr Anwar have promised us.  
By angelinajolie on August 27, 2008 9:37 AM

Dr. Mahathir Mohamad,

Anwar Ibrahim win big as they claimed it in Permatang Pauh. One of the propaganda campaigns by him is "Menuju Ke Putrajaya". I am still thinking why he choose that kind of propaganda to mislead the common people. I personally feel that his so called supporters are already in the government seats in Putrajaya and are creating havoc now in Malaysia. This kind of people are the one who will destroy Malaysia that Tun Mahathir has been building for the past 2 decades. These so called Anwar Ibrahim supporters are so biased towards the Malay. They simply called themselves the liberators of the old minded leaders. I just have one thing to say to Anwar Ibrahim, DO NOT THINK THAT THOSE WHO YOU HAVE BETRAYED IN THE PAST WILL JUST SHUT UP AND DIE.....  
By capello08 on August 27, 2008 9:37 AM

Quoting

" By malaysianboy on August 27, 2008 12:25 AM

7. Btw, as far as I know, affirmative action is intended to benefit the minority and not the majority"

YOU GET THE POINT MAN. THE MINORITY IN BUSINESS, EDUCATION AND THE POOR ARE MALAYS AND THE BUMIS. DESPITE EFFORTS OF DEB LITTLE WERE ACHIEVED BUT AT LEAST IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION. ITS ALL ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION.

TRIED BUSINESS, YOU GUYS SABOTAGE. CONTROL THE SUPPLY CHAIN. PRICE OF MATERIALS, GOODS AND SERVICES YOU GUYS HAVE DIFFERENT RATES FOR MALAYS AND NON MALAYS. YOU START WITH BIGGER CAPITAL DURING BRITISH OCCUPATION AND THE CAPITAL GREW MUCH FASTER THAN THE BUMIS. YOU LIVE IN CITIES AND TOWNS WHERE ACCESS TO MODERNIZATION AND FACILITIES ARE ABUNDANCE. IT IS A CAPITALIST WORLD AND YOU BENEFIT GREATER.

SO AT LEAST DON'T BE GREEDY, MAKE THIS COUNTRY A PEACEFUL PLACE BY STRIKING A BALANCE.

WHAT IF THE RATIO SHOULD BE IN TERMS OF POPULATION? SURELY YOU WON'T AGREE. BUT AT LEAST IF THE POPULATION IS 70:30 THE WEALTH RATIO CANNOT BE 30:70 OR 20:80. WITHOUT DEB THE RATIO COULD HAVE BEEN 5:95.

COME ON, BE GRATEFUL!

By aryan on August 27, 2008 9:39 AM

salam ayah tun.. as usual, tepat, padat, luas, celik etc etc etc..

salam ramadhan al-mubarak dan selamat menyambut hari kebangsaan..

<http://img262.imageshack.us/img262/646/gnalimegrulajgp1.jpg>

By mienimoo on August 27, 2008 9:40 AM

salam Tun..

sedihnyee hati nie... pengkhianat bangsa dah menang.. panas la punggung pak lah n najib pas nie... bila pak lah nak sedar dari lena nie???

Tun.. tolong lah kami, kami tak dipimpin oleh pengkhianat bangsa... TAAAAAAAKKKKK  
NNNNAAAACKKKK...

Rakyat Malaysia, sedarlah..... Jangan biar kan Anwar memerintah...

By ShivanAuthor Profile Page on August 27, 2008 9:40 AM

Dear Tun,

It is my 33 years dream to meet you in person. I had the golden opportunity to meet and snap a photo with you in The Futursit Forum 2008 in Mandarin Oriental Hotel (26 Aug. 2008)

I have the whole collection of books about you. Please continue with your constructive critics.

We all with you today, tommorow and forever..

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SHIVAN

By ijan on August 27, 2008 9:44 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Melayu dah lupe? What do you think?

By ahli fikir on August 27, 2008 9:46 AM

Why everythings that came out from Politician must be perceived as berbau politik? i certainly agreed with Dato Khalid about UITM, dah lama sangat melayu dibagi muka, masaalahnya sampai sekarang tak sedar diri.. sebenarnya golongan ini tak ramai, malah a lot of student sendiri agree dengan kaedah itu, malah dah ramai melayu yang berfikiran waras dan menyokong langkah mengurangkan subsidi kepada melayu sahaja, sebab itu PKR masih boleh dapat sokongan melayu.. melayu yang waras, yang confident dengan kebolehan bangsa sendiri.. yang tak takut bersaing dengan cina, india dan kaum lain.

Tapi umno suka memburukkan keadaan.. sebab die bimbang kalau dah tak de NEP, tak de ketuanan melayu, die dah tak de modal nak bercakap!! bimbang hilang vote melayu especially kat kampung2 tu.. sedih tengok UMNO masih bodoh tak faham-faham apa yang rakyat mahukan...

Terus terang saye lebih terase perpaduan kaum dan kemalaysiaan ketika belajar di US dulu. Di sana kaum melayu dan cina, india bersatu sebab rase megah jadi anak malaysia. Kami sedikit, cina lebih ramai dari pelajar melayu, tapi kami sama2 berkerjasama mengadakan pelbagai activiti patriotic, i.e. malaysia nnight, hari merdeka, raya cina, raya puasa.. those are the true feeling of proud to be malaysia i would say!!!

tapi di sini, perpaduan kaum cuma dilaungkan bila merdeka padahal practicalnye tidak!!

Kat malaysia sekarang pun dah tak ramai melayu asli.. dah ramai yang kawin berbilang kaum, kenapa

perlu sangat differentiate between bumi and non-bumi?

Kadang2 saya nak tergelak juga, orang yang beriya2 cakap pasal ketuanan melayu.. name akhirnya pun merican??

By cleffairyAuthor Profile Page on August 27, 2008 9:46 AM

Dear Tun... sorry ya, abit off topic here. But I'm called to write when i heard that you're feeling sad because our people are not really happy to celebrate Merdeka.

I was a happier, contented and not so easily provoked when you were in office. Why? Because you were very much in control of the administration back then. Mr. Sleepyhead simply lack control over his reigns. It's not a wonder that the horses are straying and havoc is in the air.

Honestly, I am not looking forward to Merdeka ever since Mr. Sleepyhead takes your place, because he's bringing us backwards instead of forward, not to mention that in some sense, our people's mindset is still not Merdeka.

By harry on August 27, 2008 9:48 AM

To The Bumis: STOP DREAMING!!!!!! GET SERIOUS !!!! Dont be a begger in your own country.

By edmund chua on August 27, 2008 9:54 AM

Well Tun,

At first i wasn't sure that you will agree in scrapping the NEP but in your blog today i found out you too agree that NEP should be scrap as well but in stages. Kudos to you. Finally we are almost everything similarity....

Nevertheless to said,...we know what will be the major worry.....maybe sometimes overpampering wont work and sometime some force is require in order to advance and growth further.

There is one worry.....it looks to me DSAI was so confident on sept 16 will be the day he takes over the goverment and he emphasis that he is on the right track. I don't see him giving false hope to his supporter or malaysian....Hmmm....and he is looking forward for budget 2009 on Aug 29. It looks to me something might happen in the Parliment?? I dunno and i dowan to think...i am looking for peace on this country.....otherwise i dont see any reason he can become PM on 16th Sept... I am worry on this....really worrying

By WHY BEE BANGI on August 27, 2008 9:56 AM

Salam Tun,

I would like to reserve my comments on the affirmative action for now. Will comment later,still ned to warm up..

The hottest news today is Anwar's victory in Permatang Pauh. I was wrong and promised to cut part of my finger... ie finger nail cukup la.

Congratulations An Hua. What comes next, I really do not know. There are all sorts of theories going around. Malaysians are already very tired of it.

But one thing for sure is that our ever sleeping PM will act as if nothing happens. After all Najib is going to carry the burden, right?

Unlike Tun or even Anwar, Najib's rise to the top so far is smooth sailing. Not any more brother.

Like any Bollywood Movie, the hero would triumph eventually (orang Melayu kata hero kalah dulu). And that person is Anwar!!!!



God Bless all of us.

Wassalam.

By Jab2u on August 27, 2008 10:00 AM

Dear Tun

If they are on true guidance, they will prosper but majority are confused whether you warn them or do not warn them. Their mind set has seal on their hearts and on their hearing and on their eyes is a veil. They have lost a true direction.

By normal citizen on August 27, 2008 10:03 AM

Dear Tun,

Please enlighten us with your opinion of what's next for the country after Anwar won the by-election and back to Parliament.

By azari on August 27, 2008 10:08 AM

salam ramadhan al-mubarak

salam merdeka

buat negarawan malaysia yang ulung

untuk yang tidak pernah sekalinya..

mata ku berkaca dan amat tidak bersemangat untuk merdeka kali ini...

walaupun telahan hati faham dan tahu bukan senang untuk capai merdeka ini..yang dibunuh..yg dirogol..yg terpaksa jadi barua..yang diseksa dan segalanya untuk nama sebuah merdeka

laluan ku di dataran merdeka dengan satu pandangan ..aah ini kosmetik shj...

aku dah tak tahu mana yg betul mana yang tidak

semakin meracau semuanya semakin keliru...

Semoga Allah Subhana WaTaala selamatkan Malaysia - AMIN

By T on August 27, 2008 10:09 AM

/// By malaysianboy on August 27, 2008 12:25 AM

7. Btw, as far as I know, affirmative action is intended to benefit the minority and not the majority. ///

malaysianboy - touche!!!

That says it all.

By Amir Zain on August 27, 2008 10:11 AM

Salam kpd yang terhormat TDM,

Mungkin untuk memajukan dan menukar minda Melayu, kita harus tukar nama Me -"Layu" kpd Me-yegar yang melambangkan kesegaran Bangsa yang dinamik tetapi ia tak mungkin. Ciri2 Melayu yang harus kita hilangkan:

1. Melayu malas

2. Melayu tak sedarkan diri dan lupa daratan

3. Melayu peralatkan Islam

5. Melayu bertopengkan Serban dan tudung untuk kelihatan beriman

6. Melayu tamak dan tergamak mengadaikan bangsa dan negara.

7. Melayu suka pada hiburan

8. Melayu tak pandai nilaikan Pemimpin

9. Melayu senang diperdayakan

10.Melayu salah tafsir tentang qadak dan qadar, selalu rasakan dunia ini sememntara yang kekal hanya

akhirat tanpa memikirkan hadith rasullulah yang seru supaya berusaha seolah2 kita akan hidup 1000 tahun lagi dan beramal ibadah seolah2 kita mati esok.

By Mob RulesAuthor Profile Page on August 27, 2008 10:13 AM

Dearest Tun,

Check and balance does not exist in UMNO. So it does not apply in the Government as well.

As long as the ruling party does not listen to the people, they are plotting their own downfall.

If they want to fall, don't drag the people with them.

<http://wtfmalaysiangovernment.blogspot.com/>

By asam jawa on August 27, 2008 10:14 AM

Assalamualaikum YABhg. Tun.

Terima kasih diatas huraian segala yang tersirat disebalik yang tersurat.

DEB banyak membantu Bumiputera, pada masa yang sama kaum bukan bumi juga telah menjadi kaya raya. Bukan mudah hendak memajukan sosio-ekonomi yang berbeza diantara kaum, ugama, politik dan keturunan.

Apa yang diperjuangkan adalah penguasaan kek ekonomi yang sama warna, sama bau dan rasa dimana 30% dinikmati oleh Bumiputera manakala kaum lain dan bangsa asing dapat 70%.

Adalah tidak salah apabila kaum bumiputera mendapat tongkat selama 50 tahun sedangkan kaum lain telah menikmatinya sejak kedatangan British ke Tanah Melayu.

YABhg. Tun telah melakukan yang terbaik untuk membela nasib Bumiputera. YABhg. Tun telah membena landasan sosio-ekonomi yang kukuh.

Malangnya tindak-tanduk kepimpinan BN telah merubah lanskap geo-politik dan sosio-ekonomi Malaysia. Manakala PUTERA UMNO yang menjadi pelapis sudah tiada taring. Laungan untuk membela mat rempit sudah tidak kedengaran. Biasanya harimau kenyang tidak lagi mengaum.

Globalisasi bermakna penjajahan ekonomi dalam bentuk baru. Negara maju memperjuangkan pengaliran modal dan barangan tanpa sempadan kononnya untuk membela negara mundur. Tetapi mereka menyekat migrasi dari negara miskin kenegara mereka kerana bimbang sosio-budaya mereka akan berubah.

Kebimbangan YABhg. Tun terhadap halangan-halangan yang digariskan dibawah Wawasan 2020 semakin jelas. Kita perlu menghayati semula apakah halangan yang telah digariskan oleh YABhg. Tun supaya langkah pembetulan dapat dibuat.

Semoga YABhg. Tun sekeluarga dirahmati Allah.

By baniADAM on August 27, 2008 10:22 AM

A'kum Tun Dr. Mahathir!

UMNO/BN kalah lagi kat Pmtg Pauh/P.Pinang...

Bila Khairy kata nak 'kuburkan' Anwar kat Pmtg Pauh, hati kecil saya berkata UMNO/BN akan lingkup lagi.....depa ni bila nak sedaq pun tak tau....kalau camni lah rupanya, bersiap sedialah utk menerima kepimpinan Anwar/PR selewat2nya PRU13.

By leman 3 on August 27, 2008 10:23 AM

YBTUN

Salam Hormat,

Rakyat, telah membuat keputusan memilih PKR dan membenarkan DSAI ke Parlimen, Mengapa? sebab rakyat berasa bangga bahawa kuasa mengundi mereka telah memberi hasil iaitu kemenangan kepada wakil mereka dan mampu mengambil alih pemerintahan di beberapa negeri dan pemimpin pemimpin mereka terus berwawasan iaitu

1. Menawan Putra Jaya
2. Merampas PWTC
3. Menghapuskan DEB
4. Melenyapkan ISA
5. Mendoakan perkara tidak baik kepada Pemimpin-pemimpin UMNO dan ketua-ketua Penguatkuasa Undang-undang
6. dan banyak lagi.

Kalau dilihat, dari berita TV dan akhbar arus perdana kami menggambarkan seolah-olah BN sangat berupaya untuk menawan Permatang Pauh, tapi akhirnya apa yang dilaporkan itu tidak menjadi kenyataan, disini kita dapat lihat bahawa bukan mudah untuk menidakkan kehendak rakyat semua pemimpin BN dapat mengambil iktibar dalam pemilihan wakil mereka, Sebagaimana yg dinyatakan Oleh DSNTR baha wahawa kita terima keputusan RAKYAT. oleh itu ayuh..... apalagi tunggu hampiri rakyat! Jangan lagi berlagak BAHAWA UMNO TOKE KEPADA RAKYAT apa yang rakyat mahu ialah jadilah KULI KEPADA RAKYAT

By mistikanaAuthor Profile Page on August 27, 2008 10:23 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

1. Seperti yang di jangka, DSAI menang di Permatang Pauh. Pada pendapat saya, biarlah dia berada di parlimen agar orang ramai dapat melihat dia memberi pendapat berbanding bila diluar. Ibarat perempuan kalau bertutup kelihatan seksi, tetapi bila terbuka...lama-lama hilang seksinya.

2. Ibarat pembangkang sekarang ini bukan banyak sangat yang perlu dibanggakan. Memang bil air di selangor ada kurang... tapi bila difikir dulu saya bayar cukai RM37 saja, sekarang RM165! Apa yang bagusnya! Korek lubang gali lubang!

By thaiso on August 27, 2008 10:25 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun.

PKR menang. Anwar boleh masuk Parlimen.

Maknanya saya kena berusaha untuk lihat live budget tahun ni. Tapi tak boleh kot.

Anyway, sudah sampai masanya Anwar telah diberikan baju dan sebilah keris. Langkah seterusnya adalah langkah PM chedet.com.

Kita tunggu dan lihat apa dia boleh buat. Dengan izin-Nya. InsyaAllah.

Terima kasih Tun.

By masmelo on August 27, 2008 10:26 AM

i agree that we are to comfortable with all the privileges that we continually get until this very moment.. well-concluded..

By Z on August 27, 2008 10:31 AM

I've been to government test from what i've seen all of non-bumis who is mouthing off and on about quota

jobs for government sector ..well some of them BS...can u imagine out of 300 only 1 non-bumi turn out for the exam...299 malays 1 non-bumi sitting for test...I dunno what its look like...but this is the reality.  
By bluesavvy on August 27, 2008 10:31 AM

a'kum n good day,

pd pendapat saya, x perlulah dihapuskan hak2 bumiputera, hak2 nie sebenarnyer adalah satu jaminan masa depan ank2 dan cucu2 kite, kite x tau aper yg akan berlaku pada mase depan, mungkin boleh di kurangkan tp tdk boleh dihapuskan.

masalahnyer skarang ialah dgn membantu non-bumi, seperti bumi, bkn semua non bumi kaya dah berjaya, cuba anda smua termasuk lah pak2 menteri kite turun padang, tgk sendiri kesusahan kaum bukan bumi..

ramai cina & india miskin di negara kite, x der pelajaran. pls tgk keadaan mereka jgn sibuk bercakap je, x der perubahann jgn salahkan rakyat yg berhijrah ke luar negara, buat sesuatu utk tarik mereka kembali ke Malaysia. stop issue perkauman. hak keistemawaan bumi bukan bermakna hak non bumi diabaikan. please take note pihak2 yg berkenaan. bantu golongan miskin tanpe mengira kaum..

wasalam

By crazyidiot on August 27, 2008 10:44 AM

"I also admit that there has been unfairness in the award of scholarships and Government jobs."

So what have you done to solve this issue?

"Golf is a great game. But like other games the poorer players would be given handicaps. Otherwise golf would be very boring as the good golfers win every time. "

You mean that the bumiputra status is a handicap?

Well, if it is, it should be taken away once they are able to stand on their own feet. Am I right?

By khairi ali on August 27, 2008 10:50 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun, I think you are too engrossed in your experiences and thoughts. I wont blame you, cos when I get involve in the translation of Islamic books into Bahasa, I get the thinking that only Islam could save the Malays' days. Right now, as you can see too, Permatang Pauh election showed how democratic mechanism destroyed things. With such an unruly crowd and supporters, I dont think democracy could do much good to the nation, and especially the Malays. Even controversial figures can become a leader! Thats why I've said that democracy is demolishing our own survival.

One more thing, whenever we talk about Islam, then the question of what is the true teaching of Islam arises. Muslim are seeing things from a very deceptive perspective. They could and must go back to Al-Quran, and not ulamak. Muslim must muzakarah and submit to the resolution made. Its that simple and yet muslim who claim to be ulamak, professional and what not, could not abide to such a simple rule. May be they think that they are great, and then they will see how great they really are if they could survive a longer time.

But please, do not have the idea that I despise you. On the contrary, I need person like you to continuously play your conscientious role. Its very very important for the survival of the ummah, especially the Malays.

Just dont let people like Lim Kit Siang, who does not have any religion and propagate secularism, speak about religion and Islam, or shamelessly describe himself pro religion and not anti-Islam. It will be just like me, a malay, talking about Chinese Overseas. Really, what can I understand about that! And so is Lim Kit Siang.

By aiza on August 27, 2008 10:50 AM

Assalamualaikum YAB Tun yang dikasihi,

Semalam lepas saya balik kerja late nite, saya sempat menonton rencana Anak Gemilang Malaysia dari

siaran Astro.lanya mengisarkan zaman pemerintahan Tun Hussein Onn. Didalamnya terselit saat-2 perjuangan orang melayu menentang penubuhan Malayan Union.

Pada saat itu, terasa sebak didada saya kenapa pemimpin dan pemerintah yang ada sekarang yang berbangsa melayu begitu jauh sekali terpesong dari perjuangan asal orang melayu.

Dalam rencana tersebut saya dapat lihat pemimpin UMNO dan orang-orang melayu membawa kain sepanduk yang tercatat kata-2 perjuangan mereka seperti "TANAH MALAYA UNTUK ORANG MELAYU", "KEDAULATAN ORANG MELAYU" dan sebagainya.

Pemimpin dahulu serta YAB Tun dan pejuang UMNO dahulu begitu berusaha keras memperjuangkan dan mempertahankan anak bangsa melayu.

Tapi dgn PM Malaysia sekarang dan konco-2nya didalam MT UMNO nampaknya sedikit demi sedikit telah mengabaikan segala hasil usaha & penat lelah pejuang dan pemimpin UMNO yang terdahulu.

Apa nak jadi dgn PM sekarang. Tak sanggup saya nak memanggilnya "PEMIMPIN".Dia tak layak dipanggil pemimpin.

Anwar dah menang. Kalau Pak Lah masih berdegil & tak mahu mendengar kehendak rakyat Malaysia, habislah bangsa Melayu.

Nak harapkan Anwar, jauh sekali. Put aside je lah kes liwat dia tu. Tapi dengan sikap dia yang suka memanggil orang luar masuk campur hal ehwal dalam negara pun dah membuatkan saya berfikir yg dia ni pembelot negara dan kedaulatan bangsa dia.

Kepada sapa lagi orang melayu nak meminta pertolongan?

Kadang-2 saya kasihan dengan YAB Tun. Kami semua terlampau mengharapakan YAB Tun untuk menyelamatkan kembali tanah air kami yang tercinta. Tapi kami kadangkala terlupa bahawa YAB Tun bukannya muda seperti dahulu lagi. YAB Tun perlu berehat dan meluangkan masa bersama keluarga. Mungkin harapan terakhir kami adalah kepada anak YAB Tun, Datuk Mukhriz.

Melalui Datuk Mukhriz, insyaallah saya sanggup menggembelengkan semula segala usaha dan tenaga untuk menyelamatkan semula UMNO dan bangsa melayu dari kehancuran.

Semoga YAB Tun serta keluarga mendapat perlindungan dari Allah s.w.t.terhadap anasir-2 yg merosakkan diluar sana.Amin.

By karela on August 27, 2008 10:54 AM

ASSALAAMU' ALAIKUM TDMM SALAAM TDMM, You should take your PM seat back before that dsai take that seat. melayu mostly lazy to think, they look in one directtion only,if want to cross in + junction we must looks in 4 direction before we cross.what happen if we want cross and look only one direction at + junctions,rist to get bang is 90%.if we want to do something make sure we know what going happen next & thereafter. semogataTDMM&keluarga di rahmati,panjang umur dan sehat sejahtera AMIN.

By crazyidiot on August 27, 2008 10:54 AM

I truly agree 100% with this statement

"33. The Malays must accept that this discrimination cannot be forever. If they fail to respond properly to what is being done for them, they should accept this policy would be taken away."

Finally, the words came out of the horse's mouth!!!

By Bangsamalaysia7 on August 27, 2008 10:57 AM

Dear Tun

Thanks for the excellent article.

The NEP as an affirmative action vehicle was good. The implementation was a disaster as we can see the effects today.

Namely

- a) Gap between rich Malays and the majority of Malays is wide and widening
- b) The perception of a "Malay" is broadly as one who is a parasite, lazy and if successful is attributed to either "connections" or corruption
- c) Huge dissatisfaction among other races due to being discriminated against in the awarding of university places and JPA scholarships, licenses etc
- d) Huge and unmitigated brain drain where the best talents are leaving the nation in droves - not because they do not love Malaysia or like living here but because the racial discrimination, corruption and cronyism has gone out of hand and is affecting the economic growth of the nation

The core issue is the lack of integrity in the implementation of not only the NEP but in most government programs. If only you had the foresight when you were in power to strengthen the judiciary, clean the police force and empower and make independent the ACA, we would not be in such a mess.

No one ever questioned the NEP or that the Malays needed some form of handicap - it is the ruthless and arbitrary manner in which it has been implemented that has made it so objectionable.

In the final analysis a long term handicap program is NO benefit at all to the Malays. It will only make them more dependent on hand outs. Just look at Proton - it is a prime example of government protection and a hand out mentality. It will NEVER be a world class company with a global market because it has been "protected" from reality for far too long. It is a mediocre company as will be the status of any race that needs to be protected.

The Malays need affirmative action in providing them adequate training opportunities in order to help them compete. Not free loans and licenses which they can sell for a quick buck and continue to live like "someone will take care of my bill tomorrow...". This is mindset is clear when they compete to have more wives and more children without thinking of how these children will be provided a quality life and quality education.

I hope the politicians of our nation stop thinking of how to stay in power and continue to rape the nation and start to think of how to solve our myriad problems in a rational and just manner.

BangsaMalaysia  
By crazyidiot on August 27, 2008 10:59 AM

The question to ask is "Until when do the non-bumiputeras tolerate this discrimination???"

This can't go on forever!! You must set a dateline!! And the dateline must be agreed upon by both parties. This way it will be fair!!!  
By Patek1472Author Profile Page on August 27, 2008 10:59 AM

A Sinking "Titanic" (BN) in Malaysia? (The show has just begun!)  
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Malaysia's Titanic (BN) was deemed unsinkable when it was first launched. Even when it hit an iceberg on 8 March 2008, it was so hard to accept that the ship will sink. When all efforts to save the ship from sinking was finally abandoned, the Captain (DSAB) just stood silently awaiting the fate as a forlorn man. He was hoping the Carpentia or some other nearby ships will come in time to save the passengers. It was sad to see the Captain firing off some distress flares to alert the Carpentier, but the Carpentier's Captain

(DSNTR) was just not convinced that the Titanic was in distress.

In between is a love story of Leonardo DiCaprio (DSAI) and Kate Winslet (Azizah). Azizah refused to abandon her love, even though many a times, events show she should just save herself. She held on to hopes, hoping against hope that she and her love can pull thru and both will survive this tragedy. Both suffered mentally and emotionally and in the end, it was Azizah left to tell the tale of a great man who sacrificed himself to save her.

As for the crew of the Titanic (Little Napoleons) and their friends who are rich and powerful corporate figures, who helped run the ship, did you see the desperation when they found out that the ship is really sinking. Most of them scramble to save their lives and abandon ship and some, with loads of money found they can't buy anything they wanted, even a place on a lifeboat to save their lives (TDM migration). But not all, for there was a few brave Napoleons who tried to show they are committed to the name of Titanic (BN) and the show continues.

There was an old couple who just lay in bed waiting for the ship to sink (MIC & PPP) abandoned by the young and too old to move around anymore. There were also musicians still playing the ship's songs (MCA, PBB, LDP, PBRs, PRS, SAPP, SPDP, SUPP, UPKO) and died like true musicians dedicated to their role of love for music. There were also some crew (GERAKAN) still working to plug the leaks at the bottom of the ship until they themselves died thinking they were heroes not knowing the ship cannot be saved just by plugging some holes.

Do you know who was the director of Titanic (BN) show? James Cameron (TDM).

Did you know this show was shown around the world?

Did you know Malaysia has some of the best actors and actresses and supporting casts?

Anyway, it was just a movie, for the real show has only just begun!

Posted at <http://patek1472.wordpress.com>

By Juliet on August 27, 2008 11:00 AM

Say what you may Tun! Discrimination whether affirmative or otherwise, nonetheless is a DISCRIMINATION! And only in Malaysia, the majority populace are given special privileges irrationally! This must end and yes this will end!

By amat on August 27, 2008 11:07 AM

salam tun mahathir

post ni the best so far(bg sayelah)

observation saya is that many of us tend to look at one side of the story. once depa dah set mind nak sokong which side...everything the other side do is deemed wrong or maybe right but there must be hidden agenda(s) somewhere. the logic of check n balance is thrown out of the window immediately.

melayu mmg mudah lupa...(including me of course) they tend to be easily pissed off and persuaded by these little things that are thrown to them. most of the time complain sana sini pastu kadang2 tunjuk perasaan rather than trying to improve themselves (bukan semua la). one thing to ask...org2 yg kaya2 or hidup boleh kata senang la tu, do they care? they tetap cari duit cam gila, siang malam.

masa borak2 kedai kopi or bual2 sambal maybe la they show their concern with the general workers tp biasanya just to comfort them and fit in je. at the end of the day the situation stays the same, yg kaya2 tp kaya miskin mcm tu jugak la. with the current help pn depa camtu, lepas sume advantages ni diabolish, hmmm tak taula camana, trend bpk penoreh anak penoreh will again rise, i think so but hope not so.

as of now saya still x minat politics tp the situation is very interesting now...or should i say new to malaysia.personally i feel that changing of govt is merely promoting new okb's.but amat berharap that it goes through and wallahualam the changes might be true.current leader ni x phm2 lg...damage has been done...total lak tu...nk overhaul pn x dapek da.my adik beradik pn da keje da,hopefully x impact kami la,amiin,just need to strategise for my kids ja nanti.i would dare not touch about cronyism,its just how you interpret them(hey sapa yg betoi2 x amalkan kroni ni gua respek gila sama lu!!)the difference is the level ja.e.g. pm,mentri=projek mega,pemandu teksi=dpt private teksi xyah sewa2,petani=dpt tanah ka bajet lebih ka,kilang cina=pekerja cina la...i mean lu pikir la sendiri.most yg komplek because they don't have the saluran or their level of kroni is too low compared to others.keciwa x dpt ok lah i sokong the other side lah...maybe i can get one with them.

sorry tun saya emo n lari tajuk sikit..assalamualaikum...selamat berpose di bulan ramadhan and merdeka!(bendera ttp gantung hahaha)

che det the best so far!!!

By AZIF on August 27, 2008 11:11 AM

Tun,

Excellent message for us to digest and implement here.Tun, DSAI has won the PP election as predicted much earlier. Nothing will change for now until AAB step down ASAP. AAB as PM & President of UMNO has destroyed all the effort that was put in placed by our previous Leaders. UMNO is dying, and nothing is being done at the present moment and time. DSAI will achieve in his dreams to be the next PM.AAB & KJ are supporting DSAI indirectly for DSAI to be the next PM.UMNO is almost History, thanks to AAB & KJ.Supporting Tun always for the good of Malaysia.Selamat menyambut Merdeka 51 Tahun.

UMNO & BN will have a difficult task ahead to win the Hearts & Minds of every Malaysian.

By crazyidiot on August 27, 2008 11:14 AM

For decades you have given the handicap to your own race, why don't switch places for 1 decade and see what will happen? Why are you afraid to do so? Is it that the non-bumi's will take over the place of the rulers? I don't think this is a viable excuse to use for the decades of privileges and handicaps given to the bumi's. I am talking about managing a country by giving resources to people who deserve them!

By anakjatipilah on August 27, 2008 11:17 AM

Salam Tun yg d kasehi,

Saya tak peduli walau Anwar menang dan jd wakil rakyat dan 'mungkin' nak jd PM..Tun adalah seorang PEMIMPIN yang dipilih oleh Allah yang tiada tolok bandingnye lg buat masa sekarang. Tiada bandingnye dengan BUSH, PM great britain tu dan PM2 yg lain di dunia ni. U are the best dan berperendirian dan bersikap hormat kpd ugama, bangsa dan negara. Mana nak cari lg orang seperti Tun ni yg Allah telah anugerahkan kpd kita untuk membimbing dan meneraju negara yg tercinta ini. I can't imagine if ever this man by the name of ANWAR IBRAHIM can manage all these if ever he becomes the PM!!! Ya Allah hindarkan lah semua ini dan hanya Engkau saja yg tahu siapakah pemimpin yg baik dan ikhlas seperti Tun Mahathir. Jasa mu (Tun) akan sentiasa dikenang selama2nye dan semoga Allah memberi rahmat keatas mu, keluarga dan penyokong2 Tun..AMIN ya rabbul alamin

By kingbrutal on August 27, 2008 11:23 AM

Assalamualaikum TUN... semoga dilindungi dan dibawah rahmat Illahi.

Dengan izin Tun, ada nukilan dari Anon untuk tatapan...

DI MANA MELAYU?

Di mana boleh cari ramai Melayu

Pastinya di Kelantan dan Trengganu

Dan juga di pasar malam dan pasar minggu



Di Akademi Fantasia dan Pesta Lagu  
Di Jom Heboh orang Melayu berpusu-pusu  
Di Sungai Buloh dan sebelum ini di Pudu  
Dan di jalan, lumba haram tak buka lampu  
Dan di selekoh duit rasuah depa sapu  
Di pusat serenti akibat ketagih dadah dan candu  
Di malam kemerdekaan dan malam tahun baru  
Terkinja-kinja best giler menari macam hantu

Apa hobi orang Melayu  
Terkenal dengan budaya malas dan lesu  
Berlepak buang masa tak jemu-jemu  
Atau baca majalah Mastika cerita hantu  
Tengok telenovela dari Filipina dan Peru  
Sambil makan junk food kacang dan muruku  
Mana tak gendut berpenyakit selalu  
Kalau nak berlagak melayu nombor satu  
Asal bergaya sanggup makan nasi dan toyu

Boleh tak jumpa mereka di kedai buku  
Atau di perpustakaan dan majlis ilmu  
Atau ambil kelas kemahiran di hujung minggu  
Ada tapi kurang sangat ke situ  
Kenapa Melayu jadi begitu  
Nak salahkan sapa ibubapa atau guru  
Pemimpin negara atau raja dulu-dulu  
Ayat lazim di mulut ialah malas selalu  
Nak harap kerajaan saja bantu  
Terutama sekali kontraktor kelas satu  
Tak habis-habis gaduh nak jatuh sapa dulu  
Dan suka sangat dengan budaya mengampu

Sampai bila kita nak tunggu  
Bangsa Melayu jadi bangsa termaju  
Boleh, dengan beberapa syarat tertentu  
Pertama dengan banyak menguasai ilmu  
Kata nabi ikutlah al Quran dan sunnah ku  
AlQuran yang diturunkan 1400 tahun dulu  
tapi apakah yang kita tahu,cuma baca nak halau hantu  
By Rafiz Rahim on August 27, 2008 11:23 AM

Tun,  
Tolong... saya tak nak negara Malaysia diperintah oleh Anwar Ibrahim.  
By Noor Faiza on August 27, 2008 11:25 AM

Salam Tun,

You are the best. May God be with you.  
By anakjatipilah on August 27, 2008 11:27 AM

To all bloggers,

Dimana kah ulamak2 kita sekarang...mengapa mereka tidak sependapat antara satu lain?? Islam hanya lah satu..mengapa mereka ini tidak sependapat??? Rakyat dan orang2 islam am nye keliru dengan ulamak malaysia ni. Apa dah jadi. Mereka masing2 dok kata islam mereka betul!! yang mana betul. Tolong lah jangan kelirukan orang2 islam di malaysia ni. Bersatu lah, jangan kira anda dari parti apa pun,

itu tak mustahak. Yang mustahak adalah UGAMA ISLAM yang kita anut dan pegang selama ini. Menagapa ada macam2 pendapat..menagapa?? Apa beza tok guru, mufti dan imam di malaysia ni..bukan mereka ni berpelajaran dari masir, mekah dan lain2 lg. Bermuasyarah lah sama2 sebelum membuat satu keputusan, itu adalah lebih baik.

Keliru..memang keliru. Adakah mereka nak mempertahankan islam mereka masing2 ???  
By azmany on August 27, 2008 11:35 AM

One of our traits is that we are quick to look down at ourselves. This is especially true in the fight of NEP. Affirmative action is never easy and if you study all over the world, very few has actually been successful - it's natural, remember: you are trying to change the tiger's stripes.

For all the brick bats that NEP has received, we should also look at the positive sides.

After independence, it was easy to classify social roles with races. Malays were civil servant, Chinese were business people and Indians were doctors, lawyers or plantation workers.

51 years on, these racial pigeon boxing is not so rampant. The Malays can be seen as businessman, engineers, doctors and of course civil servant.

Please remember that it has only been one generation and already it is no longer big news if a Bumiputra company trusted by a multinational company to do joint venture - not just domestically but also overseas.

The real enemy though, is ourselves. If 51 years ago, the fight is real, today it is much more difficult to grasp what are we fighting for. Complacency is the big enemy. We have not reached the goal and yet, already many of us have suffered loss of sight.

UMNO in particular, is swimming without any real cause to fight for. The President and the other MT may trumpeted their slogans and propogandas, but when the people cannot relate that to what they actually do and practised (what with all the dirty scandals we keep hearing om the top leaders), we do longer hold UMNO in high esteem as we did before.

By lanunmanja on August 27, 2008 11:37 AM

tun tlg jd perdana menteri blik da kacau sgt da skng...merayu sgt2 tun...

By mredz on August 27, 2008 11:46 AM

Assalamualaikum TUn Dr. Mahathir..

Hidup tun..!!! hidup bangsaku..!!! MERDEKA!

By AloQStaQAuthor Profile Page on August 27, 2008 11:48 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun yang dikasihi.

Apapun yang berlaku kini adalah akibat dari kelemahan sistem pentadbiran kerajaan sekarang yang semakin hari-semakin lemah. Perkara ini tidak dapat dinafikan oleh sesiapa jua, kerana ini adalah hakikat sebenar.

Pucuk pimpinan yang tidak berwibawa sudah tentu akan melemahkan negara. Rakyat nampak ini semua. Rakyat lebih jelas sekarang berbanding dahulu sebab rakyat kini mempunyai pelbagai sumber infomasi ... walaupun pujian melambung tinggi disebut-sebut setiap hari dalam media utama, tetapi rakyat tetap faham kelemahan kerajaan sedia ada dari sumber lain ...

Kalau beliau tidak TURUN SEGERA (SEKARANG! SERTA MERTA!) besar kemungkinan lipatan sejarah akan mengajar kepimpinannya sekali lagi dan kali ini lebih dahsyat! ... Beliau patut berundur untuk kepimpinan baru dapat mengembalikan maruah parti seterusnya berkhidmatan sebagai kerajaan yang dihormati! .... TurunLAH!.

AloQStaQ

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<http://www.myKMUtara.net>

By Benderbuzz on August 27, 2008 11:50 AM

Salam Tun.

Keputusan PRK P44 sudah jelas. Dengan majoriti kemenangan yang meningkat diperolehi Anwar bagaikan menterjemahkan bahawa ada suatu yang tidak kena sedang berlaku.

Kenapa rakyat P44 menolak BN sedangkan ahli berdaftar UMNO di P44 khabarnya berjumlah 50,000. Andaikata separuh daripada mereka berdaftar sebagai pengundi di P44, di mana mereka ini? Adakah mereka sudah menyertai PKR / PAS atau mereka memboikot PRK P44.

Jika benar boikot berlaku, post mortem yang terperinci amat perlu dilakukan. Cari sebab musabab kenapa mereka berbuat demikian. Apakah misi peralihan Jun 2010 menjadi penyebab sehinggakan mereka hilang sabar menanti tarikh tersebut?

Yang jelas kedengaran di akar umbi adalah mereka inginkan alternatif segera bagi menyelesaikan masalah kesempitan dan kekangan hidup akibat peningkatan kos sara hidup. Anwar menjanjikan semua ini dengan slogan memerdekakan rakyat. Sama ada dia mampu atau tidak melakukannya nanti, kita tunggu dan lihat.

Walau bagaimanapun, tahniah kepada 31,000 pengundi PKR kerana berjaya meletakkan pemimpin ulung mereka di parlimen. Tahniah di atas kejayaan anda kerana:

- Merintis jalan kepada cita-cita Anwar untuk jadi PM.
- Memperjujukan hak keistimewaan orang Melayu.
- Mempersendakan Islam dan amalannya.
- Mengurangkan jumlah peluang pelajar Bumiputera menduduki UiTM.
- Membantu melantik orang lain menerajui UiTM.
- Membawa masuk pelaburan Arab sebanyak RM8 billion.
- Membuka peluang perdagangan bebas dengan Amerika.
- Membuka peluang menerusi tender terbuka.
- Mempergunakan Adi Putra untuk meramalkan kejatuhan BN pada 19 Sept 08 (lewat 3 hari dari sasaran awal)
- Memberitahu dunia bahawa kehebatan personaliti mengatasi moralnya.

Kepada pihak berkuasa, terima kasih atas ketegasan dan kesabaran dalam melaksanakan tugas memelihara ketenteraman awam sepanjang kempen PRK P44. Allah sajalah yang bisa membalas pengorbanan anda.

By amat on August 27, 2008 11:51 AM

to ravi, is vision 2020 not a timeline?(if not a detailed one that is) wish i could see yearly or even monthly milestone as easy as implementing a project, converting subjective issues such as man's motivation, equality and attitudes of the different races here(hey even the idea of abolishing the srjk(c) and (t) is being fought like hell and finally tolerated)

and i dont know where you are living, or you choose to not see other places, most of my relatives are the clustered bumis that DONT get the benefits as well as they live in rural areas. and believe you me they are fishermens and estate workers too(thank god my parents were very hardworking until they get out from

there and built a better future for my family).i suppose you are referring to your race only?(correct me if im wrong) but actually this happens to all of us,regardless

by the way..50 years, we have not reached menopause yet.-classic...haha

and #29 is spot on!!!

salam tun, sori buat semak kat comments page ni...  
By FAUDZI on August 27, 2008 11:57 AM

Akum TUN dan bloggers semua.

tiada apa yang silap sebenarnya dengan polisi NEP dan lain lain polisi yang dilakukan oleh pemimpin terdahulu. Cuma yang silap kita mempunyai pemimpin yang tidak sesuai pada zaman. Mungkin AAB ini sesuai dizaman Tun Hussin On atau dizaman TUN Razak.. (Putting right leadership quality at the right cycle of situation).

Masallahnya AAB diletak dizaman IT dan industri yang complicated justeru itu AAB adalah tidak sesuai untuk memimpin negara ini.

Saya amat malu apabila menonton rancangan "parlimen" di TV1, dimana ada sesetengah timbalan menteri langsung tidak mempunyai kualiti.. bercakap bahasa malaysia pun tidak tahu dan menjawab soalan macam budak sekolah...malu malu dan malu. Apa nak nak nuat ini hasil dari kepimpinan yang ada.

Boss lembab anak buah lagi la lembab.

wassalam.  
By zaki\_77 on August 27, 2008 12:05 PM

mamak, Anwar is all things to all people depending on the audience he is addressing. He would sell his own mother to get what he wants! He will sell Malaysia to the foreigners and if the political and economic tools become a monopoly of the non-Malays, the Malays will become 3rd class citizens in their own country.

By lextcs on August 27, 2008 12:10 PM

this is how one will win this 'war'.....if im khairy i would lead a the youth delegation to seek your attendance...then i would beg for forgiveness (hari raya spirit)...kiss your hands embrace you with a good bear hug....set aside my differences.....and 'rayu' for your return to party advisorship....it would greatly promote humility amongst the youth generation and thus bring about the lost respectability for elders.....then the seniors of BN will come together to seek counsel and make peace with one another...and together they unite as one.....when the rakyat sees such an afirmative action their spirits would be lifted up.....forgiveness is such a powerful tool...and when used properly it would greatly conquer all barriers

By yoshzAuthor Profile Page on August 27, 2008 12:10 PM

"Are most of the Malays getting the scholarships and entries into the universities the children of UMNO people? If they are, why was it necessary to have the Universities and University College Act to stop students from demonstrations against the UMNO-led Government?"

Tun, by saying that u are implying that AUKU is really meant to shield UMNO from being 'attacked' by students.Isn't AUKU meant to help the students to focus more on studies?

By rizal on August 27, 2008 12:14 PM

Assalamualaikum

Dear Tun,

Thanks for your brilliant ideas and vision towards the nation, we do miss you as a leader.

Ape kata saya cadangkan Tun menubuhkan satu parti baru yang dipimpin oleh Datuk Mukhriz sendiri dan Tun jadi penasihat dalam parti yang baru ni. Saya Pasti ramai yang akan menyokong 110% dengan parti baru ni.

Ikhlas saya katakan ramai yang dah muak dengan Pak Lah dan tak nak Anwar plak jadi PM...HANCUSSSS la Malaysia nie..

Tun, tolongla kami....bimbing la kami...  
By Anba on August 27, 2008 12:18 PM

Dr. Mahathir,

Hi there. Your current article on the affirmative action is by far the most interesting and honest article. If you may recall, there were many from this blog who asked me to leave the country on my thoughts about the abolishment of NEP and the ways Malays have been too dependent on the government and not willing to stand on their own feet. But you said it rightly that you were ashamed of the Malays who have not used the NEP to jump start their future and still not catching up with the minorities.

1. Thank you for writing with such sincerity and honesty.
2. Thank you for admitting that the NEP policies had been abused.
3. Thank you for admitting that there have been abuses in the promotion of business among the bumiputeras.
4. Thank you for admitting that there has been unfairness in the award of scholarships and Government jobs.
5. Thank you for saying " The Malays must accept that this discrimination cannot be forever. If they fail to respond properly to what is being done for them, they should accept this policy would be taken away". This is exactly what I was trying to say in my response to your previous articles, but the Malays ( even an Indian) were attacking me, perhaps they thought that the privileges that comes through NEP will be inherited from generation to generation. Dr. Mahathir, thank you for saying what you said, as this will remind the Malays that their privileges will not last forever. You were an extraordinarily hard working person, who have worked hard all your life to upgrade the life of Malays.

6. You mentioned about the difficulty some minorities faced like the Tamils in Sri Lanka and the Indian in Burma. I mentioned about the same issues mentioning that when the minorities are suppressed long enough, examples like the Tamil Tigers who resorted to rebel and violent ways, must be a constant reminders to the politicians in Malaysia. Thank you for sharing this point.

7. Finally you mentioned and it's worth to share it again:  
"However, we must give time for ending the NEP and it should be done in stages. I hope that time will not be too long. In the meantime, serious efforts by the Bumiputeras must be made to avail themselves of the opportunities. If this is obviously not being done, then, as with entrance into the universities, the discrimination must end"

I believe that the NEP should have ended in 1990 but no one was daring enough to take the privileges away from the Malays. This is one of the reason why the Malays thought that the privileges given were their birth right and that the NEP and other advantages they have will be inherited forever. The stages in which the NEP needs to end must be tabled and debated and discussed. I do not think there could be any other greater agendas for the component parties for BN like the MIC, MCA and others. If the Indian, Chinese and other minority leaders do NOT make this their top agenda, then I will not blame the future Malay leaders if they hang on to the NEP.

Dr. Mahathir, your words have give loads of assurance to the minorities like me. Nevertheless, we have long ways to go before the we can live with equality in this country, Malaysia.

Take care and God bless.  
Anba

By ikanbilismoh on August 27, 2008 12:21 PM

ASSALAMUALAIKUM TUN.....

APA TINDAKAN YG BOLEH DIBUAT KALAU SETAKAT MENULIS KOMEN DI BLOG TUN SAHAJA....

KITA TAK AKAN MERUBAH DAN AKAN KEMANA-MANA KALAU SETAKAT MELUAHKAN DAN MENULIS SAHAJA TUN....

APAKAH TUN SEDAR SEMUA NIE....

FIKIR-FIKIRLAH TUN.....

SEKIAN.

By azmd888 on August 27, 2008 12:22 PM

Dear Tun,

Well-written, I really love to read your articles. On point #39, you said that "There is a tendency among Malays to regard the discrimination in their favour as a privilege, as a recognition of their superior status. I think this is wrong."

But my question is how would you reconcile and define the meaning of 'privilege of bumiputera'. I think that is the question the Malays are asking themselves forever. If there is no privilege as bumiputera, then why bother explicitly mentioned it in the constitution. To me it does not mean anything if it does not to be translated into action. I bet this will be debated until we find the closure.

However, I agree with the bottom line which is to help the poor which was what NEP has done in general and it still doing. With that I thank you for keeping NEP in place and order while you're in power.

Ian, SA

By Pires on August 27, 2008 12:24 PM

Salam ayahanda Tun & bonda Siti Hasmah,

Apa2 pun saya nak ucapkan selamat Merdeka yg ke-51 dan Salam Ramdahan untuk Tun sekeluarga dan seluruh rakyat Malaysia. Actually ape yang tun cakap ade benarnya walaupun sedih nak mengaku. Bumiputera ni mmg xde kesedaran cuma asyik2 nak politik dan sembang kedai kopi. Apabila peluang yang diberikan 'handicap' untuk membolehkan mereka bersaing mereka taknak. Sebagai contoh Tun, sekarang ni saya ambik Master kat UM, UM seperti biasa hampir semua lecturer dan staf orang Melayu, tapi dalam kelas saya untuk master bukan degree 60% bangsa Cina, 20% Melayu, 10% India & 10% foreign students.

Sebenarnya yg membuat saya bersemangat untuk belajar ni sebab adeny student bangsa Cina nilah, bukan maknanya saya sokong meritokrasi tapi peluang pembelajaran atau menuntut ilmu yang kerajaan berikan mengapa budak2 Melayu tak nak ambik & saya rasakan amat malu apabila bangsa lain sibuk nak mencari ilmu, bangsa Melayu ni sibuk nak enjoy, lepak dan berhibur sahaja. Tiada kesedaran untuk meningkatkan ilmu pengetahuan sedangkan zaman skrg ni adalah zaman ilmu sebagai asas kehidupan kita.

Untuk ini Tun, saya harap Tun jgn la sentiasa sedih dan teruskan usaha tun memajukan anak bangsa. insya Allah seperti classmate saya berbangsa Cina, "There is always a light at the end of tunnel", masalah kesedaran bangsa Melayu ini akan muncul pada masa akan datang. Mudah2an Jasa yng tun berikan akan diberikan ganjaran oleh Allah sampai bila2.

Wasalam..

By sktan on August 27, 2008 12:24 PM

Dearest Ayahanda Tun,

So Relieve and Nice to hear from you after such a long pause.

Honestly speaking we Malaysian always harbour, some sort of a barrier, by This 'Colour', 'Bumi' and Non Bumi Status.

Break this barrier, and we are on our 'REAL ROAD TO MERDEKA'.

Why cant it be like Lee Chong Wei, Misbun and Punch Gunalan? (just a quick comparison, and sorry to other race not mentioned).

The moment they HUG one another, How Proud were we MALAYSIANS then? IT'S NOT THE MEDDLE, PERSONAL GLORY THEN. ITS THEIR HUGGING ACTIONS. (HOLDS NO BARRIER).

IN NOT ONLY SPORTS, BUT EDUCATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS ALIKE, MALAYSIANS ARE MALAYSIANS.

Salam Ayahanda Tun, And May Allah Bless You And Entire Family.

By haaziq on August 27, 2008 12:29 PM

Dear Tun,

You are heavens gift to malaysians of all races. May allah keep your mind as sharp as ever, forever, insyallah.

By CLC on August 27, 2008 12:29 PM

Dear Tun,

My brother was worry every day after his son score 4As in his STPM result (PA, Kimia, Biology & Matematik). Why? He is worry his son couldn't obtain a medicine course in local university. He is worry

he can't afford to send him to oversea. He is worry with his son, might very sad if unable to obtain his favourite course after putting so much hard work and afford in his study. Tun, why he had so much worry? by right he should gald with his son result!

This is just one of the real example happen in a family. Luckily he got a place in one of local University.

Tun, Education system is to

produce a future group of intellectual to lead the country, in various area, so that our country can be success and be respected by

others country. We should keep our intelligent people in our country. We all love this country, is sometime the Govt. system make us feel frustrated and sad.

By mahathir on August 27, 2008 12:30 PM

Salam Tun,

Patah tumbuh hilang berganti. Kemenangan DSAI di Permatang Pauh dan kembalinya ke Parlimen dilihat sebagai "sireh pulang ke gagang". Tun bila lagi?

By lex on August 27, 2008 12:31 PM

To malaysianboy on August 27, 2008 12:25 AM

Well said, well said.

By mokelet on August 27, 2008 12:35 PM

salam tun.

please share your views on permatang pauh by election results.

By lex on August 27, 2008 12:46 PM

Tun, I do not totally agree with your rather nationalistic views on globalisation and foreign direct investment (FDI). Look at how well Singapore has done in terms of attracting FDI and harnessing technology transfer to its own people. Singapore, which was just a backwater with no natural resources, owes much of its transformation to a pro-FDI, foreign policy. It continues to actively source for FDI through its government bodies such as the Economic Development Board (EDB).

Likewise, look at China today. It is the world's largest recipient of FDI now, and see how far it has leapfrogged the rest of the world in terms of year-on-year development.

The key to effectively attracting and harnessing FDI to a country's advantage and not end up as a victim, is in the way the government formulates the law so that the foreign companies can't just do as they please. It is wrong to take the extreme view and condemn globalisation as totally bad. It is very much any government's prerogative to dictate the rules and environment in which FDI can operate, and use it to the country's and people's advantage.

By nookvillage on August 27, 2008 12:48 PM

Tun,

DSAI menang dan menang dgn majority yang lebih besar dari istrinya. Kita hormati proses demokrasi dan terima keputusan dengan hormat. BN seharusnya membuat postmortem kenapa BN kalah. Sekali lagi saya ingin menasihatkan BN misti fokus kepada perut rakyat. Kesusahan rakyat misti diutamakan. Sekarang ini ramai yang susah kerana banyak program-program Kerajaan gagal termasuk NEP, subsidi dll...

By YSLim\_1 on August 27, 2008 12:52 PM

Today I was stuck in traffic jam for 2 hrs 15 minutes traveling from Subang Jaya to Kuala Lumpur.

Affirmative actions needed to be guided by meritocracy. You don't use a blind to lead the blinds.

You need the best, genius, humble, humane, civil, etc, etc, etc to guide and enforce the affirmative actions without being corruptive, being racist, gender bias and wanting to do the best for the people/nation.

Can you find/afford these peoples? Did you ever try to look up these people. Do you feel pressure by any other groups to employ your so-called "cronies"? Are you able to stand on principle and not to gamble on it? Are you trying to weigh the lesser of 2 evils- DON'T? Do you have the will power to do it? Maybe not alone? Are you willing to do it with the same thinking mind? Eg Tunku Abdul Rahman's era.

If you are NOT ABLE to subscribe to the universal condition of justice and humanity DO NOT TALK ABOUT affirmative actions. Your affirmative actions will cause the persons that you "HELP" suffered at the end. Please do not harp on your so-called "achievements" as the so-called "achievements" are drawn from the blood/sweat/body/mind/soul of Malaysians. All Malaysians' blood/Sweat/body/mind/soul indeed whether they are pro government or the oppositions.

You better think properly before continuing to utter all your so-called "goodness".

ANOTHER THING, I HAVE FEELING THAT SOMETIME YOU WROTE IN ENGLISH AND SOMETIME IN BAHASA MALAYSIA. ARE YOU CHOOSING YOUR AUDIENCES. PLEASE WRITE IN BOTH BAHASA AND ENGLISH.

By das on August 27, 2008 1:20 PM

Dear Tun!

This "policy" whatever it means and if I may ask, 50 years on.....what has it produced?! Even the people in Putrajaya seem to be having this same mentality but the only difference is that they are in a "different"



platform, financially speaking, from the rest of the Rakyat!!! And in turn what do they do, use scary racial overtones to scare the general public?!

Singapore might be a small place with "a hundred and one restrictions", your immediate neighbour but look at this place and tell me honestly if anyone with good academic credentials be denied a decent education? The reverse has it's day in Malaysia as far as the minorities are concerned, am I right?!

I might hate Lee Kuan Yew and his policies but I have to thank him in many ways for the progress Singapore has made since independence!

It is indeed sad to see that after 50 years of independence, the "powers that be" in Putrajaya are too engrossed in sodomy rather than the economy!!!

One more question, whatever happened to the "brilliant" likes of Diam and Musa Hitam? Self imposed exile or what?! I can only wonder!!!

Das  
Singapore  
By blessnation on August 27, 2008 1:32 PM

Dear Tun,

Mungkin betul macam blogger 'pastikanori' suggests seperti satu doa bila di sebut Me'layu' beribu, berjuta kali pasti lah layu bangsa ini.. Jadi kena panggil Malays ( semoga boleh bertambah dan bercambah idea, semangat dan karisma kita, macam 'the hen lays the eggs')

Juga kalau di panggil Malaysia, macam didoa2 oleh semua bangsa dan orang di dunia ini supaya Melayu 'gila' (kerana 'sia' bunyi macam sial atau maksudnya 'gila' dalam bahasa Cina.) Macam satu sumpahan..

Mungkinkah sebab2 ini Melayu tak habis2 bergaduh sesama sendiri, cemburu, iri hati, nak jatuhkan satu sama lain.. Lama2 layu lah bangsa ini.. Mungkin boleh di tukar ke nama Malayzia, Malayland bunyi macam Maryland di USA atau seperti Thailand, di mana orang Thai tidak pernah dijajah dan tak pernah beri peluang orang2 luar menjajah mereka.. it is Thai's Land.

Dengar macam tak logik, tapi kalau di fikir2kan ada juga betulnya.. Cari dan tukar nama negara & bangsa ini ke nama yang lebih elok dan cantik maksudnya.. Masih belum terlambat..  
By mida115 on August 27, 2008 1:38 PM

salam tun...

1) Blog ini benar-benar membantu dalam memahami pelbagai situasi...

thanks.  
By anakku5 on August 27, 2008 1:51 PM

Dear Tun,

So sad for Malaysia, DSAI won Permatang Pauh by-election. It is really obvious, none of our government promises or campaign can buy the votes. People just dont' trust this government anymore. Why our current leaders dont want to listen to what people want.

After this may be we can watch more dramatic action from our so-called 'PM in waiting' in Parliment. Then what next.....

Please, for the sake of our beloved country, dont ruin it just because of personal interest, egoist ect.

Luv u Tun. Please do something.  
By jeng3 on August 27, 2008 1:57 PM

salam Tun,  
To Kokabala,

good luck when you migrate.I feel happy for you...

Some of you here look down on Malays as lazy,stupid etc.,what I want to say is PLEASE DO NOT ASSUME THAT!YOU WILL END UP HAVING TO EAT YOUR WORDS.  
Sooner or later we'll catch up with the other races in economics and education and you might be on the wrong end of the stick for a change.

Many unexpected things can happen in the next 50 years of our independence.The Malays might become very successful in business,Singapore might rejoin the federation...

Jeng3  
By DrPerfect on August 27, 2008 2:18 PM

Tun,

If you would really care about the Malays, what would you do to make them more competitive. Come to think of it, no one can guarantee NEP make an individual thriving in life, it only guarantee for an easier life, and for people that think NPE would guarantee wealthy life without effort, think again, how well known Malaysia will be and how proud can we be of this country when this expenses and opportunity of NEP is used in developing the country, and if the priviledges wasn't repaid, this country will always be one step slower to achieve any vision. And of course I must say, those who see NEP as a opportunity to equip themselves with more knowledge will eventually contribute to the country and make a better living standard.

Now the problem is, who would really realize they always got a better choice when, they were kept in this NEP shelter instead of exploring more on the outside world, I don't buy the fact that the Malays are simply incompetitive before they engage into any challenge. Won't you think they will get better rewards than NEP priviledges if this policy was to remove earlier?

Lastly, don't you think NEP would contribute to the attitude of materialism?  
By Jamal on August 27, 2008 2:29 PM

Dear Tun,

The message is very CLEAR - TO all MALAYS - the NEP is NOT a privilege. It is NOT a RIGHT BUT a RESPONSIBILITY!! It is an opportunity for a limited duration only for the MALAYS to use as quickly and as best possible.

It is a very heavy responsibility - For the MALAYS to get a head start and to CATCH UP - ASAP!!!

Forget the KETUANAN Melayu instead think MELAYU MAJU.

How can the Malay catch up? There is no easy way BUT to WORK HARD and pay your dues. WORK HARD, WORK HARD, WORK HARD!!!

Do you all think Tun got to where was and is by sitting around, waiting for handouts, playing and having fun? Tun is what he is NOW due to his hard work (and he still is working hard) and paying his dues.

Knowledge, skills, competencies, capabilities and ability does no come to you by wishful thinking, hoping, handouts and gifts - it comes from effort to learn, reading, practicing, experiencing, doing, failing and learning, studying, facing hardship and not giving up.

Perhaps the MALAYS need to be pushed or forced to face the hardship to make them realise all this. Make them fight for UNI places, make them fight for contracts, make them fight for everything.

Only then will they realise the need to work hard.

Tun, this is now the MALAY dilemma. To break the crutch mentality. To break free from the believe that it (NEP) is their Right and Privilege. When actually is just an opportunity given to them for a short duration - where from it MUST be taken away from them. Or Malaysia will never be a Nation we can call First World and an example for other nations to look up to. And a place where the Islamic ideals of equality, justice, harmony and stability prevails.

By Mikey on August 27, 2008 2:33 PM

Dear Dr,

How about a fixed end to affirmative action? Today the indigenous people (or the super elite minority within this majority) are super wealthy and are engorging themselves. But notice that they are really not getting ahead in real progress and global competition. They get up there the easy way and expect the same for generations to come. What about the non indigenous people who work hard and excel through sheer determination and sacrifice. Why is it that they don't get much at all? The focus should have been to develop the cream, regardless of ethnicity but at the same time balance the racial disparity. I know it's not easy, but a truly caring and concerned nation builder would have at least attempted it.

I think the NEP failed in educating the recipients to work towards great achievements, it only created a population that is ever waiting for handouts because they have rights. Well, the end result is what you have today. Badawi and His Gang of Happy Thieves. You taught them how to plunder but forgot to teach them how to plan.

On the other hand you could have influenced the psyche of every Malaysian to work towards the greater glory of our beloved country, like we did pre and post independence. How beautiful it must have been, with TAR, Tun Abdul Razak, Tun Sambanthan and Tun Tan Cheng Lock working with the pure spirit of forming a country.

We need that love. We need to go back to our roots and we need to respect every Malaysian because he is a part of this glorious land that is Malaysia.

Happy Independence Day, Sir. God bless Malaysia and reinstate her glory!

By insankamil on August 27, 2008 2:45 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun

“ Kita harus keluar dari tanggapan bahawa tongkat yang

disediakan akan kekal selamanya. Ingatlah, tongkat kayu boleh

patah, tongkat rotan boleh lentur, tongkat besi pun boleh karat.

Oleh itu, jauhkanlah diri sedikit dari tongkat dan berdirilah atas kaki

sendiri.

" Tun DR Mahathir Mohammad Bajet 2003

Apa yang Tun pernah ucapkan dahulu memang ada kebenarannya, cuma kadangkala kita cuba untuk menafikan kebenarannya. Seperti apa yang pernah Tun ungkapkan dahulu yang "Melayu mudah lupa".  
By bush on August 27, 2008 2:54 PM

Tun,  
see your statement below:

"27. I will readily admit that the NEP had been abused.

30. I will be the first to admit that there have been abuses in the promotion of business among the bumiputeras

31. I also admit that there has been unfairness in the award of scholarships and Government jobs"

Why you now only agreed the issue, why not you spot it during you are in PM time?

Due to this abuse, it has been created a disaster. I could foresee a worst disaster will be going to happen soon!

Now our country come to this situation don't you admit it is part of your failure as well? There must be a cause of effect. something happen due to the initial/root cause, and the problem will build up slowly like a time boom. You can not blame the current PM, the past PMs also contribute the root of the cause as well.

A disaster happen will take time to clean it up, and it is not easy.

If you wanted to help the country or repair your mistake, you should act like DSAI to fight and not just complain and complain in your blog.

Action is important and not just taking manager.

I am feel very dissappointed with this country. :-)

By zaq on August 27, 2008 3:06 PM

Assalamu'alaikum Tun

Semoga Tun dan isteri berada dalam keadaan sihat.

Saya ingin syorkan Tun kembali balik ke politik sebagai PM.

Walaupun Tun telah berjanji tak kan masuk balik ke politik, tapi dalam keadaan sekarang di mana Datuk Anwar telah masuk balik ke Parlimen hanya Tun sahaja yang dapat mengekang kemaraan Datuk Anwar dan konco-konconya membentuk kerajaan baru.

Kalau tidak, Malaysia akan berada dalam keadaan yang amat membimbangkan pada bangsa Melayu. Walaupun saya anak Melayu Singapura tapi saya amat sensitif akan perkembangan politik Malaysia, lebih2 lagi akan ketuanan Melayu di Malaysia.

Saya tak rasa bahwa sekiranya Pak Lah letak jawatan sebagai PM dan Datuk Najib ambil tampuk pemerintahan sebagai PM akan mengekang pengaruh Datuk Anwar yang semakin hari semakin kuat.

Harap dapat Tun pertimbangkan. Saya rasa kalau Tun kembali balik, ramai akan berpihak pada Tun, insyallah..

Yang Mengharap,

Zainal

By bush on August 27, 2008 3:06 PM

I am working an global company in malaysia in IT industry. I am trying very hard to look for an bumi employee as we are global and running 24x7 and need to have multiple races and religious to work so that we could enjoy our festival during our respective festival celebration.

However, i only managed to get on bumi after so many interview session. and this is the only one i get vesus that i have 7 staff of non-bumi with me. I am very frustrated why i could not get a good bumi staff as our bumi are cover 65% population of the country! this is the failure of NEP and our education!

I believe not only my company other global or local company also having problem of getting good bumi staff.

This situation showing that the failure of the NEP, the NEP is good but implement wrongly.

I do not know why TUN did not realise this? But today it was too late, all good people are moving out (including bumi) from our country because other countries are treating them well and pay well. So the lacking behind are those 3rd or 4th classes citizen that serving in the country.

Do you think this country will advance? will have good future?

how can we compete? look at proton, already 20 years, still can't compete with foriegn car!

By maveric on August 27, 2008 3:07 PM

TDM,

This is one of your better postings so far.

We should all realised the Malays, Chinese, Indians and etc are all Malaysians. We are not competing against each other but rather the outside world. Rather than focusing on our differences, the diversity of our culture should be a pillar of strength for all of us to propel Malaysia into the age of globalisation.

NEP has been around now for almost 40 years.

It does not matter anymore if it is around for another 10 or 20 years. NEP will naturally die a natural death when the country is no longer competitive and its natural resources depleted.

Cheers

By Lee on August 27, 2008 3:56 PM

Why some peoples above ask us to see what happen to Singapore Malay? Do you even know them? If you ask them "berhijrah" ke Malaysia and say here many benefits, you think they want to come back?

Time is moving forward, only by changing our attitude we can keep up with the development.

Want to say Malayu is not a lazy race, but they prefer freedom. Malays seldom worry their child, in my not so kampung place, their just let their children play around at day time, even just 2-3 years old. What happen if a car hit their children? I believe this is the cause that develop the attitude of Malayu toward their life. Life is fair, when there are too many freedom, the boundary will eventually be strongly feel in future.

Most Cina you can see, our parent don't let us go hang around when we are young, they talk to us that

we should be teach when we still young. Because only when we are still children we willing to learn. After grow up, one can not be forced to do unwilling actions, all people will have develop their own self conscious. If one is teach positive thoughts when they was children, there are not more things to blame when they grow up. Because they will have necessary skill to think properly.  
By mzzainal on August 27, 2008 4:12 PM

The intention of the NEP is noble. However at this rate, many Malays tend to abuse the goals of the NEP and other initiatives that would assist the community in obtaining skills, resources and opportunities.

We see many Malays going for their education and after graduation, they purposely avoid paying back their study loans. They merely think of their own pockets and not giving back to the country.

I would like to see the NEP incorporating other disadvantaged communities. Why limit it just for Malays.

As a Malay, I worked hard to get where I am now. However I feel angry when others talk about NEP as if it is their moral & justified right to reap the fruits of the country.

Arrogance has lead my community towards a decline of reason and sensibility.  
By D.MANAuthor Profile Page on August 27, 2008 4:24 PM

Salam Tun,

Selepas berusaha siang malam nak tolong Melayu selama 22 tahun, Tun masih tak dapat capai matlamat 30% kepunyaan Melayu. Semuanya dirancang dengan teliti, tapi ramai yang tak peka terhadap usaha Tun.

Pada pandangan saya, Tun sepatutnya memperkenalkan satu

**CONTOH RANG UNDANG-UNDANG KHAS UNTUK MELAYU.**

Sebagai contoh:

1. Yang bersikap negatif seperti malas, membazir masa, tak mahu terima cadangan baik dsbnya

HUKUMAN: Dimasukakan ke tempat khas untuk dipulih dengan cara paksa.

2. Kontrakter/ pengusaha yang mendapat kontrak kerajaan dan menjual habuan ini kepada Pengusaha BUKAN Melayu untuk mendapat untung atas angin.

HUKUMAN: Hartanya dan wangnya dirampas oleh kerajaan dan dijel

3. Tanah kosong kepunyaan Melayu yang tak diusaha.

HUKUMAN: Tanah dirampas dan diberikan kepada petani miskin dengan percuma untuk diusahakan dengan bantuan modal kerajaan.

4. Pelajar yang tak berusaha bersungguh-sungguh di sekolah, kolej dan universiti.

HUKUMAN: Pelajar ini diasingkan untuk pemulihan

5. Bapa yang asyik dok di kedai kopi berbual politik tanpa haluan dan tidak bersama-sama anak-anak di rumah untuk membantu dan membimbing dari segi sikap dan pelajaran.

HUKUMAN: Dirotan

6. Pegawai Kerajaan Melayu yang makan rasuah.

HUKUMAN: Dirotan di khalayak ramai

7. Melayu yang suka membazir membeli barangan yang tak diperlukan dan tidak menabung.

HUKUMAN: 10% daripada pendapatan dipotong dengan paksa.

8. Melayu kaya (jutawan) YANG tamak Dan tidak membantu Melayu miskin untuk memaju bangsa sendiri.

HUKUMAN: 50% dari hartanya dirampas dan diagihkan kepada pengusaha Melayu untuk memulakan atau membantu perniagaan.

9. Melayu dewasa yang malas mencari ilmu atau kemahiran untuk menaikkan taraf hidup.

HUKUMAN: Dipaksa belajar pada setiap hari minggu.

Melayu mesti diPAKSA, baru boleh MAJU.

Ini Undang-undang komunis, dah tentu TAK PRAKTIKAL.

Apa lagi yang kita boleh buat? ISA lebih sesuai untuk orang Melayu sahaja.

Maaf kerana keterlaluhan.

By Nasha Bin Edwin on August 27, 2008 4:48 PM

SALAM SEMUA..

USAH DIKENANG ORANG YANG JAUH,  
BERUBATLAH DEMI KESIHATAN DIRI..  
USAH DIKENANG PERMATANG PAOH,  
BERTAUBATLAH DI ATAS KESILAPAN DIRI...

By Kimtaei on August 27, 2008 4:52 PM

thanks Tun Dr. Mahathir for more elaborate on this as i left off since my 2nd comment...

1. Malays definitely not stupid at all and indeed they are very clever (as our beloved Tun as an example). in chinese saying, there are no stupid people, only the lazy people are stupid.

2. why alot Malays still lack behind the race?? is it they are stupid...not getting chances...??? No! because they too dependent. they always think they will forever get spoon feeding. they never think to repay their country by studying hard and love themselves. they end up working in lower income group and blame others snatching their opportunities. when they face hardship and they can't get help enough to survive and blaming other people not giving and doing enough help for them and start to let go their lives and future. blaming won't get us forward...ask yourself, have you done enough for yourself when you are left behind???

3. think again how many poor non-bumi people with good result can't continue their further study because not enough money or get into local university? how many non-bumi poor people selling their only house to fund their children studies overseas? please wake up...lucky is you with the privileges and don't wasting it blindly because alot people need it also can't even get it...

By Godfather on August 27, 2008 5:13 PM

"Tun, please do something."

Well, Che Det can't do anything because he was careless with the handover to the Sleepy Head. Once Badawi and his relatives and cronies opened the door to the country's Treasury, they will not give it up until they are replaced at the next elections.

UMNO was brought up on crutches for 30 years. The handicaps have become permanent. Making money in the name of race and religion has become very easy to the elite few. Try taking it away and you will have a riot on their hands.

Blame it all on the owner of this blog. May God grant him a long life to witness the disaster he has brought on Bolehland.

By tamwon on August 27, 2008 5:52 PM

Assallammualaikum,  
Dearest Tun,

This posting really widen our understanding with your views on this issue. I do upmost agreed on your point #29 but just wonder with the scenarios and happenings at the moment, where are we leading to. All the blessing from Allah swt. to YOU and TSH for your good health.

Wassallam.

By Pak Din on August 27, 2008 5:58 PM

Well written Dearest TUN.

Bacalah article in wahai anak bangsa ku. You should also read the response to this article and you can see how many that wishes the Malays to fail. Yang bahlol tuh ialah melayu yang tak sedaq kediri.. pi sokong yang bukan2 buat apa. Jangan bakaq kelambu wei!

Unite!

By DrPerfect on August 27, 2008 6:08 PM

By esca on August 26, 2008 6:50 PM

To Esca:

Don't be inferior with yourself, as you can't read someone's mind, you have been giving scenario where it would make yourself to look down upon yourself, but don't ever jump into conclusion that everyone out there will be same for they are the same race.

By kc on August 27, 2008 6:25 PM

Tun,

I must agree that affirmation actions do involve certain degree of discrimination, that is acceptable. But like you said, such discrimination has become a kind of abuse by your policy's implementor and you are aware of such abuse, couldn't Tun as a PM do something to stop such abuse? Why did Tun allow such abuse to continue to the extent of hurting badly the confidence of the so called "richer community" until they felt like second class citizen here?

By lex on August 27, 2008 6:35 PM

All we are asking for is FAIRNESS, not FAVOURS.

If those who are receiving FAVOURS cannot even grant FAIRNESS to others, the nation is doomed to FAILURE.

By mmcrossingsAuthor Profile Page on August 27, 2008 6:58 PM

Dear Tun,

51 years of independence is almost 1 generation. Maybe another 2 or 3 generations before we can totally stand tall with the rest. The U.S took more than 4 generations to accept black president.

By Mark Lim on August 27, 2008 7:03 PM



Dear Tun,

I had Chinese education for 12 years, up to secondary school, all in Malaysia. Thanks to the education policy of Malaysia government, which highly suppressed in my point of view (Malaysia Chinese independent high school examination, which is recognize by most of the country in this world but not at its home land), made us very competitive. My company has offices through out this region, including China, India. And most of my school mate also doing very well, all of them going international.

Some people said the main land Chinese very difficult to deal with; they are smart & hard working, got to be careful with them. But I find them are easy to convince to sell our services & product to them. All this because we being train form young how to live on our own, how to fight our survive under suppressed environment, cause we got no one to count on, especially the government. I do believe one must learn how to walk by themselves, giving them walking stick is no helping them, but destroy them rather.

By chin on August 27, 2008 7:14 PM

Tun,

I have spent 38 years of my life supporting this so called affirmation action. And in this period I have paid close to a million ringgit in taxes. Because I believed in Malaysia, I have supported BN since I could vote. And I have praised Malaysia wherever I traveled and to whomever I met.

Today I feel betrayed. Malaysia have failed me and my family.

Today, the government no longer recognize my rights or that of my family to be Malaysian citizens even though I am born here and so is my father and his father before him.

Even the son of an illegal immigrant from Indonesian has more rights than me or my children. And everyday I am reminded by the dominant race that I am unappreciated and just a tenant in this country owned by bumiputras.

Affirmative action has created a race of bigots who now demand their privileges as their rights.

Now, I have no choice but to fight for my rights and the rights of my children to be treated equally. I do not deny others the same rights but I no longer believe in affirmative action.

So do not talk about tolerance to a race of Malaysians who has been betrayed after 50 years of loyalty.

By pencil on August 27, 2008 7:16 PM

Salutations and may you always find peace in your heart.

I believe you are on the right track on many topics. Especially how it is high time for Malaysians (be it at a personal or organisational level) to learn how to "fix the problem." There is all the time in the world for blame WHEN said problem(s) has been fixed.

Are Malaysian children no longer taught the simple lesson of never pointing at another? On top of being rude, one is simply pointing out his/her own faults. In triplicate!

I will certainly look forward to your next post.

By bilaal on August 27, 2008 7:17 PM

Dear Tun,

AA WW

I am a Sri Lankan, and follow your writings very regularly, everyday i check your blog to see whether there is anything new, sometimes I am dissapointed because it is in "Bahasa Malayu", but still i am happy to see something you have written.

I hope and pray that you are in good health, also may allah bless you with good health and long life to do good deeds for the hereafter and to educate and enlighten the nation with your experience and expertise.

I enjoy reading every bit of your writings, and read with enthusiasm about your past and any news relating to you especially and malaysia in general.

I have many times watched the recording of your speech at the CIMA conference held in colombo back in 2005. I regretted a lot that i was not there to listen to your sermon which you had delivered after jummah at the mosque in colombo during that visit.

I was wondering how i could send in a message to you about my love and admiration of you, this gave me an opportunity to do so.

Jazakallah.

Ma-as-salaam.

By Godfather on August 27, 2008 7:25 PM

Who are the real beneficiaries of affirmative action ? Daim, Tajuddin Ramli, Halim Saad, Khalil Akasah, the late Nasimuddin, the AP Kings, Tun's own children, Wan Azmi, Syed Mokhtar, Jamaluddin Jarjis, Hishamuddin's brother, Rafidah's niece, Badawi's family, the list goes on and on. How many of these people left something for the really poor Malays ? Billions and billions were squandered in the guise of the NEP.

Don't be a hypocrite, Tun. Crying over spilt milk isn't going to give you any redemption. Just admit your own failings.

By mzzainal on August 27, 2008 8:15 PM

The issue is that most Malaysians would want an equal opportunity to secure a suitable ricebowl.

When one community enjoys the benefits, others are put in a disadvantaged situation.

As Malaysians we are duty-bound to help everyone who requires the aid, whether it is a career, education, safety and medical.

Everyone deserves it.

Regretfully, many still think they are still living in a backward country where only a selected community deserves special attention and special benefits.

They are dependant on the Govt to spoon-feed them, while they goyang kaki and speak candidly of how the Chinese are rich and how the Indians have so many jobs in the professional industry.

What they refuse to admit is that there are so many disadvantaged people from all walks of life, whether Iban, Chinese, Indian, Penan, Kadazan, Malay etc.

This is the outcome of the NEP today. We live in a society trying to come to terms with each other, in a distrustful manner.

Lets stop thinking of each other as Malays, or Indians, or Orang Asli or whatever. Lets unite as Malaysians and collectively empower ourselves towards common solidarity.

By rifdee on August 27, 2008 8:39 PM

This has got to be your best article ever! Let's go back to the winning formula for Malaysia.

By Naguib on August 27, 2008 8:48 PM

Dear Tun,

1. It is ironic "majority" Bumis require affirmative action as opposed in US where the affirmative action only for minority groups red indians, black american, colored people etc. The majority Bumis require affirmative action as they are in "un-level playing field" for past 500 years ago. Unfortunately many Bumis still left behind similar to 500 years ago as they are now against those economically successful Bumis and non-Bumis.

2. It is more ironic minority successful and richest amongst all non-Bumis also want to be part of affirmative action. Chineses and Indians also need help in scholarship, etc with the reason of "I am Malaysian too".

3. It is much more ironic economically successful Bumis, the produced of affirmative action turn to be against BN government, reluctant to help their own unfortunate Bumis in term of donation or study fund, living style similar to Hollywood "the rich and famous" people, keep blaming fellow Bumis for not work harder enough under famous "un-level playing fields" label, employed more non-Bumis in their 100% Bumis own companies as opposed to non-Bumis owned companies where they employed only the famously "mandarin speaking only" label and finally the economically successfully Bumis selfishly said "I am deserve to whatever I worked for to be living as "rich & famous" and ignorance to return tiny sum of their wealth to fellow unfortunate Bumis without knowingly affirmative action is their "invincible hand", the produced of BN government.

4. The sum of all "ironic" is every race in this country will forever requires affirmative action no matter what is their economic status. The only way to lessen the majority Bumis and minority non-Bumis rights saga collision course is to learn and practice the "zakat concept or philosophy" where the rich must return tiny sum of their asset to the poor. The poor are happy and the rich can have the "good night sleep". Bumis and non-Bumis should learn the beauty of the "zakat concept" so affirmative action cannot be abused literally.

It is ironic indeed!

Take care.

Dear Tun-you should make a comeback similar to Michael "AIR" Jordan!

"I am proud to be the produced of affirmative action"  
By NATO on August 27, 2008 9:26 PM

NEP is a government policy and all policies are established to serve a purpose. From what Tun has explained, the purpose was a noble one.

But what do we ordinary people understands NEP as it is now? Among some, it has morphed into a convenient mechanism for the rulling parties (in this case BN or more specifical UMNO) to give out favour sand contracts to the political connected groups or even the politicians themselves. It has also become an excuse to continuously providing entry quota for the bumiputera, without accountability of whether this quota has benefitted them in term of quality, and not quantity. It has becomes a tool for the UMNO politicians to shout KETUANAN MELAYU, whenever a call for review of the NEP in term of reining in abuses and corrupt practice is raised.

I was always amazed by my Malay unimates whenever it came to project time, for they always could come up with very good ideas. So they have great talent. But in general, they lacked the desire to compete as most of them were carefree towards life. So NEP has helpd created more Malay professionals but has not encouraged them to adopt a more competitive mindset. And unfortunately, this is an important success factor in the private sector. Hence the comments on the discrimination they face in the private sector.

No one is against NEP really. We are against the abuses, corruption and inefficiency that come with it. And we are particularly resentful of ugly politicians shouting racial abusive words whenever NEP is being discussed, even in good spirit.

And the BN government has lost all credibility to show that they have the will to reform the NEP to achieve the original noble objectives.

And lastly, Tun is undoubtedly a great leader. But not without flaws. Many of the excesses in NEP has been a direct result of his policy while he was in power. Perhaps it is a case that when we are out of it, everything becomes clearer.

By shahrul on August 27, 2008 10:24 PM

can a malay get a datukship, a Rm300K rewards, and a RM3,000 monthly pension after won a medal in an olympic games? May be after he/she got 5 or more "GOLD" medals, if less the possibility is not...

By boz on August 27, 2008 11:20 PM

Why is there no close monitoring of the NEP ? Since it is abused, it can mean that the people who implemented it just keep one eye closed. Perhaps they think that no amount of complaints will be able to do away with the NEP and also the rights of the Bumis. Perhaps they think that as long as they have the power, those powerless people cannot do a thing. As long as the majority Malays do not get angry, why be bothered if the minority non Malays get angry ? So this gives the Bumis an air of superiority, of pride and of being so proud to the extent of thinking that they can do without the other races. Looking at the population of Malaysia, there should be a ratio of roughly 4:2:1:1:1. 4 being the Malays. 2 the Chinese. 1 for the other Bumi, Indian and other race. But if you look into any government departments, all you see is Bumiputras. Where are the rest ? Olympics has come to the end. Who got some medals for Malaysia ? Imagine if these sportspeople never existed in Malaysia, how would the medal tally show ?

By tongkat on August 27, 2008 11:29 PM

This comment is for Dunhill.

You said: "Why compare our multi-racial society to predominantly white societies."

In case you forget, our country is multi-racial, but predominantly Malay. In those societies, the affirmative action helps the minorities because they were discriminated against, but in our country, it helps our majority.

By NATO on August 28, 2008 1:11 AM

NEP is a government policy. And all policies are established for certain purpose(s). As explained by Tun, NEP has a few noble purposes.

But what do we ordinary peoples understand about NEP now? Among others, it has morphed into a convenient mechanism for the ruling party (in this case BN or more specifically UMNO) to hand out favours and contracts to politically connected elites, or even the politicians themselves. It has also become an excuse to indefinitely provide an entry quota favouring the bumiputra students, without regards if it brings about quality and not just quantity. It also provides a shield for ugly politicians who shout KETUANAN MELAYU whenever a call for the review of NEP in term of reining in abuse and corrupt practices is raised.

This is what most of us understand of NEP nowadays.

Back in my university days, I always admired many of my Malay unimates who could come up with great ideas whenever we were involved in project works. They certainly had the talents, but in general they also lacked the desire to compete to move to the next levels. Most had this carefree attitude in life. So NEP has helped in creating a larger number of Malay professionals, but in the same time has failed to encourage them to adopt a more competitive mentality. And hence we hear complaints about the Malays being discriminate in private sector, as competitiveness is deemed a key success factor in the eyes of

private business managers.

The BN government has completely lost the credibility in the eye of the Rakyat that it processes the will to reform the NEP to achieve its original noble objectives.

Lastly, there is no doubt that Tun was and still is a great leader. But not without flaws. The explanation on NEP by Tun was excellent. But many of the excesses of NEP are the direct result of his policies during the time he was in power. It would be better if he had taken action to correct the mismanagement of the NEP at that time. Or is it a case of when you are out of it, everything become clearer?