

THE COUNTRY WE LOVE

Posted by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad at July 27, 2008 3:12 PM

1. When we became independent in 1957 nobody gave us much of a chance to make any progress beyond what had been achieved under the British.
2. I myself at that time thought that the only difference independence would make would be Malaysians would take over the administration of the country from the British. Nothing much more than that.
3. The other day I was given a copy of a news sheet called "Opinion" of November 1968, which I remember was edited and produced by Sulaiman Alias, one of the young political activist in UMNO.
4. It was quite a liberal paper and contained articles by such well-known personalities as Dr Lim Chong Eu (Gerakan), Dr R Kumar (Labour Party), Lim Kit Siang (DAP), Syed Hussain Ali (Parti Rakyat), Tengku Zaid (PMIP), Goh Cheng Teik, Ismail Ghani and several others.
5. I was also a contributor writing "In Defense of Feudalism". I was a Member of Parliament then.
6. The article that most interested me was one by Dr Lim Chong Yah, an economist, entitled "The Future of Malaysian Economy".
7. In it he gave a picture of the Malaysian Economy in 1967, 10 years after Merdeka.
8. The population was a mere 10 million and we were reproducing at 3.7% per annum. Our death rate had decreased from 12% to 7% which resulted in a natural increase of 3% p.a., a high rate, he noted.
9. Assuming decreasing death rate and also decreasing birth rate, the 3% population growth would likely continue over the next 10 years bringing the population to 13 million in 1977.
10. Dr Lim thought that national income should increase at 3% p.a. over the 1967 per capital (sic) income of USD940 p.a. But at 3% rate of growth the gap between us and the rich countries would widen.
11. Still the other developing countries would be behind us. However at 3% growth we would not be able to create jobs at 100,000 p.a. The rate of growth of national income should be 5%.
12. Investment growth (domestic) would not be able to do this.
13. If foreign investment makes up 4% of growth then it may be possible to achieve the necessary rate of investment for creating 100,000 jobs per annum.
14. It was a time when the rubber estates and tin mines were still owned by foreigners. Bringing in foreign capital sounded like increasing overdependence on foreign enterprise. We did not quite relish the idea of more foreign involvement in our newly independent country.
15. But without capital inflow unemployment would be 200,000 by 1977. Together with 160,000 unemployed in 1967, the rate would go up to 360,000, a horrendous figure.
16. The 360,000 did not include a large number of under-employed workers.
17. In the second five-year plan the public sector was to spend 4,500 million Ringgit of which 1,900 million Ringgit was to come from foreign sources (borrowing).
18. Malaysia would have to depend on foreign capital inflow. Dr Lim remarked that political independence

had not freed us from dependence on foreign capital. Still, he said, it was consistent with political independence. He named several developed countries which depended on foreign capital inflows.

19. He then turned to the rubber industry which was undergoing great difficulties because of the increasing usage of synthetics. He concluded that the difficulties of the rubber industry was also the difficulty of the nation in view of the strategic and preeminent role the industry occupied in the Malaysian economy.

20. The United States was making things more difficult through the release of their rubber stockpile. I remember being invited by Mr Bell, the American Ambassador to tea and I raised this matter. I was shocked when the Ambassador said that it was important for the US economy to keep rubber prices low. I told him that rubber prices were more critical to a small country like Malaysia than to a huge diversified economic power like America. But he did not care what happened to Malaysia. Yet at that time we looked up to America as a friend and liberator.

21. Rubber prices went down from 108.00 cents per pound to 68.14 cents. At the time Dr Lim wrote his article it was 50 cent per pound. The kampong people suffered grievously.

22. The other major source of income for Malaysia was tin. Already the production was decreasing.

23. We may be surprised but after tin came iron ore. We produced 7.3 million tons in 1963 but the production was going down. We produce no iron ore for export today.

24. Dr Lim predicted that income from rubber, tin and iron ore would decrease by 1977.

25. But the picture was bright for palm oil. In 1957 we exported 58.5 thousand tons of palm oil. By 1966 we exported 178.0 thousand tons.

26. Imagine how small we were then. Today if I am not mistaken we export more than 12 million tons at RM 3,000 plus per ton = 36,000,000,000 i.e. 36 billion Ringgit per year - well over the total public development estimate of 4,000 million Ringgit for the second five year plan (of course the Ringgit bought more than it does now).

27. Other than these we expected to earn something from timber, canned pineapple and pepper.

28. Dr Lim believed that growth would be from the domestic sector, with public sector contributing much towards it.

29. From Dr Lim's paper, presented at a forum organised by the National Union of Malayan Students at the University of Malaya, it did not seem likely that Malaysia would grow to what it is today. Yet Dr Lim was optimistic. He expected political stability to contribute towards Malaysia's development.

30. I write this in order to remind ourselves as to what we were like before. In 1967 no one thought of a Malaysia like what it is today. We did not think of industrialisation. We saw ourselves as a producer of raw materials.

31. Foreign Direct Investment was an unknown term when Dr Lim Chong Eu invited foreign industrialists in the early 70s to invest in the electronic industry on liberal terms. Prior to that we had insisted that all foreign industries must accept Malaysian Equity Participation (before NEP).

32. Only National or Matsushita came. But later we gave priority to job creation to benefit not those with money to invest but the unemployed workers. That was the best decision the Malaysian Government ever made.

33. Today Malaysia is more prosperous than the other countries which attained independence together with us. There is not a single race, not a single person, whatever may be his or her station in life who can

honestly say that he or she has gained nothing from the independent Governments of Malaysia.

34. We are all the beneficiaries of the policies of those early people who lead this country. The systems and policies they initiated were excellent. If they seem not to work today it is not because they were bad but it is because we do not have their caliber. We have become very selfish and too materialistic. This country has given us much. Is it still the country we love? I wonder!

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By KunTamadaAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 3:30 PM

Viva Tun berdua. Mungkin Tun boleh asah dan tajamkan lagi fikiran Mukriz. Nampaknya 2 orang anak bekas PM tak boleh jadi. Hanya berani cabut keris, tetapi menangis minta maaf bila di sergah orang lain.

By peters on July 27, 2008 3:35 PM

u r the best Tun.reali

By Tailik on July 27, 2008 3:39 PM

'This country has given us much. is it still d country we love?'

ya ! it makes me wonder too !

this country can gives us even more but it was d corrupted rejim umno top guns who rob d nation wealth legally for >50years !

i wonder is rejim still love d country?

By MataHatiJohorAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 3:41 PM

Sebagai sokongan kepada YAB Tun Dr. Mahathir Bin Mohamad untuk terus menyumbangkan buah fikiran yang tidak ternilai kepada agama, bangsa dan negara menerusi www.chedet.com.

Sepanjang 22 tahun memimpin Malaysia, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad telah mendapat sokongan majoriti dari semua kaum-kaum utama di Malaysia. Rakyat Malaysia dapat hidup bersama dalam suasana aman damai, sambil menikmati kemakmuran ekonomi tanpa perasaan curiga-mencurigai di antara kaum.

Di bawah kepimpinan Tun, kepelbagaian kaum ini telah diuruskan dengan begitu cermat malah dijadikan tulang belakang kepada kekuatan Malaysia.

chedet.com FC adalah generasi yang cintakan keamanan, kestabilan dan kemakmuran negara sambil mengimpikan sebuah negara Malaysia yang maju dengan rakyatnya yang berbilang kaum dapat menikmati kehidupan dalam suasana saling bekerjasama dan bertoleransi.

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By AMiN on July 27, 2008 3:44 PM

Dear TUN,

You are right Dr. M. It is not becoz the system, but it because the attitude of every single person including the leaders who do not have caliber to handle all the problem. Love u Tun...

By harmdone7 on July 27, 2008 3:46 PM

Dear Tun

Is this the same Dr Lim Chong Yah you're referring to in your article?

<http://www.hssapps.ntu.edu.sg/faculty/econ.asp?u=ACYLIM>

If he is, he's now an Economics Professor at the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

It would be nice if you could reproduce your old articles, together with the journals that you discussed.

Best regards.

By Emetjais on July 27, 2008 3:48 PM

Good Day Dr M

All the previous PMs, with the people support, did their best. I believe we have several leaders like Muhyiddin, Najib etc who will continue Malaysia quest for the developed world.

By zamra69 on July 27, 2008 3:49 PM

Asmkm,

Diharapkan pemimpin-pemimpin sekarang tidak menggadaikan dan memusnahkan apa yang telah dilakukan oleh pemimpin-pemimpin terdahulu..

Selagi kepimpinan PM sekarang dikekalkan, maka tidak mustahil negara akan kembali menjadi sepertimana zaman negara baru merdeka.

Lakukanlah sesuatu agar kegemilangan negara tercinta kembali ke landasan yang betul...

Renungkanlah dan imbaskanlah kembali sejarah yang mana ianya boleh memberi pengajaran yang berguna..

By revolutionist on July 27, 2008 3:49 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun.

Bila saya baca kandungan topik ini saya rasa tersentuh. Bagaimana perjuangan mereka untuk memartabatkan negara. Perjuangan mereka terhadap rakyat. Perkara ini pada saya patut di perelaskan sejak dari awal lagi seperti dari bangku persekolahan lagi agar dapat membentuk generasi yang tahu untuk menghargai apa yang telah kita perolehi dan nikmati hasil dari kemerdekaan yang kita kecapai. Jika dahulu Hari Kebangsaan itu merupakan satu hari yang di nanti-nanti bagi menghargai perjuangan mereka-mereka yang berjuang untuk mencapai kemerdekaan. Tetapi kini Hari Kebangsaan tetap dinanti-nanti tetapi semata-mata kerana hendak bercuti. Saya teringat akan satu ayat yang berbunyi 'usah ditanya apa yang negara boleh buat untuk kita, tetapi tanyalah apa yang kita boleh buat untuk negara'. Jangan sampai kita jadi pelarian di bumi sendiri.

Wallahualam.

revolutionist

By max_klg on July 27, 2008 3:49 PM

salam tun,

perkara yang selama ini tidak terfikir oleh saya. T.kasih tun, betapa sukar nak mentadbir/merancang negara ini untuk kesejahteraan rakyat. Confirm PL x boleh sambung kecemerlangan itu.....

By askar-Melayu on July 27, 2008 3:49 PM

Dear Tun,

1. A reminder to all of us is really what we need on and off. Therefore we could trace back our past time and how we moved. From an raw producer nation we step a head in to industrial based country. Parallel to the other dev-country, we as said two steps in front them.

2. A question rise that, are we backwarding nowadays (due to paklah govern) can sustain our economic growth as he mention?

By Rattan S C on July 27, 2008 3:50 PM

"This country has given us much. Is it still the country we love? I wonder! "

- Taking back from what you quoted above, it is definitely the country that I still love, the only chaos currently going on in the country with a huge burden on price hike and inflation is due to your poor

selection of your next keen. Due to that, we Malaysian still believe and have love for our country, as it was all of us brought our "Tanah" to where it is today. It is also us that brought our situation to what it is today.

By Zahar on July 27, 2008 3:51 PM

Yes MML again. Melayu Mudah Lupa. Only this time we should need to include all the other races as well.

I Thank You from the tips of my hair (dari hujung rambut) to the ends of my feet (ke hujung kaki) for all what you have done for me, my family, my relations and I extend it to the whole of Malaysia.

I don't know about some of the people here, but I was running a business back in 1997 and I can tell you, but for YOUR efforts, we wouldn't have come out of that mess like we did and be where we are now, or where we were until Abdullah Badawi took over I mean.

I cried when I re-read what Nor Mohamed Yaakop wrote in 2003 about you. It didn't make that much of an impression for me back when I first read it, I do admit, but after the Abdullah Badawi years, I fully understand it now.

<http://jebatmustdie.wordpress.com/2008/06/05/oh-my-god-is-this-pm-stupid/>

Anyway, for all those who didn't like you, don't like you or never will like you, don't mind them. It has, is and always be a waste of time, space, and energy to argue with them, as especially a lot of those people who don't like you, love and cherish DSAI and / or Karpal Singh anyway. Nuff said.

Please know there are average Malaysians like me who did like you, do like you and will always like you, and thank you and cherish you for all the good things you have done for all of us.

Once again, Tun, Thank You from the bottom of my heart.

By MalaysiaBoleh on July 27, 2008 3:51 PM

Assalamualaikum Buat Tun yang Sentiasa Dihormati,

I'm crying when i've finish reading your post today.

By zafrulAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 3:55 PM

i as a youth love this country so much..the political and economic scene in malaysia sadden us..therefore change must be made fast..

By kuntilanak2008 on July 27, 2008 3:58 PM

Yang Berbahagia Tun,

Saya benar2 bersetuju dgn pandangan bernas Tun mengenai situasi politik negara pada masa ini. Asas & foundation negara kita yg kukuh, dibina oleh pemimpin2 lepas, kini hancur 1 demi 1. Ayuh, rakyat M'sia, mari kita paksa DS Abdullah Badawi letak jawatan. Perdana Menteri paling lemah dalam sejarah M'sia!!!

By RMK on July 27, 2008 3:58 PM

ASSALAMUALAIKUM TUN

Terima Kasih kepada pendapat yang bernas tentang sejarah perkembangan ekonomi negara kita. Jadi tidak hairanlah Tun dalam era pemerintahan telah menjadikan ekonomi Malaysia ke arah negara perindustrian yang maju dan canggih seperti yang terserlah kini.

Kemajuan dalam era serta sumbangan Tun kepada ekonomi negara tidak dapat disangkal atau dipertikaikan oleh sesiapa pun hatta pentadbiran kini pun jauh dari halatuju itu.

Namun, pentadbiran kini menuju ke arah pertanian atau lebih menumpukan ke arah pertanian. Segala kelesuan dalam sektor pertanian terutama dalam sektor makanan negara diletakkan atas bahu TUN. Kononnya dalam era pentadbiran Tun selama 22 tahun, telah langsung tidak mengendahkan sektor ini sehingga negara sedang menghadapi masalah kini.

Walaupun dalam era Tun telah lahirnya 3 Dasar Pertanian Negara tapi masih Tun dipersalahkan. Ada juga yang berpendapat negara seolah berpatah balik ke belakang dari dasar pembangunannya dan ini merugikan ekonomi negara. Apakah Komen Tun terhadap isu-isu ini? Saya yang mengharapkan jawapan dan ulasan dari yang Berbahgia Tun. Sekian Terima Kasih.

By teoasraf on July 27, 2008 4:00 PM

asalamualaikum tun n family, feel really gud reading ur article, juz cant get enuf...may ALLAH bles u, :)

By Braino on July 27, 2008 4:01 PM

Yeah, that was then...but what's happenning to our country? Confusion and uncertainties are everywhere. Nobody knows who is telling the truth anymore!

By Melayu Riyadh on July 27, 2008 4:03 PM

Dear Tun,

Does the current government has a plan going forward? Simple, easily understood plan is sufficient. No need fancy english etc. Just a simple plan.I just want to know.

It's all about planning and execution. We used to have that in abundance during Tun's time and I guess even before Tun's time ... and we all works towards implementing them - very focus.

Now, I am not so sure. At least I am not aware of them.

By khairil6Author Profile Page on July 27, 2008 4:04 PM

Nice entry form tun...

Jazakallahul khair...

By miss independent on July 27, 2008 4:06 PM

Some day.. out of the rainbow.. People shall come to their senses. Dirty politician.. shall step down.. n the people who is sincere to serve the country shall rise and.. bring us back to the glory again.. Question is.. who should that be.. our saviour? and what can we do.. to ensure that.. some day.. is sooner rather later..before all is ruined.. feeding the greed of the dirty politicians today..

By KenAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 4:07 PM

Good Afternoon Tun.

May you and your family blessed with the best of health and happiness!

By mattradin on July 27, 2008 4:07 PM

SALAM..i am crying when i read what you got to say about malaysian past,i am so proud of you,as a malaysian i salute you SIR!!!

may ALLAH bless you and your family...we buildd this beautiful country of ours,because we believe we can..SALAM!!!!

By JobsBroadway.comAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 4:09 PM

Tun,

This is really touching facts... Should let more people know about these. Hope the press will publish more works from you.

Malaysia will forever be the country I love.

Nobody can deny my instinct to defend and protect my own country.

" If they seem not to work today it is not because they were bad but it is because we do not have their caliber." - I absolutely agree.

By San on July 27, 2008 4:10 PM

Racism and racial discrimination have been part of Malaysia social, political, economic and cultural realities ever since colonial times.

Today, race has been so deeply institutionalised that it is a key factor determining benefits from social policy, government development policies, entry into educational institutions, education policy, discounts for purchasing houses, cultural policy, bids for business contracts and other official policies.

Practically every aspect of Malaysian life is permeated by the so-called 'bumis policy' based on malay-centrism. This is unabashedly spelled out by political leaders in the daily mass media in Malaysia.

It is an established fact that racial polarisation is prevalent in various Malaysia institutions. A survey by University Malaya shows that 98 percent of malay students do not mix with non-malays while 97 percent of Indian students and 99 percent of Chinese students do not mingle with the other races.

While the government tries to account for this problem by blaming other extraneous factors such as the existence of vernacular schools, it is clear that the roots of polarisation lie in this institutionalisation of racism and racial discrimination.

The ruling party Umno prides itself on the supposedly 'successful' affirmative action in favour of bumis. Bumis literally means 'princes of the soil', the official epithet for malays and other indigenous peoples but which excludes the original peoples, i.e. the Orang Asli of Peninsula Malaysia. This has been the cornerstone of development plans since the New Economic Policy was started in 1971.

Consequently, while this populist bumis policy has been applied to the benefit of bumis as a whole, the new malay ruling elite is strategically placed to reap the full benefits of this racially based policy.

Totally committed to capitalism and to privatisation, this policy has ensured that the non-malay local and foreign elite have also gained from the New Economic Policy since 1971. This class cohesion among the Malaysia ruling elite underpins the racist politics which has characterised Malaysian society since independence.

Racial discrimination in the realm of culture is seen not only in the education policy but also in the discrimination against non-malay cultures and religions in the National Cultural Policy. Non-Muslims face obstacles in their freedom to build places of worship and access to burial grounds, among other complaints.

Racism and racial discrimination have dominated Malaysian society for far too long. Now that the malay ruling elite has clearly gained control of the Malaysia economy, it is high time for a new consensus based on non-racial factors such as sector, need and class to justify affirmative action.

By The Voice on July 27, 2008 4:11 PM

Thank You Tun for reminding us of our journey as a nation. Reminded me that when much is given, much is expected.

May God richly bless you.

By ZaLeeAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 4:11 PM

Saya membesar bersama-sama dengan era pemerintahan Tun Dr.M dan amat bersetuju bahawa negara ini telah memberikan saya kebebasan, kemerdekaan, kehormatan dan tidak akan sekali-kali mengkhianatinya seperti 'mereka-mereka' yang bukan sahaja cuba menghancurkan negara tapi juga yang ingin membunuh bangsa sendiri atas nama 'reformasi'.

By Yondaime on July 27, 2008 4:11 PM

Salam Tun, :)

What a good explanation, somehow I feel proud of my country, yea Malaysia is small, but we r much better than many other countries, for the peacefulness...etc, I won't taste all this if I was born as other countries' citizen, :D Feel very grateful to the past leaders and contributors who had done so much for us. Hopefully Malaysia will continue to be in peace since current politic situation really made me feel worried(a lot), not to mention the economy now... =_= Oh yes, after climax, usually is anti-climax, hope that's not applicable to M'sia.

May God bless u and ur family. Have a great Sunday.

By AKhalis84 on July 27, 2008 4:12 PM

Thank you very much for leading Malaysia all the way.

I hope I could contribute and defend well to this country just as our leaders had.

They should have sent you to for the debate. That is only IF they have a good relationship with you which make it impossible.

The debate should only talk about the government plans for increasing the oil price. It was a terrible thing to come out without preparing the facts and the government's plans for increasing the oil price. (If there is. There should be, right ?) It should be a SIMPLE debate. Anwar couldn't do anything about that. When he was out of points, he attacked Anwar's character instead. It was a total embarrassment. Now Anwar is gaining popularity more than before. People are more willing to listen to him.

By manfromthehill on July 27, 2008 4:12 PM

dear tun,

the patriotism of past leaders and their struggles remains to be etched in the minds of our young. we often do not emphasized enough in our history/geographical books about the birth of our nation. i appreciate your reminder and i guess this is the darkest period of modern Malaysia. How will will the historians write of us in the future?

the Government now lacks the political will to rule. I am not surprised if the current PM will invoke the ISA to throw individuals into quiet submission within the year.

in the end, all the politicians would do is to salvage a sunken ship. for most, many who have enriched themselves will leave this land. bumi puteras, patriots - i think not.

for many a times, we read the news, we forget the past and hope that it remains buried and forgotten. that is the way Malaysians behave and how our leaders want us to forget.

So, Tun, thank you for constantly reminding us to stay on the middle path and the aspirations of our Merdeka, our Social Contract and the Constitution.

By michael on July 27, 2008 4:13 PM

tun,

i beg u,pls save the country,dont let those idiot expecially the budak tingkat empat claimed from oxford destroy the country,and destroy the development that u have done...we are so weak until singapore dare to challenge us maybe the next is philippine try to claim sabah...pls do something.....we also dont want anwar the drama king become pm..

By zali lampai on July 27, 2008 4:13 PM

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I LOVE THIS COUNTRY...

YES WE BECOME SELFISH AND MATERIALISTIC... AND OUR LEADER HAVE NO CALIBRE...

SAD

By vasanAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 4:13 PM

Tun..

dont compare with the 3rd class nations... we have economic inflation now... i can say that there are a lot of problems we facing.....

yea i agree that our nation is prosperous but the people still remain poor...

By blink4blogAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 4:14 PM

Thanks Tun for bringing Malaysia from agricultural base country to industrial base country. I salute your entitlement of being a Tun honor than any others in the country.

I believe in the deep vein of every countrymen of Malaysian, we all love our country very much.

By suffianr on July 27, 2008 4:14 PM

hi tun..

thanks for all the info u hv given to us..

i am also grateful for what the country has given us..

but a lot of people now have forgotten if the government was not doing what it had done.

now.. eventhough there are people serving the country selflessly

still there are others that think only for themselves. by taking what ever they please from the country's treasury through legal means.

i am sad with the country condition now.. i just wish.. somebody is strong enough to do something b4 it is too late..

keep it up tun.. your words are inspiration and the light of hope for the people..

By zali lampai on July 27, 2008 4:14 PM

ASSALAMUALAIKUM TUN,

THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING US...

SAD...

<http://anakmalaysia81.blogspot.com/>

By oversee on July 27, 2008 4:14 PM

We made a decision to emigrate to Australia 15 years ago deserting my high fly corporate position with our three children.

If history could turn back, we would still do the same.

It is a joke when our three children are fully qualified in their respective professions, then our Malaysian

leaders only realize that "Actually English is very important in this era of globalization, let us go back to English again in our primary school for science and mathematics subjects".

It is fortunate that we had our own thinking and were able to jump out from this "black box" of trial and error type of management in practically every aspect of the government administration machinery. As a result, our children do not waste their precious years.

Our children enjoy the experience of equal opportunity not only in education but also in employment. That has a very strong impact in character development because then they believe in themselves, i.e. their own ability and equal opportunity available for personal development to the fullest extent.

And they could fight for their own rights too simply because the environment encourages them to do so, i.e. freedom to think, and freedom to express. They enjoy their work in their respective professions and they have both close Australian and Asian friends.

The Australian authority treats the problem of racial discrimination very seriously and takes action very fast. I still remember those days when my youngest son was teased by certain racial remarks by his schoolmate. My wife reported the case to the school authority and after a proper investigation, the Aussie kid was made to make a public apology to my son and was suspended a week from school attendance.

Australia herself is a country of migrants from all over the world, the Italians, the British and other Europeans also never give up their citizenships although they may stay for over many many years. If they tell you to go back to China, you have equal right to tell them to go back to whatever country they come from. "Fight for your right" is the spirit.

What we are concerned is actually the management of the country. There is enough wealth to be distributed among all the people who can theoretically enjoy better education, better life and medical facility. But poor management and the evil "corruption" have eroded away what the people deserve. If people demand a change, "racism" is always a powerful tool to protect the regime.

The Australian government extinguishes any little spark that concerns racial issue. There are strict laws and they are very good in enforcement. The two party systems ensure no one monopolizes the government. If the government is not good, people will vote it out for sure.

It is a land of plenty, and of equal opportunity for everyone. One will make his way if he is prepared to seize the opportunity and work hard for it. No one believes in "God" will give, and most believes the creation and reward from their own hands and intelligence.

Though we pay high taxes, the future is more or less ensured as in case we are sick or in difficulty, we have all the assistance from the authority. It is the right for every kid in Australia to have the opportunity to finish his tertiary education if he could make an attempt and possible financial assistance is always there.

Australia's economy is very robust now and most universities graduates and school leavers are doing very well. My three kids who are qualified as professionals at a very young age are doing very well. They would not have achieved that type of level if we were to remain in our country of birth. Thank God!

We face less racial discrimination in workplace and university in Australia than in our country of birth.

The ironical fact is that we are being treated more a first class citizen in our host country than in our own country.

Human rights, good administration, equal opportunity and transparency convince us that it is no point wasting our precious time in our own country.

If you really miss our own country, earn and save more money in the host country and join the shiver hair program later on. If you have the money, any country will welcome you for sure.

In general, it is an educated society. People talk not shout, and people reason not accuse and more over, it is a much cleaner and more beautiful place to live. I am pleased with my decision and have no regrets at all.

By suffianr on July 27, 2008 4:15 PM

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By kamal ahmad on July 27, 2008 4:15 PM

Salam Ayahanda Tun, this is maybe somewhat off topic and I duly apologize fir it, but I feel that it's all the same an important matter.

On instances when non Malay raise issues on Malay rights and the NEP it would be looked upon as raising knowledge and basic rights on a supposed disparity. On the same account, when a Bumiputera reply to the issue, almost automatically and in a near concerted effort the Bumiputera would be labeled as racist. Why is this so? I believe I might have an explanation to this quandary.

But firstly may I propose that the phrase "special Malay rights" or "hak keistimewaan orang-orang Melayu", "ketuanan Melayu" be changed to "basic Malay rights" or "hak-hak asasi Melayu". It's plain to see we are not asking for anything special, we are just insisting on our basic rights as economic minorities in our own country. "Hak-hak asasi Melayu" simply means that we want our basic rights to the economy and its chain, some fair chances at education and a simple start at living. If our government (which it did not) had done what Mugabe did by taking back all white own lands and giving it back to the deserving ethnic black, perhaps only then it could be termed as "special rights" as it must have been done in manners that may have sidelined certain aspect of fairness and rights in obtaining the desired results- I believe that conjures some kind of "special rights". However in this country we do not practice that kind of "special rights" at all.

Look at the imbalances today, on my lay-man level, do tell me- how many Malay vendors selling hand phones at malls? Almost none. Why? Cause a certain race had dominated this segment very tightly, because they know that mobile telecommunications is an absolute must and so that's where the money is and that's where control must be. Look at the IT sector; back in the 80's its all non-Malays dominated industry. Malay could only buy PC and be recommended to get finances (also owned by non Malays) by these non Malay PC vendors. This goes for the construction and transport industries too. But beginning the early 90's under Tun Dr. Mahathir's brilliant policies and tactile implementations, we see Bumiputeras venturing into these sectors of business. However, struggle as hard as we want- the make or break economic supply chain of today is still solidly in the grasp of a certain uncompromising group.

Yet until today the very word Bumiputera is almost unmentionable to a self centering non Malay. Why? Because for over 50 years it had been erroneously understood as "entitlement to special privileges". We must begin to correct this misapprehension.

It took America over two hundred and thirty two years to get to where it is today; for black Obama of slave ancestry to the all imposing Democrat Presidential Nomination over the white and golden slave owner ancestry Hillary. Therefore in just thirty years for the NEP to bear fruits is hurried and wishful thinking at best.

As recent back as in 1955, American Negroes weren't even allowed to sit on white's only public buses seats in America. Taking this observation closer to our point, the Los Angeles riots of 1992, also known as the Rodney King uprising by the locals, were spark when a jury acquitted four police officers accused in the videotaped beating of black motorist Rodney King. Thousands of people in the Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley area rioted for a week following the verdict. Widespread looting, firearms assault, arson, and rampant murder occurred. Property damages totaled over one billion USD.

At least 53 people died during the riots. Civilities were replaced by anger and just in matter of hours; all civil orders and calm were raged and suspended. Streets were empty, phone lines went dead and sirens wailed along with machine gun armed National Reserved Guards patrolling all perimeters of the war zone. This was America, the same noisy double-standard America of today. Defining individual freedoms and rights or modeling one's corner of the world by American norms and standards- is a conspiracy on its own.

With only a youthful 50 years under our eager feet, no matter how noble the intention is, just let's not push things too fast. Think in our own shoes and act to our own shadows. Overrun effects could be startling and irreversible. We respect and value the non Malay contributions to the well being of our country. We know they work hard, held up their values high and we know that they are just as patriotic as us Bumiputeras. Let's not even say (or condone) spiteful words like asking anyone to leave or to "go home". This is home for us all.

We don't wish for anything special; as economic minorities in our own country we simply wish for our "Hak-hak asasi Melayu". I am not a racist for bringing this up, nor could anyone else who agrees to this be considers as racist too. How could I be racist when all that I have delved about were just matters concerning to hak-hak asasi Bumiputera? "Hak-hak asasi", is not even close to being "hak-hak istimewa".

Now, if non Malay still would term Bumiputera as racist and extremist when we just merely insist on our "hak-hak asasi Melayu", then it does appear to me that they are just unfolding their very own racist nature and conspiracies for all to see.

By observer on July 27, 2008 4:15 PM

assalamualaikum tun,
of course this is the country that we are willing to die for.no doubt about it.
By sitinur on July 27, 2008 4:15 PM

bapak...
1 kami tetap sayang m'sia...
2 aab n co tetap terus menghancurkan m'sia...
3 aab mr clean yg clean'er' kepercayaan rakyat m'sia..
4 m'sia kembali ke zaman dulu kerana kepandai aab mentadbir 'kera'jaannyer...
5 dah penin n sakit kepala bila ceq nak kena bisikkan maut(berhenti secara terhormat)
6 la ni duk mkn nasi selang 2 ari...
7 zillion thanks to bapak sbb bg ceq merasai sedikit kesenangan idup..la ni
heee....HWaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa.....
By manfromthehill on July 27, 2008 4:15 PM

dear tun,

the patriotism of past leaders and their struggles remains to be etched in the minds of our young. we often do not emphasized enough in our history/geographical books about the birth of our nation. i appreciate your reminder and i guess this is the darkest period of modern Malaysia. How will will the historians write of us in the future?

the Government now lacks the political will to rule. I am not surprised if the current PM will invoke the ISA to throw individuals into quiet submission within the year.

in the end, all the politicians would do is to salvage a sunken ship. for most, many who have enriched themselves will leave this land. bumi puteras, patriots - i think not.

for many a times, we read the news, we forget the past and hope that it remains buried and forgotten. that is the way Malaysians behave and how our leaders want us to forget.

So, Tun, thank you for constantly reminding us to stay on the middle path and the aspirations of our Merdeka, our Social Contract and the Constitution.

By Mohamed IsmailAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 4:16 PM

Salam TUN n Family!

Thanks for everything n hope TUN always post new article about Malaysia. We really appreciate! Thanks
By ana masyuk on July 27, 2008 4:17 PM

Selamat sejahtera Ayahanda Tun,

Terima kasih kerana masih sudi meluahkan idea dan buah fikiran yg bernas spt dulu utk difahami rakyat umumnya.Kami rakyat dan warga chedet.com akui jika tiada tulisan dr ayahanda diruangan ini akan lebih huruhara lah situasi dlm negara tercinta ini.Rakyat spt sudah kehilangan arah dan kiblat,nakhoda mana yg harus diletakkan harapan utk memimpin negara seterusnya memacu kearah landasan yg telah dilakarkan dgn cemerlang olehmu menuju wawasan 2020.Tidak difahami makna dan motif DSAAB menidakkan usaha dan wawasan ayahanda yg akibat nya mengikut hukum akal akan merosakkan seluruh rakyat amnya dan umat melayu khasnya.Ini menjadikan wawasan yg hampir menjadi kenyataan,rasanya terpaksa ditangguhkan entah bila tahun nya seandainya beliau tidak berundur serta merta.Mereka yg menyokong DSAIpula objektifnya jelas utk menidakkan keistimewaan kita yg kita pegang sejak merdeka.PERMINTAAN SAYA HANYALAH AYAHANDA TERUS PERJUANGKAN AGAR KAMI HIDUP SPT DULU (1980-2003) SEBELUM 16 SEPT ATAU PAU DEC NANTI

By luqman on July 27, 2008 4:19 PM

Tun,

Ya Tun, hasil dari pemerintahan dulu termasuk Tun telah memajukan negara kita. Tapi bila negara dah terlalu kaya, semangat nasionalisme makin kurang sebab hartabenda dah butakan matahati dan seterusnya lah hasillah perebutan kuasa yang ada sekarang. Rakyat negara Korea tak mahu daging lembu US masuk pun sanggup buat demonstrasi perhimpunan sejuta mendesak President dia letak jawatan tapi apa yang jadi dengan rakyat kita ? Semangat nasionalisme kita sangat kurang .

US suka kita mundur sampai sanggup nak manipulate harga komoditi kita, sebab tu depa sayang sangat Kat Anwar. Dengan kita boleh terus mundur dan kita kena ikut saja cakap depa. Sebab nak musnahkan keupayaan kitalah tu Anwar suka sangat nak jadi Perdana Menteri. Orang yang alim tak mahu jawatan tapi dia ni terhegeh hegeh tak tahu malu declara dia akan jadi PM. Imej Islam apa yang dia bawa? Entahlah.Yang saya tahu itu imej ajen yahudi.

Tun, terima kasih atas pelajaran sejarah hari ini. Tun, banyak orang muda baca blog Tun. Teruslah mengajar kami. Tapi saya pasti lepas ni si ABI dan Onlooker akan masuk komen entah apa apa asalkan depa against Tun. Kata macam macam pada Tun tapi tak pernah jemu masuk blog Tun. Itu yang paling saya heran.

Entahlah

By Pok LelahAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 4:20 PM

Hidup Tun...kepimpinan Pak Lah dah semakin tenat, ahli2 UMNO yg ada lani semua kaki Pak Angguk, apa nak jadi dengan ekonomi msia hatta 6 bln akan datang, kehidupan rakyat marhaen semakin tertekan/terhakis...sesungguhnya hanya Tun sahaja lah yg bersemangat wirajati msia...Hidup Tun

Mahathir jasmu dikenang selagi hayat dikandung badan
By rizanam on July 27, 2008 4:20 PM

Assalamualaikum ayahanda Tun....yuu're right...i my seelf are one of the beneficiaries of the government through the many policies put up to improve the country after gaining independent. I hope meny others like me would not forgot where they and their parents had started and achieved to this day...yes political and social stability is of upmost important to further take us and our children (the next generation)into the future where each and everyone would live harmoniously together as one nation...without these then whatever have been achieved would be of no value when then everybody thinks everything is for anyone to take without regard of the others. There are lessons to be learnt from our national histories of how we came about to this day...without which we are not able to be where we are today... I wish you well and in good health to further giving your insight for others of all races especially leaders like AAB, LKS, KS, AHA, DSAI and others like them to read and ponder. I am sure they too are among the many readers who are constantly visiting your blogs...

By Mis_bah on July 27, 2008 4:21 PM

Dear Tun,

I think this is the country that we all still love. For me who leads them is the big question.

By SHAZAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 4:21 PM

Salam Yg Bhg Tun and all,

Becomig too materialistic and selfish are the main factor of our own downfall. Our country are not run by those who cares about the prosperity of the nation like those time but rather being too bothered about their own luxury caused by endless greed.

The country is being brought down and tarnished by selfish materialistics bastards.

By koolgeekAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 4:23 PM

It is a problem when people become lazy and content with small achievements. That's the Malaysian mentality. Laziness is a disease. And it spreads.

By anak iban on July 27, 2008 4:23 PM

Salam Tun,

Kebanyakan rakyat malaysia tidak percaya kepada kebolehan mereka sendiri tetapi semasa Tun menjadi PM Malaysia, Malaysia telah maju, makmur dan membangun dengan cemerlang, terbilang dan gemilang telah dicapai era Tun sebenarnya. Kami rakyat Sarawak mengamalkan politik pembangunan tetapi kekayaan sumber dimonopli oleh CMS dan keturunannya.

Jadi pembangunan sarawak tidak sama rata untuk semua rakyat dan amatlah jelas sekali siapa yang 40 orang terkaya Malaysia sekarang. Tetapi saya percaya "Tuhan Maha Adil", jika kau mengambil hak orang itu memang bukan hak kamu, ia kembali hak orang, Sarawak 45 tahun maju dalam Malaysia.

Yang tak adil adalah manusia.... yang tamak dan haloba.

By Noor Faiza on July 27, 2008 4:24 PM

Salam Tun,

I shed tears reading your article this time, Sir.

I am a Malaysian and I love this country too. We must unite and decide for our future. We want a caliber leader to lead us to glory.

We want to achieve Wawasan 2020.

Abdullah Badawi MUST GO!!
By jeng3 on July 27, 2008 4:24 PM

Salam Tun,

Thanks for your reminder,I grew up in a predominantly chinese area in KL. I can still vividly remember in the seventies I used to hear 'LU MELAYU SKRU PUN TAK BOLEH BUAT!'Now nobody can say that to us anymore.I thank you Tun for your contributions towards creating a new generation of malays who can now build cars.

To those who refuse to acknowledge Tun's legacy should go and study our nation's history and the social contract.

To those who questions the NEP and labels us as the supreme race,remember that we do not possess even 30% of the nation's wealth.Just take a look at the 10 richest people in Malaysia.8 of them are of Chinese descent,and one each Indian and Malay.Now what does that tell you?
By I copy on July 27, 2008 4:28 PM

Tun yang di hormati,

Malaysia telah mencapai kemerdekaan 50 tahun. Dari 50 tahun ini, 22 tahun Tun menjadi PM Malaysia. Hampir separuh masa Malaysia di bawa oleh Tun dari segi perancangan, pelaksanaan dan keputusan.

Jika di lihat dari sudut ini, Malaysia sekarang adalah hasil dari usaha Tun.

Dari segi ekonomi dan pembangunan memang tidak di nafikan. Tun telah membawa Malaysia ke tahap yang amat membanggakan. Majoriti rakyat mendapat nikmat dari pelaksanaan ini.

Namun begitu, ada beberapa perkara yang sekarang ini amat lah merunsing. Masalah kehakiman dan politik negara. Ramai mengatakan ini juga adalah hasil dari perancangan dan pelaksanaan yang Tun telah buat selama 22 tahun memerintah.

Mungkin setiap perkara ada sebab dan musabab. Mungkin Tun akan mengatakan bahawa keputusan untuk melaksanakan satu perkara adalah terbaik semasa itu, dengan maklumat yang ada dan tatacara yang ada semasa itu.

Dan akibat dari ini semua rakyat menerima nya.
By twocents02 on July 27, 2008 4:28 PM

Dearest Tun

Sometimes hardship is character-building. I once heard that potters must put their soft and malleable clay products into the hot oven to be baked before they can be toughened up.

Only the high calibre ones will withstand the heat to emerge a quality product that is durable and lasting.

Perhaps things had become too convenient and too comfortable.

And perhaps that is why UMNOputras have lost their vision and mission of the original party.

Mercedes Benz is chosen because it "saves on maintenance cost"?? Where is the support and pride in the national car?

Another politician is willing to "sell" his nation to foreigners just to fulfill his selfish dreams. Other

politicians see the party as a source of easy wealth. Then there is a sleepy one who still has the lullaby songs in his ears, refusing to give way to a more deserving one because the seat has become too comfortable.

Unlike a young passionate man of yesteryear who cycled in any weather with all his "semangat" just to serve his nation.

The warm glow of patriotism is a rare and vanishing commodity. The honour to serve for the nation without material gains is a dying trend.

Sad to see this happening ...
By budak on July 27, 2008 4:29 PM

Tun memang hebat.
By observer on July 27, 2008 4:29 PM

i'm still wondering why our fellow malaysians keep bringing up the issue about the malay rights, NEP and etc...even they have also questioned about islam being the 'official religion' for our beloved malaysia. we had lived in harmony for years, this is all that matters for a country where its people can live and work altogether towards a brighter future. it seems that the quality of tolerance and respecting each other had deteriorated among us. we should not question what our founding fathers had did but to put our effort to live as one nation. stop questioning, love our country and act as a proud MALAYSIAN.
By mohara on July 27, 2008 4:30 PM

Salam YABhg Tun,

Indeed Tun, a brilliant reminder to us all. We can have a good future provided we have the right spirits, knowledge, attitude, sincerity and confidence in what we are doing. As you said it Malaysia Boleh!

I really do hope that we Malaysian (especially All Politicians and leaders of all sorts and wannabes) wake up and start a fresh start, a better start in life for our future not just for power and greed. Lets not become "Traitor to our Country".

Hmmmmmm.... I wonder too....

So come on fellow Malaysian, wake up and start doing something right this time, be it small, it doesn't matter as long as it is right, we have to start somewhere.... enough of just merely talking!

Tun, by the way, my family and I had a nice meal at your "kedai Roti" in Langkawi, too bad did not meet you there... maybe one day in the future...

Salam Tun, Do have a nice day and take care.

MOHARA
By threesixtynine on July 27, 2008 4:30 PM

salam che det

its true for what u've said. many contributions & developments had been made, especially during your time. but then, things went bad especially when corruption took over sincerity. would u agree? many good things turn bad, many good images, turn dark, & many other things what should be at its best but turn out ugly. as a citizen, i'm indeed very sad with this, especially knowing those who are involved mostly muslims. its true when Prophet s.a.w said all islam are muslim & but not all muslim are mukmin. at this stage we're the worst. everyone outside malaysia knew, how corrupted malaysians are, pls dont deny coz, thats the truth.

mulo dr bawah sampai la ke ateh, sumo amalkan dasar makan suap!!
By titipanjang on July 27, 2008 4:32 PM

salam tun yang dikasehi...
juga semua peminat blog chedet.

saya sayangkan negara kita ini, jadi saya mohon kita semua
bersatu untuk memperbetulkan keadaan yang sudah teruk kini.
By XBB on July 27, 2008 4:33 PM

Dearest Tun, Malaysia is the country we love, it is the leaders now a days that do not value us but themselves. When I go oversea, I'm still proud of telling people that I'm from Malaysia, but today, they ask me about our leaders scandal, the corruption, the flip flop decision of the government....etc. I was ashamed and speechless sometimes.
By kabunnalan on July 27, 2008 4:33 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

I would thank you for the article above. It reminds everyone how you fought and struggled to achieve what we have and relish today. It is so pathetic to hear words from people who claimed they never tasted and graced the prosperity we have in terms of economy and race constancy. Yes i do love the country and would mourn to death if it falters and falls.

Wassalam.
By kok on July 27, 2008 4:33 PM

The most important asset of a country is not its natural resources, but rather its human resources. This is especially true in a knowledge-based economy, which of course, will be the trend in the future if not already the trend in most of the western countries.

My daughter, who is in her final year medicine in Auckland, told me that a team of Singapore recruitment officers have just visited Auckland and talked to the Malaysian students there, offering jobs and training prospects for the final year students once they graduate.

My daughter also told me that over the last few years, quite a lot of her Malaysian seniors, after graduating from medical courses in New Zealand, have gone to Singapore to work as house officers and subsequently stayed back in Singapore for their postgraduate training. Similar teams are sent to UK and Australia for recruiting Malaysians there to work in Singapore.

About a year ago, Reuters reported: 'Malaysia is counting on bright, ambitious people like Tan Chye Ling for its future, to lead it away from manufacturing and into the knowledge age.'

But the 32-year-old scientist, a postgraduate in molecular biology, is not counting on Malaysia to look after her future.

'I felt very suppressed in Malaysia,' said Tan, who moved to neighbouring Singapore, the region's pacesetter for biotech investment, after a decade of study and research in Malaysia.

'I have benefited from the better research environment and salary scheme here. Things are much smoother,' she said by phone from the National University of Singapore where she is studying dust mites and allergies. Tan estimates that 60 percent of the research teams she works with in Singapore are from Malaysia, despite her country's efforts over several years to develop a biotech industry.

There is a serious problem facing Malaysia and that is the problem of 'brain drain'. Why are Malaysians overseas not coming back to work? Well, pay may be part of the reasons but it is not the main reason.

Singapore recruitment teams offer Malaysian medical students a salary which is a few times what they would expect to get in Malaysia S\$40000 a year for houseman after tax (equivalent to RM86000) which is about five times the pay of a houseman in Malaysia.

But, as I say, pay is not the main problem. The living expense overseas is high. And for a person working overseas, the loneliness and the stress level is also high. So not everyone opts to work overseas because of the pay. Many would not mind to work for a lesser pay if they can stay near to their loved ones. So why do people choose to work overseas, away from their loved ones?

Malaysia has many state-of-the-arts hospitals and research centres, which may even be the envy of many overseas countries. But hardware alone would not attract these experts to come home. In the medical field, I have so many friends/classmates working overseas, many in world-renowned centres. Why do they do that? Some of my friends and classmates did come back as specialists. After working a few years (many only lasted a few months), most got disillusioned and went off again.

There is really not much prospect of career advancement here. How many can hope to become a professor even when they are an acknowledged expert in their field? On the other hands, lesser beings are being promoted to professorship for doing much less. How many of them can have a say about how things are to be run? How many of them can blend into the local team where the work attitude is vastly different from that overseas?

There is an unwritten rule that even if the person is very good, the head of the team has to be someone from a certain ethnic group who may not be even half as good as him. In everyday life, some become disillusioned with the corruption, the red tape and the 'tidak apa' attitude of officialdom. For an overseas doctor applying to work back home, the application can take up to six months to get approved, whereas Singapore sends teams overseas to recruit them on the spot and offering them jobs immediately as long as they pass their final examinations. See the difference?

It is the sense of being wanted and being appreciated that make these people stay overseas. Back here, they are often made to feel that they are of a lower class. They do not feel wanted and they do not feel appreciated. That is the main reason.

For those with children, the education system further puts them off. Even school children can feel being discriminated against and one glaring example is the two system pre-university education.

All these make them pack their bags and off they go again, leaving behind their parents, perhaps their siblings, the friends they grew up together with and their favourite food that is often not available overseas. No one likes to be away from home but circumstances and a sense of being recognised for their worth make them go away. It is really sad.

Parents spend big sums of money on educating their children but the ones who benefit most are the Singaporeans, the British, the Australians, the Americans and so on. As long as race politics is not done away with, this problem of 'brain drain' will continue and Malaysia will always trail behind the advanced countries no matter how many Twin Towers and Putrajaya we build.

By cmykay on July 27, 2008 4:34 PM

Tun,

you are right. We have today become too materialistic and selfish. It is everyone for himself. And that is sad because if all Malaysians were to work for a common good, I'm sure we will succeed.

Certainly, this is the country we love. While holidaying in Melbourne in 2002, I met a Malaysian student, a young Malay boy. He smiled at me and so did I. He asked me, "Malaysian?". I replied "yes". His eyes gleamed and we rushed to hug each other.

We Malaysians must love each other. Care for one another without giving second thought to race,

religion, status etc. The way things are now, we are making a mockery of our beloved country for all to see.

We have to come together, hug one another and work for a better tomorrow. Now.

By khairuddin on July 27, 2008 4:34 PM

YABhg. Tun,

Salam hormat. Satu peringatan yang amat baik mengenai kedudukan ekonomi negara kita di masa itu. Dengan pelaksanaan dasar dasar pembangunan ekonomi yang berkesan, negara kita telah bertukar dari negara pertanian, yang bergantung kepada bijih timah, getah, kayu dan bahan bahan asli, ke bidang perindustrian dan menjadi negara membangun yang maju dan seterusnya ke arah Wawasan 2020 sebagai negara maju.

Sebaik sahaja mengambil alih daripada YABhg Tun, slogan cermelang, gemilang dan terbilang dilaungkan. Rakyat terpesona dengan laungan cermelang, gemilang dan terbilang. Kita semua mahukan negara ini menjadi negara yang cemerlang, gemilang dan terbilang. Tetapi bagaimana hendak dicapai. Kami masih tertanya-tanya..

By rams609 on July 27, 2008 4:35 PM

Dear Tun,

I left the country in 1990 to work at our branch office in Jakarta and what was supposedly to be a 2-year stint became 14 years, plus a beautiful Indonesian wife and 3 cute kids.

I remembered how proud I was when I went to the Hajj from Indonesia. On reaching the Arab soil, the Arabs was amazed that I was a Malaysian in an all Indonesian pilgrim troupe. They proclaimed, "Malaysia is good my brother, Mahathir Mohammed is good my brother!" I get special treatment wherever I go vis-a-vis my other fellow pilgrim brothers.

I remembered I was proud seeing people of all races flying the Malaysian flag on their vehicles on my short annual visits back to Malaysia circa August.

I remembered how driving around Lebu Ampang to Petaling street to Bukit Bintang and back took about 20 minutes to cover. And over the years that short trip has developed to a 45 to 60 minutes round trip.

I remembered that I now do not have to explain to the Yankees on my trips to the US, where Malaysia was. It used to be either near Bali or Vietnam.

I remembered watching on TV in one of the UMNO general assemblies, you cried and ask for everybody to refrain from money politics. You used the words to the tune of " Don't make corruption as part of our culture like one of our neighboring country".

I remembered pestering my wife to repatriate back from a country where pushing 'envelopes' was second nature, where Members of Parliament sat in comfy stretched limos, where Generals are involved in businesses, where 'connections' are important to stay alive and be around.

Only to find now , it's Indonesia all over again. This time in Malaysia.

I know for sure how our Indonesian brothers and sisters are trying very hard to eradicate corruption that has settled deep down into their everyday lives. A task that is really challenging until this day.

And Malaysia is now at the state of Indonesia circa 1997-1998.

They took 32 years to slowly slide down, Malaysia Boleh takes only 4 to 5 years and we are rolling down real fast.

It's sad to see this guy pulling down many of what you've struggled to invest and gambled to make Malaysia in the forefront, on the map of the world. Gone was also your vision 2020, I can bet my last Dollar that Malaysia will NOT achieve what we want as we are indeed on a reverse gear mode these days, thanks to Mr. Incapable Dollah Hadhari.

So to answer your last question Tun...

I was proud of our country when you were the Prime Minister Tun. Proud of you too.

I lost it when this Hadhari Imam took over! He has become a Prime Joke!

By dratoy on July 27, 2008 4:35 PM

Salam Tun Pak Det,

Amaze.. to see how our elders work out to build the nation. Intellectuals those days were more sincere and fabricate our economic strength to the best level during your time.

Unfortunately when the power passed over to present low IQ , poor reader , easily influenced by greedy young SIL , day dreamer , backward strategist and power craze half past six Kepala Batas origin has successfully turned our beloved country into lots of stress.

Many instances this semi conscious guy manipulated his own/ dining table decision to run the country. Overruled existing govt expenditure policies for their own pockets. For him , the most important is HIMSELF , no need cabinets collective decision, the hell with grass root criticism , listen to "kaki AMPU" and keep himself in power before hand it over to SIL. This real joker, I strongly believed has certain collaboration with Pak Sheh DSAI the outstanding worldclass political actor awww!!

Dear Malaysian ,back to basic ...TAQWA LEADER will get guidance from ALLAH to lead us. Yakin to the most POWERFUL CREATOR-ALLAH!

By hailtheking on July 27, 2008 4:36 PM

i am finally the first. Please visit my blog at www.hailtheking.wordpress.com

Tun i admire you and i am waiting for your memoir to come out.

i assure everybody that it will beat LKY's memoir.

Hope to read it soon.

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 4:38 PM

Dear Tun,

My conclusion is that currently we are having hsaprak and HP6 leaders led by a lame duck Pak Lah who has not contributed anything to move the country forward. It is frightening to see our country is regressing instead of progressing for the last 5 years under Pak Lah.

This is a fact and nobody can deny it. Most of the rakyat are not "blind, deaf and dumb". They know what sort of quality our leaders have, particularly Pak Lah. The last election had been proven right. The rakyat totally rejected Pak Lah.

By mrtalang on July 27, 2008 4:38 PM

Tun,

Saya paling seronok bila membaca Dasar Pandang ke Timur. Bagaimana pemimpin terdahulu berusaha membawa pulang Guthrie dan syarikat ekuiti barat. Bagaimana kita menemplak barat dengan mengatakan kita boleh berjaya tanpa meniru mereka dengan dasar ini.

Saya ketika itu baru sangat dilahirkan , tapi saya mengakui kejayaan dasar ini saya nikmati sekarang.

syabas...

By hailtheKing on July 27, 2008 4:39 PM

Tun komen le sikit, perkembangan memoir Tun. Ramai yang tak sabar2 ni.

By taufiqnoor on July 27, 2008 4:40 PM

Salam Tun,

Sounds like 'rakyat' should learn more about the HISTORY of our beloved country. Thanks for your posting and i'm relly enjoyed.

May Allah bless you & family

By smaelz83Author Profile Page on July 27, 2008 4:49 PM

True.. most of us not really know about this. Like me, I borned in your leadership which brought many developement to the country.. I hope you still can give our beloved citizen more advices to make sure our conutry can still growth and stable

By zasAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 4:55 PM

Bravo Malaysian.....!

Love my Country...

but there is some one out there not feel this cause he's at the very top.....

By nmjnhAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 4:57 PM

Tun,

I agree that we are the beneficiaries of the good job by early people work, but then the current leaders who were trusted to do the job are failed to carry their duties properly. As such its time to reshuffle so that one will realize that this country is owned by Rakyat Malaysia and not just a portion of corrupted and arrogant leaders.

<http://nmjnh.wordpress.com/2008/07/27/6-sebab-kenapa-pakatan-rakyat-lebih-afdal-memerintah-malaysia/>

By kzsoAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 4:57 PM

Tun, we love still love this this country. that's why we want the ydp pm pl to resign now!

By SayangMalaysia on July 27, 2008 4:57 PM

Thanks Tun, saya salah seorang daripada anak Malaysia yang akan menyambung perjuangan membangunkan Malaysia dari sektor pendidikan. Saya sayangkan Malaysia, sayangkan UMNO, tapi bukan UMNO sekarang di bawah kepimpinan Datuk Seri Abdullah. Sesuatu perlu dilakukan bagi memastikan keharmonian negara kita dan pada masa yg sama memastikan hak istimewa orang Melayu terjaga.

By kzsoAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 4:58 PM

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By pop on July 27, 2008 4:58 PM

Salam Tun.

Alhamdulillah sekarang ini Malaysia telah berjaya. Sememangnya pada 1957 kita tidak bermimpi yang kita akan ada Proton,KLIA,Menara Berkembar Petronas,Putrajaya, Cyberjaya,LRT dan sebagainya. Walaupun saya di lahirkan pada era selapas merdeka namun bila Tun menulis akan apa yang kita telah kecepi sedikit sebanyak menyentuh hati. Generasi terdahulu termasuk Tun sendiri telah bekerja keras sehingga saya dan generasi muda dapat merasa apa yang dirasai sekarang ini. Namun masa depan masih kelam kerana perbuatan segelintir manusia yang bergelar pemimpin memimpin kerana kepentingan agenda masing-masing. Semoga pengorbanan generasi yang lalu tidak dipersiapkan.

~Selamat menyambut hari kemerdekaan yang bakal tiba~

By kuthe2 on July 27, 2008 4:59 PM

Dear TUN Dr Mahathir...

Bravo..! Hidup TUN..! (--jek sakan nampak..?)

Dasyhat..! THE COUNTRY WE LOVE..? IS it still..?

During independence from the British.. It was all about divide and conquer..!

Now Malaysia's treat is from the United States of Aparika??

This is also the reason why you had to hand over the Administration.. Kan.? Kan.? Kan.?

If it wasn't for the United Apatika pressuring you.. I think you will still be PM..
US kata Malaysia Terrorist konon..??
Mauhahahahah...!!!!

And yes.. We would be better.. But I doubt it.. We were heading for the worst anyways.. We all in the same world.

The Aparika uses a method of FEAR and Suffering.. They inflict fear of being attacked to the inhabitants.. If they can't conquer us by making the people suffer economically then they would twist the facts and promote in medias to make us look like extreme terrorist..! and BOMB us... again submitting to their will and power.

Again Poverty.. By disabling the economic power of the people.. They now could conquer us..!

++ with weakest government.. Make it very easy for Aparika... All these decisions the gov is making are following the request of the Aparika..

Now, about FDI.. Malaysia needs it.. Most now.. Especially when Pak Sleeping Beauty.. is BANTAlng everything for 'mereka and keluarga mereka'.. Need FDI sangat2..!

But we must SLEEP with the ENEMY sometimes.. Keep your friends close, but keep your enemy closer.. The WORLD BANK is in NEW YORK daaaa.... you pun tau sapa control..

But Sleeping with the Enemy sampai tergadai maruah dan body.. rasa2nya tak Melayu lah...

So how do we make sure they don't BALAS us when we sleep with them..? That is what TUN have done so far for us.. Shielding us the RAKYAT from the wrong doing of foreign powers and money..

During TUN's time... Fuel subsidies.. NEPs.. Benefits and Insentives.. to help stimulate the economy although the world's economy was going to shit..!

This is my view of the current situation.. On UMno I see that Not Pak Sleeping Beauty, Mr Yes Man or Opportunies T or even Muhyiddin would make the best Presiden.. Best would be for the people to decide who they really want especially their elected representative of the RAKYAT that the party really needs.. If it doesn't rectify its mistake this time around.. Malaysia will be a PAS govern.. country.. Why don't we Just fight it out amongst us and get the best leader and move forward.. Do what is really best for our future.. Our OWN future.. I do really love my country.. I value my religion, race and country mostly..

Melayu Unite.!

for the benefit of Malaysia our beloved country..!

PM must step down now.! Cukup2 la rosakkan negara..

White Ribbon.??

White Flags.??

All the Best TUN,

Salam perjuangan,

Alif Ba Ta

By Pokdematt on July 27, 2008 5:00 PM

Assalamualaikum wbh;

Tun, saya masih menunggu jawapan daripada Tun berkenaan tuduhan Tun terhadap Dato Seri Idris. Saya senaraikan semula soalan-soalan saya daripada entry Tun sebelum ini.

- 1) Bolehkah Tun senaraikan projek-projek yang bernilai RM 2 billion yang Tun sebut itu?
- 2) Adakah pembiayaan projek TTI & Monsoon Cup adalah menelan kos seperti yang Tun sebut itu? Atau adakah TTI hanya RM200 juta, dan Monsoon Cup RM4 juta?
- 3) Sepengetahuan saya, pulangan yang didapati daripada pembiayaan Monsoon Cup adalah lebih besar daripada kos penganjuran, lebih-lebih lagi daripada hak penjualan media. Adakah itu benar?
- 4) Development of Setiu, bolehkah Tun terangkan sedikit?
- 5) Adakah Tun benar-benar tidak tahu siapakah yang sebenarnya telah menghabiskan sebanyak RM1 billion, dan untuk siapa? Adakah Dato Seri Idris atau kroni-kroni PM (Patrick Lim, Wan Farid etc.)?
- 6) Hanya Dato Seri Idris yg sanggup mengeluarkan kata-kata kepada PM didlm MT: "I'm sorry Sir, but YOU SHOULD RESIGN". Kenapa Tun tak highlight benda ni? Kenapa Tun seolah-olah naik angin kepada Dato Seri Idris?
- 7) Ketika krisis perlantikan MB Terengganu dengan Istana, Istana tidak pernah mengeluarkan sebab sebenar kenapa Dato Seri Idris tidak boleh dilantik. Tetapi Tun telah mengeluarkan kenyataan seolah-olah Dato Seri Idris telah melakukan kesalahan dengan mengatakan bahawa "It was the King's right". Kenapa?

Saya tidak pernah berjumpa keterangan-keterangan baik daripada Tun ataupun sumber-sumber lain berkenaan tuduhan Tun terhadap Dato Seri Idris. Tun juga selalu bercakap soal kredibiliti. That's why I'm chasing for your feedback.

Terima kasih.

By ikhwan on July 27, 2008 5:00 PM

Salam Tun,

Terimakasih atas penulisan sejarah ini. Malangnya Pak Lah nak bawa Malaysia kembali ke zaman dulu. Over dependence to commodity especially oil. Nanti minyak pun akan kering seperti logam besi yang terjadi dulu. Nak depend pada apa pulak? Pada Tourisme? Masjid Kristal? Kilang makin banyak ditutup

dizaman Pak Lah. Pak Lah the other hand suruh kita bertani balik. Macamana nak create jobs.

We want Dr M back.

By durianguy on July 27, 2008 5:05 PM

Though it is educating to know the history and i thank the previous leaders for their contribution but like Tun,i'm also concern about our future. The current state of economy is not promising with the leaders (BN or otherwise) still "politiking" on unimportant issues. AAB and his current team has done their best and it is time for them to let a new team to run the country. I would like to see new team who are more economic and business savvy. Malaysia for Malaysians!

By ctmh on July 27, 2008 5:05 PM

Akum, Dr M

First of all, congratulations for being honoured in The Sultan Abdul Hamid's 100 years celebration. MASIH ADA YANG SAYANG!

Just to put on record that statement.

Have a nice day and take care.

By shenanigan on July 27, 2008 5:09 PM

Tun, great article to remind us all the humble beginnings, and the humble dreams we had once upon a time. Its with leaders like you that we superceeded our dreams, and become one of the most admirable developing countries in the world, at least till lately.

I live abroad, and often when I meet and chat with foreigners, there are in awe of Malaysia, and what we had achieved. Many of the projects we had launched, for which we had so many criticisms at home, put us on the map, and foreigners saw us as a vibrant economy worth investing in, and a role model all in all. They made referenc to your dynamic leadership, and they wished their countries had leaders like you. That made me proud and I stood tall as a Malaysian.

Of late, its becoming shame to be called a Malaysian. All the news that comes from home, are tales of ineffecive leaders, corrupt leaders, selfish, immoral etc etc. And all at the expene of the Malaysia we love - these people care less for the country.

I spoke to some middle eastern bankers lately and they related to me how they are starting to withdraw/minimise investments in Malaysia, as they do not see any more the safe haven, and the dynamic, progressive economy it was. My heart bleeds to hear that.

I hope the day will come soon when we will be out of this mess, but looking at was is going now, that hope may have to remain a hope for a long time more, thanks to ineffective, immoral and power hungry selfish leaders we have today.

TDM - Malaysia misses your leadership!

By LKO on July 27, 2008 5:13 PM

Chedet,

"Is it still the country we love? I wonder!"

Aaah, so very true. Today some Malaysians love Australia more.

By aquatallica on July 27, 2008 5:15 PM

salam,

nice info tun..keep it up...thank you.
By ixora on July 27, 2008 5:18 PM

Salams Tun.

A very good write-up. This is a reminder to the people today of how our early leaders worked hard to make the country rich and peaceful. We study history as a reminder of how we attain what we have today. We should not take things for granted. I agree Tun that most of the people especially the leaders of today are being selfish and materialistic. Leaders of today should see to it that ALL the people can survive comfortably;sadly, only the 'selected few' are living lavishly while a majority find it difficult to live with the increase in prices. When the government says, change your lifesyle..they are the onces who should do the changing..not us.

By writerAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 5:18 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun. Semoga Tun sekeluarga dalam keadaan sihat dan panjang umur. Pada pendapat saya kepesatan pembangunan di bandar mewujudkan peluang pekerjaan yang menarik migrasi desa-bandar dan menyumbang kepada peningkatan kadar pembandaran. Kepesatan pertumbuhan penduduk secara semula jadi dan peluasan sempadan bandar juga menjadi faktor yang menyumbang kepada fenomena ini yang seterusnya mewujudkan masalah kemiskinan bandar. Saya juga berpendapat faktor kekalahan BN banyak disumbangkan oleh ketidakpuasan masyarakat bandar terhadap peningkatan kos hidup terutamanya dengan peningkatan harga minyak, walaupun terdapat faktor lain yang menyumbang. Kebanyakan kerusi BN yang kalah kepada parti pembangkang terutamanya DAP dan PKR adalah kawasan bandar yang mempunyai populasi pengundi yang bercampur (heterogenous). Mereka yang mengundi pembangkang pula adalah kebanyakan golongan muda yang secara merasa perit dengan fenomena tersebut. Golongan ini pula adalah pengundi baru yang sukar bagi kita menerangkan tentang pengorbanan perjuangan yang Tun rasakan telah banyak berbudi kepada negara. Ini ditambah pula dengan janji untuk menurunkan harga minyak oleh Dato Seri Anwar Ibrahim jika memenangi kerajaan pusat.

Dunia sudah semakin berubah. Kita hanya boleh melihat sejarah sebagai teladan dan kemungkinan kita terpaksa menggunakan cara yang baru dan sesuai dengan keadaan dalam mengatasi masalah yang berlaku. Ini ditambah pula masyarakat dan kerajaan yang semakin meminggirkan pendidikan Islam dan sejarah yang dianggap pengajian kelas ketiga. Pada hemat saya kerajaan dan masyarakat termasuk ibubapa patut tidak melupakan pendidikan asas ini walaupun dalam mengejar pendidikan moden yang lebih bersifat material. Pendidikan kini tidak bermatlamatkan ke arah pencarian ilmu tetapi lebih menumpukan semata-mata kepentingan duniawi. Kerajaan dianggap sebagai ibu dan bapa kepada rakyatnya. Sudah pasti rakyat akan mengikuti contoh dan ajaran yang dibawa oleh ibu bapa tersebut walaupun tidak semua anak (rakyat) akan mengikutinya.

Cheers,
Jadilah masyarakat yang berilmu

Why is Education Important
By Lagos69Author Profile Page on July 27, 2008 5:18 PM

Dear Tun,

It is true today Malaysia is more prosperous than the other countries which attained independence together with us.

But in the long run, BN failed to deliver. In dismal disappointment, voters decided to punish BN especially Pak Lah, during the March 8 general elections.

By Andak on July 27, 2008 5:20 PM

We don't forget and we thank the past leaders for the rights and try not to see the wrongs.
By Malosa on July 27, 2008 5:22 PM

Asalamualaikum Tun

Selepas melihat rencana CNN mengenai Queen Rania You Tube interactive and most visited site today, saya terpanggil untuk mencari Malaysian site yang serupa. The knowledge and in sight sharing like what Tun posted above is something we as younger generations should look forward to.

Sekali-sekali kita tertanya-tanya where can we find statistical info atau rencana seperti The Country We Love untuk membuka minda about pass, present, fate and sustainable future of our country, leaders and society. Salam untuk Tun's wife...

Regards From Muscat, Malosa
By sktan on July 27, 2008 5:23 PM

Best Regards To You Ayahanda Tun,

We sincerely shared your concern. Is it still the country we love?

A very good question.

With All These SELF-CENTRED, SELFISH, BLANTANT, INCOMPETENT AND FLIP-FLOP, SHAMLESS Decisions MakerS, WE HONESTLY SAY 'HARD TO'.

Most of the Rakyat already FEDUP.

WE WOULD NOT VOTE BN LONG AS THESE JOKERS AND THAT STUPID DOLL-LAH AT HELM.

Salam Tun.
By webmelayuAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 5:24 PM

Terima kasih Tun kerana membangunkan Malaysia
Kami anak-anak muda menghargai jasa Tun

webmelayu.blogspot.com
By SHAZAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 5:24 PM

In my simple layman conclusion, Malaysia is like three generation of business owners. The great grandfather worked extremely hard night and day, gathering all the necessity in setting up the business up to being ungenerous to own self. Then, come the second generation, helping out but enjoying the comfort of a steady business and eager in continuing the legacy. However, it is the third generations, after being brought up with life of luxury are the one who took the business down the drain together with their loves for sumptuous living and greed and ignorance to the forefather's hardship in bringing all good things in life.

Unfortunately, the realisation would only come knocking on their doors when they have nothing else to offer except their surname.

By Suqizam 'EsQ' Ibrahim on July 27, 2008 5:24 PM

Dear my beloved Heroes, Tun M & Tun SH.....

Indeed, it is very much the country we love,

Perhaps, the former leaders failed to teach us those values?

Perhaps, the current leaders fail to understand the values instilled?

Perhaps, we were showered with so much opulence?

Perhaps, we never put any effort to understand their struggle?

Perhaps, the complacency makes us what we are today?

Perhaps, we have forgotten that once WE WERE COLONISED?

AND we thought, we will enjoy this independence forever.....

Entah la Tun...it seems no body inspires us any more....everyone seems loss....

PERHAPS....WE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND ANY MORE HOW THE ENTIRE THINGS BEGAN.....

Thank you...

Suqizam Ibrahim
Subang Jaya
By reader on July 27, 2008 5:25 PM

Malaysia has indeed come very far but we still have a long way to go.

Many developed countries have rejected multi-culturalism and have introduced citizenship test. They have tremendous political stability which many countries that chose to embrace multi-culturalism do not have.

America will face its own problem in 2050- when there will be equal number of Whites and Hispanics and unequal distribution of wealth among the two races. Blacks will be left behind very far.

Countries like Denmark and Sweden - which happened to be mono-culture nations have better stability that we sometimes do not have here. I think every time we need to balance our stability - we will lose our speed and will be left behind.

By anmy76 on July 27, 2008 5:25 PM

Salam Tun,

can you comment on the "meeting" between UMNO and PAS as reveal by Dato Seri Abdullah Badawi.

Thanks
By Allen Francis on July 27, 2008 5:26 PM

"Is it still the country we love?"
Well,I don't know about other people, but for me, the answer is
yes it is. Always.
By sjankanAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 5:27 PM

Betul apa yang Tun cakap, Tapi segala-galanya musnah apabila seorang insan yang tidak hormatu sistem dan perlembagaan menjadi pemerintah .

Zaman dia dikatakan kronisme, nepotisme telah mekar, kekayaan negara hanya segelintir kumpulan yang merasakan. Rakyat rata2 masih lagi menderita. Jangan kita tengok penggunaan kereta, telefon dan sebagainya. Lihatlah apa yang terjadi pada rakyat sebab pentadbiran kuku besi.
Hari ini semuanya telah hancur .

Tun Penghancur Malaysia, Badan kehakiman dan Perlembagaan akhirnya tidak wujud kesatabilan politik di negara ini.!

www.chedet-unlimited.blogspot.com
By tikar terbangAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 5:28 PM

Salam Tun,

If ever all malaysians would think the way you think, Malaysia would be the best place to live in this world.
Thanks so you so much for teaching me on how men should think.

p/s- met you once with my 4-year old daughter in front KLCC wayback in 2004 and I told my daughter in front of you that she is now 'bersalam' with a great man.

By samuraimelayu on July 27, 2008 5:30 PM

Salam AYAHANDA RAKYAT Tun Dr. Mahathir

..This country has given us much. Is it still the country we love?

YES AYAHANDA, IT IS AND WILL ALWAYS BE! We wondered of UMNO members and its leaders?
We love Ayahanda and Bonda Rakyat too, ALWAYS!

Malaysia Tanahair ku, tanah tumpahnya darahku

Daulat Tuanku, daulat Tuanku, daulat Tuanku!

By zoe on July 27, 2008 5:31 PM

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By morkymoqqAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 5:33 PM

Salam Tun,

We missed what the early ppl the likes of Tunku, Tun Razak, Tun Dr ismail, Tun Tan Siew Sing and Tun Sambaga has left for us. Indeed they have left us with a country flourish with land and opportunity, yet overtime.. we become overbored and complacent with our own nation.

It brought me back to what President JFK used to say,

"don't ask what the country can do for you but ASK WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR YOUR COUNTRY?". It payback time for us (re:ppl)!

By Angkatan Lancang Kuning Nusantara on July 27, 2008 5:35 PM

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TUN punya visi yang jauh....

TIDAK seperti pemimpin yang ada sekarang....PAK LAH.

KEMPEN PUTIH (BENDERA DAN RIBBON PUTIH)

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Yang dihormati TDM

Malang sekali sekiranya kita rakyat Malaysia tidak mengetahui betapa beruntungnya menjadi Rakyat negara ini. Saya mempunyai sanak-saudara di Indonesia yang begitu 'cemburu' dengan saya hanya kerana saya adalah seorang warganegara Malaysia. Walaupun begitu saya mengerti & faham sangat kenapa perasaan itu timbul apatah lagi sekarang saya mempunyai keluarga sendiri.

Saya sendiri merasa amat bertuah kerana sewaktu Tun mula menjadi PM, saya baru memasuki IPTA dan saya masih ingat tentang idea bernas Tun tentang "PENGSYARIKATAN MALAYSIA". Kemudian timbul pula VISI 2020. Ternyata saya adalah antara 14 juta penduduk Malaysia yang amat bertuah memiliki seorang PM yang amat berkualiti & berpandangan jauh pada masa itu. Semestinya diwaktu itu tidak semua rakyat Malaysia tahu apakah misi & visi TDM, tapi yang jelas sekarang Tun tahu apa yang Tun mahu dan juga cara menjayakan kemahuan Tun.

Bagi tujuan mengukuhkan perpaduan negara, Tun tanpa ragu-ragu telah melakukan satu tindakan yang pada pendapat saya tidak terfikir pada akal sesiapa pun juga didunia ini i.e. Tun telah menyeragamkan masa diantara Malaysia Barat dengan Malaysia Timur. Kesannya adalah amat nyata sekarang dimana kita sebagai rakyat Malaysia sekarang sama ada sedar ataupun tidak merasa MALAYSIA ADALAH SEBUAH NEGARA walaupun dimana kita berada. Buktinya, bila kita ke Thailand atau Indonesia kita akan terpaksa mengubah Jam Tangan kita. Tapi ke Sabah/Sarawak ini tidak perlu dilakukan. Mungkin tindakan Tun ini nampak kecil tapi percayalah Tun, kesan tindakan ini amatlah besar.

Ada banyak perkara lagi yang amat membanggakan saya yang masih boleh saya perkatakan untuk teman-teman saya disini, tapi satu perkara yang jelas sekarang ini menjadi persoalan kita adalah saya sekarang ini agak 'susah' untuk untuk menjawab soalan Tun.

IS IT STILL THE COUNTRY WE LOVE?

Betapa banyaknya yang telah kita perolehi dan kecap di bumi bertuah ini selama Tun menjadi PM.... hanya Allah saja yang dapat membalas jasa baik Tun kepada negara Malaysia Tercinta ini dan juga rakyatnya..

Fikirkan teman-teman sekalian :

1. TUN belanja RM400 billion (22 tahun) untuk pembangunan Malaysia - kesannya kita dapat antara lain adalah Putra Jaya, Cyber Jaya, KLIA, KLCC, Sepang F1 dan bermacam-macam lagi.
2. MB Terengganu belanja RM3.43 juta - dapat kita lihat 14 Merc.
3. Abdullah Badawi belanja RM700 billion (5 tahun) sebagai PM - bolehkah teman-teman bagitahu saya 5 benda yang boleh kita lihat atau pun rasa nikmatnya...

KITA HIDUP DIALAM NYATA KAWAN-KAWAN, BUKAN DIALAM MIMPI zzzzzzzzz...

Semuga TDM sentiasa dilindungi Allah swt. dan dimudahkan rezeki di dunia dan juga di akhirat. Jangan lupa jaga kesihatan Tun.

MatDra.

By aryomar on July 27, 2008 5:39 PM

dear tun,

i dont really know about all this politic stuff
i cannot tell u how much i proud to be a malaysian.
i cannot tell u how much i proud having u as our prime minister before.

i saw u yesterday. 100 years of our school. im speechless.

i dont even have the chance to talk to u.the only reason im in that school is you.

you are the inspiration.

long live Tun Dr Mahatir Mohammad.Amin

By solidleong on July 27, 2008 5:39 PM

Malaysia is indeed a blessed country. Since independence, the country has grown from strength to strength with the rakyat supporting the various policies initiated by the goman. We attracted a lot of investors to the country by sheer hardwork through the previous goman. The country prosper and the rakyat enjoys the fruits of their labour and particularly nearly all people have no complains though hiccups do occur.

All this good times came to an end when the new pee eem took over.

Regretably his inability to govern the country had created a huge vacuum which will be very difficult for any leader to rectify the problems. With no vision and proper implementation planning. the outlook is bleak. Such weaknesses in the present administration had even emboldened our southern neighbour in making unthinkable initiatives. We the rakyat are watching....albeit with scepticism.

By sward on July 27, 2008 5:40 PM

hehehee..viva tun..

By maksu lely on July 27, 2008 5:41 PM

Salam, Ayah Tun...

Malaysia has always been the country I love just because there's only ONE Malaysia NOT TWO like the

Petronas Twin Towers that we can choose either/or..., right Ayah Tun?

But truly indeed, the love I have for this country now is just that - Malaysia being Malaysia - 'Negaraku...tanah tumpahnya darahku...!'

Isn't it so obvious that this country's 'performance' has been deteriorating and worsening since yr.2004...?

I do agree with you, Ayah Tun... WHO IS THE SELFISH PERSON?? WHO IS THE MATERIALISTIC TRIBE?? There must be a cause for these reasons! Who has been the culprit? 'HE' and 'HIS FAMILY'!!!!!!! (well...u know who...)

I too wonder Ayah Tun..., are we going to sit down, grinning and just looking at this country becoming like Indonesia and Thailand..!?? Oppressions of the people.

The portrayal of this country now i.e.:

Chronism and bribery, dictatorship ruling (only what 'He' says is true, must be followed, no say NO! say NO or just a mere criticism or comment - OFF you GO!)

SO, DEAR MALAYSIANS..... WAKE UP!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you, Ayah Tun.. for always be there for us - the children of PL & KJ oppressions.. + 'his konco-konco i.e. lembu2 yang dicucuk hidungnya sebab dapat makan rumput emas bukan lagi cow grass..'

Salam... Please take care of your health.

Didoakan Allah sentiasa melindungi & memberi kesihatan terbaik buat Ayah Tun.

By tadpolesAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 5:41 PM

Dear Tun,

Indeed Malaysia had come a long way. But continued progress can only be achieved with political stability and forward looking economic management, what with the current global economic environment. All our politicians should look deep into their hearts and really work for the country we love, not obsessed with personal benefits or the obsession to be the PM.

Dear Tun, please find a way to inspire our politicians. Bless you Sir!

By "My Way" on July 27, 2008 5:42 PM

Dear Tun,

You are a winner! Keep writing Tun, no one can stop you now except your own self. Your comments somehow help clear some air over general issues that has been prolonging or lingering in the minds of the public.

God bless you and your family!

Cheers!

By ibnuali on July 27, 2008 5:42 PM

salam TUN n chedet.com fan..

kami sememangnya terlalu sayang kepada negara ini..

sayang kpd agama bangsa dan negara ini..

negara yg aman damai makmur dan sejahtera. terima kasih kpd kepimpinan terdahulu t'utamanya TUN Adul RAZak Dan Tun Sendiri.

Wawasan yg gemilang halatuju yg cemerlang utk negara ini.

Kini ianya diteruskan olh yg rakus dan tak btanggungjawab..
kekayaann utk keluarga n kroni .

jika sayang kpd negara ini tukarlah kepimpinan yg ada..
kpd semua ahli umno yg bsidang tukarlh presiden kamu
kita mesti berani utk mlakukan perubahan..demi negara yg kita cintai ini.. apakah kita mahu negara ini
hancur oleh kerana seseorang..

pandanglah utk generasi akan datang dimanakah anak2 kita

teringatkan "anak kecil main api";
By cendanawangiAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 5:43 PM

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Salam Tun,

Yes, of course, honestly I love Malaysia.  
But a prosperous country like Malaysia should have excellent leaders, systems and policies.

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By kak ani on July 27, 2008 5:48 PM

Dearest Tun, I wish you good health so you can keep writing and keep reminding us of our past
achievement. Our children need to know and understand how we got from there to here so they can be
proud of our beloved Malaysia!
By Jamal on July 27, 2008 5:58 PM

Malaysia is a blessed country. With the god given fertile land, natural resources, excellent weather,
strategic location on the shipping routes it needs only the injection of good stable goverment to make it
into a develop country it is destined to be.

Good stable goverment, rule of law and transparent systems & institutions. Malaysia has come a very
long way from its dependence on agriculture, rubber & tin.

It is to a large part due to the role that our beloved Tun had played. Tun had the foresight and did what
needed to be done to advance the country. Granted doing so he could not make everyone happy. He
could have made some enemies along the way.

But what is clear is the vision and the things he did, he did it for the love of the country. The outcome of
his efforts are evident every where.

The physical development and prosperity can evidently be attributed to Tuns efforts and initiatives.

If we love the Malaysia we must stand up and be counted to do the right thing. We must always vote for
what is good for the country we must always vote for leaders who will bring good to the country.

By akuyanAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 6:00 PM

assalamualaikum Tun yg dikasihi.

sy setuju dengan Tun.. Sebelum ni lagi saya sedar benda ni tp saya sedih ada juga bijak pandai yg x
sedar akan sumbangan negara utk mereka dan sumbangan pemimpin-pemimpin kepada negara..

Tun,

untuk pengetahuan Tun, saya adalah salah sorang anak ahli politik dan juga membesar dalam keluarga

politik.. saya paham serba sedikit apa perjuangan politik ini. Disini saya kalau Tun x keberatan Tun tulislah satu Artikel tentang POLITIK PERJUANGAN DAN POLITIK KEPENTINGAN dimana sekarang tanggapan org terhadap UMNO terlalu teruk seperti kalau nak kaya masuk UMNO. apa2 yg berkaitan dgn duit join UMNO. tp sedia maklum org2 nie la yg merosakkan UMNO. tak semua org2 UMNO macam tu. kerana tanggapan saja UMNO dah kalah.. nak pulihkan UMNO tp yg ketua pon pening macam mana???

TUn.

harap dapatlah di perkenankan permintaan saya ni.

"POLITIK PERJUANGAN DAN POLITIK KEPENTINGAN"

semoga Tun berdua sihat sentiasa...

By Tauke Kedai on July 27, 2008 6:02 PM

Yes. I have gained so much from Malaysia i.e. education and opportunity to participate in country's growth. Malaysia is indeed THE country I love. Thanks to the leaders who had/have visions.

However, there will be time for us to go back in history and talk about the great decisions made in those days and the subsequent results, but the time is not now. Now is the time for ALL Malaysians to change.

I believe the educated, humbled and moderate Malaysians know that what we can do in expiation is to rescue Malaysia.

By Outsider on July 27, 2008 6:03 PM

Dear Dr. Mahatir,

1. We are born in the same motherland, thus we love this country.
2. We are like brothers/sisters in a big family. We have different thoughts in our minds, we have different dreams to be fulfilled.
3. I believe if we have a good leader like you, who can bring prosperity and harmony to this country, we can progress and grow healthily.
4. I wish you can suggest to us. Tell us who are the best candidates for us to support, for our country and for our motherland.

Hope you always in great health and be happy.

By Neil on July 27, 2008 6:05 PM

Tun, yes the country is prosperous but you have to remember that our currency has devalue tremendously. Why! Just one word sum it all and that is CORRUPTION. During TAR's time it was not that serious but during your rule corruption began to takes it root so deep that till now nobody can pull out this huge tree of corruption. From the top to the bottom corruption is a daily menace. Yes, I love my country co's this where I am born and will probably die here, but with this racist attitude, corruption, unfairness, meddling the judiciary, etc makes me ponder whether is this the country that I really love. May be for me I will keep on pondering but to be honest and I speak for lots of others malaysian especially the chinese that our children if given a chance to go abroad will never again call this country home. They will forsake this country and may be just to keep ties with family members that are still living, come back once in a while. Till today the gov't dare not release statistics showing how many have forsaken this country including those who are under gov't scholarship. Yes, I may call this country home when only the gov't of today must be transparent and treat each and every citizen of this country FAIRLY. Only then will the PRODIGAL SONS make a 'U' turn and come back to contribute to this land that our forefathers once love and cherish dearly. GOD BLESS MALAYSIA.

By Nazz57 on July 27, 2008 6:09 PM

A'kum Tun...

Thanx for d explanation that U give. Mmg x dpt dibayangkan bagaimana pemimpin2 termasuk juga Tun sendiri bekerja keras utk membangunkan ekonomi negara hingga ke tahap terbaik. Namun sedih kerana

ianya bakal musnah (mungkin tengah @ sudah pun musnah) dgn kepimpinan baru yg berfikiran cetek. Ekonomi kita mulai merosot & rakyat rakyat menanggung beban. Apa yg kerajaan mampu lakukan utk rakyat ? None !!! Kebanyakan mereka yg menjadi Y.B ini adalah dr golongan kaya dan tidak tahu akan erti hidup susah. That why bagi mereka, kenaikan harga minyak yg mendadak ini hanyalah ibarat naik 4 @ 5 sen sahaja. Dan sebab itulah mereka tidak ambil peduli lagi akan kesusahan rakyat. Sungguh menyedihkan...

Harap2 kepimpinan yg ada sekarang d tukar secepat mungkin sebelum ekonomi negara hancur & terpaksa meminjam dr IMF.

Semoga Tun Sihat bersama keluarga...
By hattourie on July 27, 2008 6:09 PM

Assalamualaikum TUN

Hope you're in a goof condition. As i read your article today, i realize the differentiation before and after your administration. Thought you were hated by the minority, but still you, yourself and the leader before you have brought Malaysia into a level which we as MALAYSIAN would proud of. I came to think again, what would it be to Malaysia in the next few years? I am so damn sorry if I say this. Many of my friends (and some of them are medical students that don't wanna go back to Malaysia for "specific reason") are planning to stay in foreign country because they found out that, they can survive there but not in Malaysia. Even the government beg them to come back to Malaysia but they still want to build their life there. There was a saying " Hujan emas di negeri orang, hujan batu di negeri sendiri, baik di negeri sendiri " which no longer can be used nowadays. People ara desperate to survive. And I wonder, we were born in Malaysia, but what can we to survive in the current situation? May Allah bless, bring happiness to all the Malaysian. Take care TUN. WE LOVE YOU MORE THAN YOU KNOW!~~
By Jamal on July 27, 2008 6:11 PM

As much as we love to hate Pak Lah, he is still our incumbent PM. Like it or not we have to stick with him, until the due process of democracy can find a replacement.

Leaders or for that matter any professional are judged or assessed by their competency to achieve the desired results or outcomes. If we were to conduct a preformance appraisal of Pak Lah's performance objectively what ratings will we give him.

Lets not be a nation of "pak turut". We be the judge. We must be mature and judge objectively. Tun has been trying to help us with objective and factual information toward this end.

Especially, the UMNO members who will have the chance to make democratic changes in the coming UMNO election. The immdeiate future of the country rest on your shoulders to do the right thing for the love of Malaysia.

Lets not still live in our feudal past of bowing to the power of the day that maybe. Lets go for change when it is needed - thru the ballot box - not with riots, civil unrest, demonstrations and such.

Use your vote wisely for the love of Malaysia.
By BangsakuAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 6:13 PM

Assallammualaikum,
YAB Tun Dr.M serta ahli keluarga semuga sentiasa sehat dan diberkati ALLAH swt..

Memang betul lah bahawa TUN tak boleh duduk diam walaupun pada hujung minggu..mengingatkan saya kepada satu artikel temuramah TUN semasa PM dulu.bila TUN di tanya bila masa yang paling TUN tak suka dan jawapan TUN ialah semasa Gunting rambut dan bila ke tandas. kerana tiada apa yang boleh dilakukan pada tika itu.

YAB TUN,

Benar apa yang TUN nyatakan diatas tadi. MALAYSIA IALAH NEGARA TERCINTA KITA. Sebagai rakyat marhain inilah tanah tumpah darah saya sekeluarga daripada arwah nenek moyang hinggalah kepada anak anak saya sekarang. Saya akui walaupun dilahirkan pada tahun 1962 namun saya tetap merasai akan semangat pejuang melayu yang mempertahankan tanahair ini ketika konfrantasi kita dengan negara jiran kita yang serumpun. Saya juga merasai secara terus peristiwa hitam Mei 1969, petang itu saya baru balek dari sekolah dan berjalan kaki di Jalan Raja Muda untuk ke Chow Kit Road untuk pulang ke Hulu Kelang. Itu lah satu satunya pengalaman yang TIDAK mahu saya harungi lagi dan berdoa agar anak cucu saya tidak lalunya.

Segala yang diperjuangkan oleh pejuang pejuang KEMERDEKAAN telah diperbincangkan serta diperbahaskan dengan penuh kesedaran dan keinsafan baik mereka yang berketurunan Melayu, China, India dan lain lain pada ketika itu. Fahaman penganut Agama dan Adat tatasusila kaum telah diperhalusi dalam membentuk perlembagaan negara. Kedaulatan Raja raja Melayu diperakui dan dijunjung tanpa meragui hak keistimewaan Raja raja melayu begitu juga dengan hak dan keistimewaan serta ketuanan orang Melayu diterima oleh kaum kaum lain pada ketika itu dengan persetujuan ianya tidak dipertikaikan. Maka dengan persefahaman itulah Kerajaan dan para pemimpin pada ketika itu yang mentadbir negara melakukan yang terbaik untuk rakyat Malaysia TANPA mengira kaum dan warna kulit tiada heboh pun pasal perkauman. Sentimen PERKAUMAN ini dicetuskan oleh para pemimpin yang irihati dengan kestabilan poltik dan ekonomi MALAYSIA yang merangkak naik pada tika itu. Hasil tak puas hati maka mereka membawa pulau kecil diujung semenanjung keluar dari Malaysia. Elok pun kata almarhum Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj

'BAPA KEMERDEKAAN'. Allahyarham Tun Abdul Razak Hussein 'BAPA PEMBANGUNAN', mula mengatur langkah membawa pembangunan dan penerokaan kawasan pertanian moden menerusi LKTP(FELDA), RIDA(MARA), UDA, RISDA dan pelbagai lagi ke desa desa. Allahyarham Tun Hussein Onn 'BAPA PERPADUAN', meneruskan wawasan dan perancangan Tun Abdul Razak dan seterusnya Tun Hussein menyerahkan tampok kepada Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. Semangat CINTAKAN TANAHAIR KU, MALAYSIA NEGARA KU tidak putus putus di laungkan oleh segenap lapisan umur dan kaum di desa mahu pun di kota. Sehingga hari ini laungan 'MALAYSIA BOLEH' yang mula diperkenalkan sekitar tahun 1990an maseh relevan. Satu satu sukan yang amat dinantikan oleh setiap rakyat malaysia setiap tahun ialah sukan lumba basikal 'le tour de langkawi' sebabnya mudah saja. Pelumba pelumba professional akan berlumba dihadapan rumah orang kampung berkayuh dengan bersemangat dan rakyat menyambut mereka dengan penuh semangat juga sambil mengibarkan Jalur Gemilang di tangan setiap mereka. Hari ini program yang dulunya megah diperkatakan oleh setiap peminat lumba basikal serata dunia selepas 'le tour de france' sudah mula pudar kerana pemimpin hari ini tidak minat sukan berbasikal ataupun lumba kereta formula 1. Pemimpin negara hari ini suka sukan perahu layar yang rata rata tahu ini sukan orang elit 'mosun cup'. Pemimpin hari ini suka dan minat fesyen kain songket dan batek. Semangat CINTAKAN NEGARA mula terabai kerana semangat kepentingan diri dan keluarga mengatasi semua dan segala semangat CINTAKAN NEGARA .

Mohon maaf YAB Tun Dr.M, saya sangat tersentuh bila tajuk sebegini ini ditimbulkan dan mengetahui keadaan suasana politik hari ini saya akan jadi begini lah beremosi sket. Sekali lagi maaf dipohon. Salam hormat takzim saya sekeluarga untuk Tun Dr.M sekeluarga.

Nenek moyang kaya raya,
Akibat sengketa sesama kita,
Tergadai seluruh harta benda,
Kita sudah tiada masa,
Hanya kuasa yang menentukan,
By zaki_77 on July 27, 2008 6:14 PM

As you rightly pointed out Tun, I believe true independence is not achieved until a nation is economically independent and financially astute. After working hard to achieve this independence and get to a level of self-sufficiency that no other country (who became independent around the same time), we now find ourselves back-peddling to uncertain times.

I could not agree more that the people who devised the development plans and guided the country to success had more grit and foresight along with sincerity that is lacking in leaders today. It seems we are taking their legacies and everything they built for granted.

No one would deny they do not love their country; but it's a funny way of showing this love when they are running this beautiful country to the ground.

By reeza on July 27, 2008 6:14 PM

Yang dihormati Tun,

I really feel that P Lah should look back to history cos history makes what we are today..It's not easy being a PM but being a Prime Minister means whatever you decide must not burden the rakyat.Sekarang ni, nak tengok dewan negara bersidang pun malu cos they are like cats and dogs! Are these the people who lead the country..For the love of our country..any MPs reading your blogg, please improve yourselves..you are supposed to discuss issues concerning rakyat not anwar ibrahim or even mercedes benz..why cant they talk about how to improve the socio economy or even education or anything else than themselves...

By taufiqnoor on July 27, 2008 6:14 PM

Salam Tun,

Sounds like 'rakyat' should learn more about the HISTORY of our beloved country. Thanks for your posting and i'm relly enjoyed.

May Allah bless you & family

By JaYbOnEAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 6:17 PM

Tun

Not only UMNO and BN has now becomes completely ruined but this country will soon comes to an end. No new investments,no new jobs, no new income and no new nothing.

We are now stalled like a plane,no more climbing up except going down and down and down and lastly we are no more or less categorised again as the 3rd world nation (maybe).

The investors were moving on to more cheaper labour countries due to the higher operational cost and higher wages demanded by the workers and also governed by the tighter national policies. We are not too friendly to them anymore. They are scared . But why this hipocrite nation to the south (Singapore) succeeded?. Funny Huh? What are their recipies?. AAB is still sleeping?

And the best thing is that the goverment still giving the gula-gula to the rakyat telling us that the country was still in good shape?.

I was wondering:

1-Until when this 'LIE EVERYDAY Goverment and the Rakyat DIE ANOTHER DAY' will ends?

2-The criteria of a developed country is heavily dependent to the propulsion of the nation through industrialisation. Not by planting our own green in-house (as advised by AAB) This is nuts! The goverment was still sleeping and sees nothing of this..

3-The most popular "Ubah Gaya Hidup" statement was very funny.We need to move towards better living not to scrolled back to the stone age. Stupid and humiliating the rakyat. It should not anymore spilled out from the mouth of a leader to pamper the nation.

Think of something else wisely LAH..Your are all well educated wiseman and leaders. Don't be stupid.

4-We should not be too optimistic, the country is still a 'baby' compared to the developed nations which started their Industrial Revolutions 100 years or more before us. We cannot sit stagnant. Why are we still a 'Crying Baby' until now?. Keep talking of rubbish, while the development of the nation left aside. Why?.

AAB and Co:....

Do Things wisely not wisely doing everything.

Think simple but don't think simply.

A fool is a fool but AAB is the greatest fool ever lived.

Sorry Tun, pretty upset down here.

We were hunger to see more development as you were on your seat those days.

p/s:Previously RM600 will do the household groceries for a month..but nowadays increasing themendously...I wonder with what the poor will make a living...Pity them.

By C.KALEAPPAN on July 27, 2008 6:18 PM

TUN MAHATHIR

It is a great pleasure to comment on Tun's above article.Please write more articles about the history of our beloved nation for the benefit of our younger generation to understand that many personalities were involved in the nation building.I can still recall my younger days,where the the indian community of Penang were not economically stable until the emergence of the far sighted former CM of Penang Dr LIM CHONG EU who invited foreign industrialists to set factories at Bayan Lepas. Only then did most of the Indian families economic status improved and also the economic status of other communities.Thank You sir.

By orang kampung on July 27, 2008 6:25 PM

tun,

there is no doubt that this is still the country we cherishly love, cried and fought for, country that we live and die for.the legacy of the past and future leaders depends only on how it affected the nation as a whole not for the choosen one.

By ravi on July 27, 2008 6:30 PM

Hi Tun,

The way to go Tun, Teach us more

By businessmanAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 6:31 PM

This is my first time..so i'm really appreciate what TUN have done in Malaysia. & wonder if there are any other leader that can lead with such a brilliant mind..Malaysia is one of the kind that need a progressive development each year's so that we can archive as develop country and respectful country in years 2020. As what u aspire i'm only a tiny malay. I hope i can see bright future within us all. The leader is hopefully can guide us to this new era. So...hopefully what have been done previously is not wasted. Please step down and give us a peace..it's not personal but i'm quite fed up to hear too much of these politic problem. AAB please step down.

By poklohAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 6:34 PM

Ayahnda Tun,

Pemimpin BN sekarang macam perangai anak orang kaya, menghabiskan harta yang telah dikumpul oleh orang tuanya sedangkan dia sendiri tak mahu berusaha dan kurang cerdik kerana tak mahu belajar. Tun dah buat dasar kereta resmi ialah Proton, tetapi kerana mahu glamour beli Mercedes. Alasan kos maintenanca tinggi tu saya tak percaya. Syarikat saya juga pakai Perdana di Sarawak, tahun lepas hanya RM4000 sahaja. Saya tanya kawan yang guna untuk peribadi, pun tak tinggi. masih mampu. Kos yang tinggi di jabatan Kerajaan tu rasanya berpunca dari korupsi atau penyelewengan. Patut BPR siasat bagaimana SPENCO senggara kereta kerajaan.

Keputusan Kabinet supaya Mercedes di Trengganu tu dikhususkan untuk tetamu VIP juga satu keputusan yang membazir. Berapa ramaikah tetamu VIP yang datang ke Trengganu setiap hari. Bagi saya yang terbaik ialah Perbendaharaan beli kereta tersebut, dan dibahagikan kepada Kerajaan Negeri dan di Kementerian untuk tetamu VIP. Secara ini kereta itu akan digunakan dengan lebih bermunafaat.

By juneAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 6:37 PM

Dear TDM,

Yes, we all love our country. But do the Goverment love us?

Look at this figures:

USA GNP per capita US\$ 35400

UK GNP per capita US\$ 25510
Australia GNP per capita US\$ 19530
Singapore GNP per capita US \$ 20690
Malaysia 's GNP per capita US\$ 3540
- Financial Times 2005

Where will we be in 2020? We are moving towards 2020 but our spending power is decreasing at the same time.

<http://seimbang-kopitiam.blogspot.com/2008/07/malaysia-where-will-we-be-in-2020.html>

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By paizmyAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 6:46 PM

Salam Ayahanda Tun,

Yes. A reminder to us younger generations of the hardship our forefathers building this nation. The dreams and idealism our forefathers have for this nation.

This country has given us much. Is it still the country we love?

Yes the country (Ibu Pertiwi) has given us all she's got. Yes it is still the country we love. Only difference is, it has been hijack by a bunch of cabals whose ignorance and arrogance are destroying the pillars which have been holding this country together. This doesn't apply to the present government only. The opposition are equally to blame. Both parties are more interested in their own selfish agendas. Both parties are willing to destroy what has been built so their agendas materialise. The country destroyed. People suffer. They don't care.

At the present rate, it's a bleak future for Malaysia. With invisible hands, not just any hands, powerful and evil hands creeping deep into our country and the very fabric of our society is under threat. Our so called leaders, be it the government or opposition or someone in waiting, they are doing nothing to defend our nation. They have transformed into a bunch of cabals, ignorant and arrogant. May god have mercy on their souls cause when this is over, the people won't be so merciful.

Doakan Ayahanda Tun sihat walafiat selalu.

Salam

paiz

By Lanomeila on July 27, 2008 6:47 PM

We have indeed come a long way from 1957. Kudos to all our previous leaders! I just hope the present & future leaders will not destroy what we have achieved so far with their greed & power-craziness!

By mr k on July 27, 2008 6:50 PM

Dear all...it's a good reading to know what really happen prior to financial crisis 1997.

THE FINANCIAL CRISIS OF 1997 - 1998

By Nor Mohamed Yakcop

A moment comes, which rarely comes in a lifetime, when a particular event redefines a person's life and changes the course permanently. For me, the meeting with Dr. Mahathir Mohamad in Buenos Aires (Argentina) on the evening of October 3, 1997 was such an event. It enabled me to devote the next 6 years of my life working for Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, meeting him almost daily. In the process, it enabled me to see, at very close range, the abilities of this great man.

The combination of many noble qualities in one person is rare, and it is this unique combination that has

enabled Dr. Mahathir Mohamad to transform Malaysia from an otherwise typical third world country into a thriving and vibrant nation, well on the way to become a developed nation. It is also this combination of qualities that enabled Dr. Mahathir Mohamad to save Malaysia from becoming another IMF nation during the financial crisis of 1997 - 1998.

I am often asked about my involvement in the recovery plan implemented on September 1, 1998. It began on September 29, 1997, when I received a telephone call from the office of Dr Mahathir Mohamad informing me that the Prime Minister wanted to see me. The PM was in Cuba at that time, and I asked (in jest) if I was to meet the Prime Minister in Cuba !

I was told (not in jest) that he will be arriving in Buenos Aires on October 3, 1997 and I was to make sure I was in Buenos Aires at least a day before he arrived. I packed my bags and left for Buenos Aires, and arrived in Buenos Aires on October 2.

The PM arrived the following day at 5 pm and we met immediately at his suite. He informed me that he had asked many people to explain to him what was causing the financial crisis but no one was able to give him a satisfactory reply. He asked me whether I could explain to him what exactly was happening.

I asked him how much time he had, and he said two hours. I explained to him how the forex market works, about short positions and long positions, about hedging and how currencies are borrowed and sold, the difference between "bid" and "offer" and how funds can be transferred from one country to another at the click of a button. I also explained how the equity market works and the relationship between the forex market and the equity market. Dr. Mahathir hardly said anything, asked one or two questions, and listened intently.

After two hours, he had to end the meeting to get ready to go for an official dinner. He asked me about my plans for the night and I said I had been invited for the same dinner. Dr. Mahathir said to me: You go back to your room and write down all that you have been telling me for the last two hours, and see me at 7 am tomorrow. I went back to my room, skipped dinner, and wrote it all down, finishing at about 6 am.

I saw him the next morning at 7 am and gave him the report. He asked me to take a rest and come back again at 2 pm. When I returned, he told me that he had read the report and that he now understands what was happening in the financial markets. We started discussing various methods of overcoming the crisis, and our discussions continued when we returned to Malaysia. I met him almost daily for discussion, sometimes at his house and sometimes at his office. We tried a few mechanisms to overcome the crisis, some of which worked initially, but the hedge funds were so strong that it was difficult to proceed successfully with these mechanisms.

In early 1998, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad asked me to explore the idea of imposing an exchange control regime to overcome the crisis. I remember preparing voluminous notes on this subject. Dr. Mahathir went through the notes carefully, and kept asking for more and more details. We went through many rounds of discussion, until he was finally convinced both with the concept as well as the proposed mechanism. The rest, I guess, is history.

Dr. Mahathir also asked me to prepare a paper on how to put an end to Malaysian shares traded in CLOB (Central Limit Order Book) in Singapore. Dr. Mahathir was of the view that an important reason for the falling stock market was the short-selling of Malaysian stocks in CLOB. I prepared the report and Dr. Mahathir understood, for the first time, how exactly CLOB operates. The report, which was also implemented on September 1, 1998, put to an end the trading of Malaysian shares in CLOB.

I should add that the exchange control measures were crafted in such a way as to minimize the control aspects and maximize the outcome. The Prime Minister went through the proposed mechanism many times to make sure that the control elements were as few as possible, but adequate enough to ensure a positive outcome. There were no bureaucratic elements in these measures, such as requiring importers to obtain Bank Negara's permission to import. The Ringgit was also pegged at a level where it was not overvalued. In almost every other country, which imposes exchange control measures and pegs its currency, there would, almost by definition, be numerous bureaucratic controls, and the currency would

also be pegged at an overvalued rate.

It is often assumed that the system of exchange control (including fixed exchange rate) that we implemented on September 1, 1998 saved the country. The measures of September 1, 1998 were undoubtedly a necessary condition, but it was not a sufficient condition to overcome the crisis. Malaysia was saved, not by exchange control measures per se, but by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad.

Let me explain. Any other developing country, facing a similar crisis, if it had introduced the measures that we introduced in September 1998, the measures would probably have failed. The fact that in Malaysia these measures succeeded is due to the ability and character of Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. The economy and the financial system, under Dr. Mahathir's leadership, was in a very healthy state—healthy enough for the exchange control measures to be implemented without negative consequences. Moreover, the Prime Minister's hands-on management style enabled quick and timely decisions to be made, which was vital under the new exchange control regime.

Dr. Mahathir, as Prime Minister, had ensured that the Malaysian economy was fundamentally strong. Ringgit was strong and stable. On the back of the currency stability (at RM2.50 against the US dollar) Malaysia was doing very well. At the end of 1996, real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew at almost 8.5 per cent and the growth was expected to continue for many more years. The government was enjoying a fiscal surplus. The external debt was low, at 40 per cent of the Gross National Product (GNP). The current account of the balance of payments had narrowed from a deficit of 10 per cent to 5 per cent of GNP, and was expected to improve further. Inflation was at its lowest at 2.1 percent. We had steady growth of over 8 per cent for a major part of that period. And this fundamental strength of Malaysia was a critical factor that enabled the exchange control measures to succeed.

For a period of more than a year after the measures of September 1, 1998 were implemented, the Prime Minister met with a small group of us everyday - 6 days a week - for at least 2 hours to go through various economic data, including data on loan growth, exports, imports, property overhang etc. This enabled the Prime Minister to take quick actions, whenever required. I remember one morning when we were going through the property figures, he looked at me and directed that I should organize a property fair to clear the overhang of properties. I did, and property worth more than RM 3 billion was sold. Even after the crisis was over, Dr. Mahathir continued to meet with the group regularly, though no longer on a daily basis. And Dr. Mahathir continued to go through all the economic data with a sharp pencil.

No other Prime Minister in the world, either in developed or developing countries, employs such a hands-on approach in managing the economy. We can see, therefore, that it was not the exchange control measures per se that saved the country but the man — Dr. Mahathir Mohamad — himself.

The period 1997 - 1998 was, to paraphrase Charles Dickens, the worst of times, but it was also the best of times. The worst conditions brought out the best in Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. There is a saying that a good leader is like good tea - you only know the true quality when he is in hot water !

Throughout the crisis, the Prime Minister was focussed on resolving the crisis. Day and night, he thought of nothing else but the crisis. He read all he could on finance; he kept asking me to prepare notes on various technical issues. Sometimes he was sick with bad flu and cough, but he did not take time off to rest. He was convinced that he had to understand the issues before he could work out the solutions. His native intelligence and ability to focus on core issues were there throughout the crisis. He did not show any sign of fear even at the worst of time, only concern at the fast deteriorating state of the economy. He was, at all times, confident that he would prevail in the end.

I would like to add two additional points related to the financial crisis. The first is that, in implementing the measures of September 1, 1998, Dr. Mahathir not only saved Malaysia but the neighbouring countries as well. Let me explain. When Malaysia imposed its exchange control measures on September 1, 1998, the currency speculators realised that the other affected countries (Thailand, Indonesia and South Korea) could also impose similar controls, and they, therefore, stopped their activities in its track. The speculators backed off. They bought back the currencies that they had sold. This resulted in the regional currencies

appreciating. Moreover, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was not happy with what Malaysia had done, particularly since, after implementing the measures, we did exactly the opposite of what the IMF wanted us to do, i.e. we lowered our interest rates and injected liquidity into the system. The IMF, therefore, started relaxing conditions in other countries and allowed them to lower their interest rates and allowed them to inject liquidity to stimulate their economies so that Malaysia would not outperform the IMF countries. Therefore, it is no exaggeration to say that Dr. Mahathir Mohamad not only saved Malaysia, but the other affected countries in the region as well - Thailand, Indonesia and South Korea.

My second point is regarding what would have happened if the exchange control measures were not implemented. If the measures were not implemented, many of corporations in Malaysia would have gone under, due to the high interest rates. When the corporations fall like dominos, banks would have faced severe liquidity and solvency problems due to the ballooning NPLs. The problems of the banks would have resulted in a credit squeeze, which would have led to another round of corporate failures. The Government's revenue would have fallen drastically as fewer firms would be paying corporate taxes, thereby reducing the Government's ability to stimulate the economy through fiscal policy measures. As a result of the problems faced by corporations and banks, unemployment would have increased substantially, leading to a second round of problems. This is the classic vicious cycle, which could have, in the end, destroyed the social and political stability of the country. This was a scenario that was waiting to happen. It did not happen because of the decisiveness and guts of Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, who decided to take the path less travelled.

We owe Dr. Mahathir much gratitude for what he has done for Malaysia over the last 22 years. Solving the financial crisis of 1997 - 1998 was just one, albeit perhaps the most important, of Dr. Mahathir Mohamad's many contributions to the nation.

On a personal note, over the last 6 years, I have come to admire this great man for his abilities, his high moral values and, most of all, for his sincerity. Certainly, a man like Dr. Mahathir Mohamad is not born everyday.

(23rd. October, 2003)

By ericAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 6:58 PM

Yes, we love the country, but we dont love the leaders. They can "podah".

Either they leave, or we leave.

Either way, we are leaving. This is not the country we know anymore. This is not the country we grow to love. This is not the country that we want to retire and grow old in.

Malaysia, as we all wanted, has gone.

By pembaris on July 27, 2008 6:59 PM

tun and all

thank you tun for bringing in a topic most familiar to us people who have been under all the governments since independence.

i'm one of born year '54, totally agree that everybody has benefitted from the systems and policies introduced into the governance of this 'beautiful' country and that they have done a good job at it. if anything that is 'slacking' now is that the current set of g-men are not that of the quality, and standard of commitment of those of the yesteryears. the 'drive' appears to have dropped a couple of gears and loosing 'pace'.

there are still capable workhorses of the old governments, but old horses they have become. they have been made redundant because they have served their purpose in enriching the country.

there are prices to pay for development. selfishness and being materialistic are some of them.

indeed, malaysia has given alot to its people, only the ungratefals would destroy it.
let us not forget that, we too, have become 'somewhat' selfish and materialistics in our own ways,
compared to the days of old.

By Ndin on July 27, 2008 7:00 PM

Salam
Restu Tun..

Doa dipanjangkan umur TUN @ kesihatan berkekalan..

Pemimpin dahulu memahami kesukaran dibawah jajahan pemerintahan asing.. Ini yang mendorong pemimpin pada masa itu berfikir kedepan untuk mengelakkan jajahan asing dalam minda masyarakat Malaysia.. Kesukaran yang ditempuhi baik pemimpin mahupun rakyat telah bersatu bagi memastikan generasi akan datang dapat menikmati kehidupan yang lebih baik (tidak seperti kehidupan duka masyarakat sebelum ini). Hasilnya, Alhamdulillah kehidupan rakyat bertambah baik dan dibawah kepimpinan TUN negara Malaysia bertambah maju dan dikenali seluruh dunia bahkan menjadi negara contoh bagi negara-negara NAM dan OIC.. Malah disegani oleh negara Barat..

Tetapi, kehidupan sekarang telah berubah, halatuju negara telah kembali kepada zaman negara baru merdeka.. terkial-kial menunggu negara hancur.. masalah timbul satu-persatu, perpecahan & masalah kaum semakin ketara, ekonomi semakin merundum.. politik semakin kucar-kacir.. siapakan yang bersalah.. tentunya pemimpin no.1 negara.. Perdana Menteri Malaysia.. walau baik mahupun teruk nasihat yang diberikan oleh penasihat/rakyat PM, tentunya PM mempunyai kuasa pemutus bagi sebarang keputusan / tindakan.. KETUA MEMIMPIN RAKYAT DAN BUKANNYA RAKYAT MEMIMPIN KETUA..

SEORANG PEMIMPIM TULEN.. BILA DIAJUKAN KEPUTUSAN SUKAR UNTUK MASALAH NEGARA.. MANAKAH YANG PEMIMPIN PERLU PILIH.. RAKYAT PERLU DIUTAMAKAN ATAU KELUARGAMU YANG PERLU DIUTAMAKAN.. TENTUNYA PILIHAN YANG AMAT PERIT.. NAMUN PILIHAN PEMIMPIN TULEN ADALAH UNTUK RAKYAT KESELURUHAN.. KEPENTINGAN KELUARGA DIBELAKANGKAN..

Amat sedih dengan scenario kepimpinan negara Malaysia kini..

PEMIMPIN DAHULU BERSEMANGAT PATRONISM.. LOOKING FORWARD
PEMIMPIN SEKARANG BERSEMANGAT INDUALISM.. LOOKING BACKWARD..

HMMM.. HANCUR 2020..

Ya Allah bukannya pintu hatinya..

Restu TUN
Ndin
6.59 pm
By aju_baizuraAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 7:12 PM

SEJAHTERA KEATAS KAMU,

DR MAHATHIR

I do love my country. Saya appreciate dengan segala usaha dan pengorbanan yang dilakukan oleh pemerintah berkaliber sebelum dan sekarang.

Saya anak driver jurutera JKR dan sekarang sy jurutera.Me myself i would like to thanx to u a lot. Sy tak

dapat seorang ayah yang dapat guide n protecting me untuk dunia ini. But sebagai anak saya sayang dia, because he is my father.

But i do believe ALLAH alwaiz take care of me n saya ambil Dr Mahathir sebagai role model sejak kecil. Sy anak orang kurang berada, tapi saya ambil peluang yg ada di Malaysia untuk futher study in Civil Enginering from UiTM.

I compare kalau berada di negara yg sama mencapai kemerdekaan dgn Malaysia. Sy takkan dapat sebanyak ini.

The problem now Dr Mahathir.Sy dapat bekerja di JKR Selangor dlm 5 bulan dan dikeluarkan dr office dan dihantar ke site Jambatan Kampung Sawah, Kuala Langat.Now sy nak di terminate dr kontrak dan nak dikeluarkan dari site dlm tempoh 2 bulan dari sekarang.

This thing happen because, one of Jurutera JKR naik court untuk kes rasuah.I touch a little bit about the case at JKR office. Because dia dah terminate workers ada 8 orang kot dulu, my father one of them. The time between my diploma to degree. I suffer. Selling shoes and practical training.

They all marah then nak terminate sy because talking about the case dalam siasatan.

I fight dengan persons gred 48 and 54. Yet sy takde gred, hanya jurutera kontrak.Jurutera terbabit dalam kes rasuah berbentuk 7 pakej pelancongan ke luar negara. Termasuk pakej pelancongan ke UMRAH. Bagus sekali jurutera ni, satu MALAYSIA taja untuk jumpa ALLAH. Sy tak sure sama ada rakyat Malaysia willing to sponsor her to meet ALLAH.

Amalan rasuah dah jadi satu benda yg sinonim dengan penjawat jawatan kerajaan. Sy melihat they all salah guna kuasa. Takde perbincangan untuk selesaikan masalah. Keluarkan seseorang yg dijangkakan akan mengganggu gugat mereka/ menyusahkan mereka.

Saya dituduh dengan senarai kesalahan attitude.Dihentam oleh downline dalam MAHKAMAH PANTRY yg di creat. Isu nya sy tak pulangkan kunci office. The bos lending POWER to the staff.

Sy post moterm projek Jambatan Kampung Sawah, Kuala Langat yang mana kerajaan dah belanja RM 23 000 0000 dan projek terbengkalai. Now the re new projek cost RM 30 000 000.

Saya memegang data yang mana boleh menunjukkan kesalahan jurutera tersebut sehingga projek terbengkalai sebelum ni. Now yg handle still play with the money. Duit dengan progress tak sama sy see bila di site.

Saya dalam proses untuk membuat kajian tentang kesan gegaran gempa bumi terhadap struktur jambatan ini untuk master part time sy. Sy creat peluang .Yg mana sy akan menghantar data untuk simpanan data JKR Malaysia.

Tapi cita-cita saya terhapus dek kerakusan orang yang dia fikir dia ada kuasa dan anytime boleh buat apa-apa sahaja.

Sy tak nak menyalak menuntut keadilan. In this case they put blame on me. Tapi i really sad dengan apa yg jadi.

Sy tak nafikan yang saya ni fighter. Tapi sy tak bersikap memusnahkan. Saya bekerja. Parent not working. Youngest sister still study medicine di HUSM Kubang Kerian.

She want car untuk memudahkan belajar, on call, pergi library. Sy bagi kereta kancil that i used to go to work at site. I bought new MyVI for me.

Adik dtaja rakyat Malaysia untuk belajar perubatan di Malaysia yang mana dia perlu berkhidmat selama

10 tahun dengan kerajaan.

Sy saja perkhidmatan pengangkutan adik n kwn2 yg mana mereka adalah aset negara,yg akan berkhidmat utk negara.

Ini beza sy dengan bosses yg ada kuasa ni. Sy sponser rakyat Malaysia. They all rakyat yg sponser them.Kaya dengan duit rakyat, berlagak nak mampos.

Jurutera sepatut di hantar ke site dengan pacuan 4 roda. Tapi saya di humban macam sampah ke site dengan kereta kancil sy.Tayar pancit, rim tercabut, water pump bocor, lever arm bengkok. Not my kancil capacity.But now OK sebab MyVI can resist the impact from the site road.

Sy nak ada master then PHD at the same time within 3 years to get IR as Profesioal Engineer in Malaysia. But this is all yg i kena go through.

I stuck.Emotionally drainage. If i go to court to counter procedure 'mak nenek'yg they all use utk terminate i. I akan di cop dangerous young lady. Really sad wit the practice dalam Government Department. Macam takde rules and regulation. Abnormalisation jadi normalisation n opposite.

Saya rasa sy boleh berjaya ONE DAY. Tapi tak guna / ambil hak orang lain.

They can creat their own rules. I pray one day they will get the lesson that gonna teach what is the meaning of kesusahan n real punishment to what ever wrong doing. This include myself. Immedietly the moment we still hidup. Then baru jumpa di mahkamah ALLAH kelak.The real judgement. Takde ERROR sikit pun.

Kalau Dr Mahathir can help me. Plz call me at 017-2843054

By zaba_afie on July 27, 2008 7:15 PM

assallammualikom,Yang Mulia TUN DR MAHATHIR MOHAMMAD AL-HAJ
negara kita malaysia ber keadaan saperti TASBAH putus tali nya langsung jatuh bertaboran, semuga allah meghantar makhlok yang mulia hamba nya datang menyusun baik pulih hendak nya, amin.dari allah kita datang, kepada nya kita kemali

By leadingAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 7:19 PM

Tun,

Your hands-on management style impressed me the most. Thank you.

<http://www.leading.com.my>

By PCFairForum.Com.MyAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 7:43 PM

Hi DR.M

Thanks to the leader before..I was born in the year of near succession of our country. Never even think about this before. Anyway i got see our documentary few times. Your last part is something so sharp pointed to those who are ruling this country. I wonder if they ever understand this or not. I wonder if they really think about our country and the people inside or not.. In the future, we'll see how well they make the country grow. What we can do is to support those with caliber and to do our best in our economy in which will help to making the country economy become better.

By kunyit_daun serai on July 27, 2008 7:56 PM

akum tun dan pembaca blog chedet.....

Saya tak pasti kenapa kita masih bersabar dgn apa yg telah terjadi keatas diri kita sbg rakyat,so tempat untuk meluahkan adalah dgn demostrasi sana - sini untuk menunjukkan ketidakpuashati masing2

terhadap pemimpin yg sedia ada.mybe lah sbb kita terlalu kuat dgn adat,sopan santun yg telah disematkan dari kecil yg membuatkan kita org melayu nie semakin layu dan layu.....

Sbg rakyat kunyit yakin dengan apa yg berlaku skrg adalah hasil dari tangan kita sendiri.....

Dan dari segi pemerhatian kunyit walaupun aab letak jawatan skrg,tidak menampakkan pengantinya yg berkaliber spt Tun.Malaysia ketandusan pemimpin yg berkaliber...Tak taulah mybe yg ada skrg nie tak nak lagi menunjuk - nunjuk kebolehan mereka takut dipanggil lebih sudu dari kuah.....

bila tgk pendapatan perkapita dari JUNE saya jadi kecut perut..

USA GNP per capita US\$ 35400

UK GNP per capita US\$ 25510

Australia GNP per capita US\$ 19530

Singapore GNP per capita US \$ 20690

Malaysia 's GNP per capita US\$ 3540

kita kena terimalah dgn hati yg terbuka yg kita nie masih belum CEMERLANG,GEMILANG DAN TERBILANG... MALAYSIA BOLEHHH.....

By thaiso on July 27, 2008 7:58 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun.

Kita sedang membincangkan tentang perihal takwa.

Syarat Muqabalah yang diperkatakan oleh Nik Aziz adalah berkenaan dengan takwa.Islam tidak memperjuangkan bangsa tetapi memperjuangkan iman dan takwa tidak kira bangsa.

Tetapi UMNO tidak memperjuangkan bangsa.Cuma luaran sahaja nampak begitu,sejak dari pemimpin-pemimpin dahulu lagi.Malahan UMNO sekarang ini terkeliru untuk memperjuangkan bangsa yang mana satu.Diluah mati emak,ditelan mati bapak.Oleh itu pendapat Nik Aziz untuk bermuqabalah pun sedikit menyimpang.

Walaupun saya tidak ada asas yang bagus dalam bab ini,cuma pada peringkat Tingkatan 5,tetapi yang nyata Islam itu sendiri fleksibel.

Keputusan menyingkirkan Anwar Ibrahim sendiri adalah satu contoh tindakan yang bertakwa.Salah tetap salah.Walaupun Tun sendirian menanggung akibatnya.Lebih kurang keseluruhan hidup Tun bukan?

Pemimpin generasi kini kekurangan takwa mungkin.Atau mungkin mempunyai pemahaman takwa yang berlawanan.

'Diam itu lebih baik' juga satu takwa.Tetapi pada tahap mana takwa itu perlu dipraktikkan?

Apa yang sedang kita alami kini baru berada pada tahap perlu lawan secara gerakan besar-besaran.Adakan pertandingan Presiden...juga satu takwa.

Kita belum sampai pada tahap perlu diam dan sabar yang mana kalau ada gerakan akan ada berlakunya kehilangan nyawa.

Saya hanya menyampaikan apa yang telah diperkatakan oleh ustaz dalam radio.

Andai semua orang pandai membuat keputusan berdasarkan keimanan dan takwa,maka orang itu sendiri akan berijtihad pada diri sendiri mana yang terbaik untuk dirinya.

Berperang meninggalkan kasih sayang seorang isteri demi kerana negara dan agama adalah satu jihad.

Sesungguhnya agama dan politik tidak boleh dipisahkan. Walaupun Tun tidak menonjolkan imej Islamik tetapi setiap keputusan yang dibuat adalah berdasarkan ketakwaan Tun dan itu merupakan kekuatan sebenar yang dimiliki oleh pemimpin yang diluar kebiasaan.

Mustahil untuk seorang pemimpin negara takut menjalankan amanah agama kerana takut berlaku kekacauan.

'Awak orang Islam, Allah ada' kata-kata bekas pengurus Non Muslim kepada saya satu masa dulu.

Terima kasih Tun.

By nookvillage on July 27, 2008 8:04 PM

Tun,

I strongly believed that Malaysia could still prosper and be on the top of the world provided, we can kick fast at any corrupted leaders. We have to make sure that only well educated leaders with high integrity are appointed. Those with integrity tinted records should be removed immediately.

By annie on July 27, 2008 8:13 PM

Dear Tun,

Yes this is the country i love. It is sad that now the country i love and are proud of once is going down the drain. Thinking about it makes me cry. It is like you loved someone dearly and he is dying of cancer. There is no cure unless the tumour is taken out completely. Our current PM is exactly like the tumour. He has to be removed immediately or else the cancer will spread.

At times like this, i wish we could turn back the clock and have you tun as our PM again. Sigh.....:(
By senjakala on July 27, 2008 8:16 PM

Assalamua'laikum, YAB Tun, hope you will always in Allah's blessing, Amin,

In reality yes we are. What make us feel the difference, is the style and perception of who holds the key. I was in one organisation and the function of this entity if administered with full of dedication and sincerity, will be blessed here and after. Unfortunately due to greed, arrogant and incompetent the integrity and dignity of the said organisation being perceived horribly.

Coming back to this wonderful Malaysia. The country is stil the same Persekutuan Tanah Melayu, Malaya and now Malaysia.

What make the feeling changed is the people. Those days you can count how many can afford to study abroad but now with or without government sponsorship they are able to go. Some who are able to make it especially on their own blood, sweat and tear buried a vendetta in them and not forgetting the ungrateful. These people when they returned not only they bring back the scroll and the knowledge they acquired, but also the cultures and the "thoughts" of others that had influenced them. I have a friend who just went on a business trip to europe and on his returned his slang has changed. Even that little thing has can influenced him what more to those having a his or her vendetta and the ungrateful of his roots.

What I can only do is to pray to the all mighty. Why I say this, because in reality there are alot of people without having to work hard can have alot of money and influence what do I have. As Muslim I fear Allah and hope what is happening to our country is not the curse of Allah.

Assalamua'laikum Tun and your family.

By sjankanAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 8:28 PM

Perbelanjaan mengurus merupakan antara yang tertinggi dalam budget setiap tahun. Tapi persoalan yang saya ingin membawa saudara renungkan ialah apakah Perkhidmatan awam di Malaysia adalah satu agenda politik yang akhirnya membebankan rakyat?

Kebanyakan anggota perkhidmatan awam akan mengambil pencen. Dimana kerajaan mempunyai tanggungjawab membayar separuh gaji akhir kepada pesara ini seumur hidup mereka dan kemudian pencen ini akan berterusan kepada isteri dan akhirnya anak sehingga anak itu mencapai umur 18 tahun. Ini merupakan beban yang tinggi kepada kerajaan. Saya juga berpendapat sektor ini mestilah efisien dan tidak wujud penyelewengan atau pembaziran .

Tanggapan ini bukan tidak berasas kerana kerajaan juga mempunyai tanggungjawab menjaga kebajikan rakyat dengan menyediakan kemudahan lain seperti jalan raya, sistem perhubungan, kesihatan , kawalan keselamatan dan juga kebajikan sosial. Sekiranya sektor ini di seleweng dan wujud pembaziran bermakna duit untuk projek-projek pembangunan akan menjadi terhad dan rakyat mungkin gagal menikmati kemudahan-kemudahan yang berkualiti ataupun tidak menikmati langsung.

Saya terpenggil untuk mengketengahkan satu isu yang berjaya menarik minat saya. Iaitu apabila berlaku isu penganguran graduan universiti yang agak membimbangkan kerajaan iaitu Timbalan PM, Najib telah dengan megahnya mengumumkan 30 ribu graduan ini akan diserapkan kepada sektor perkhidmatan awam terutamanya dalam sektor pendidikan.

Persoalannya Kenapa mempolitikan Sektor ini? Di sini saya ingin menjelaskan dua impak yang timbul.

Pertama : Kerajaan terpaksa menanggung beban yang tinggi untuk jangka masa panjang dengan membayar mereka gaji , elaun, kemudahan-kemudahan lain. Sekiranya mereka memilih untuk bersara umur 58. Manakala jangka hayat rakyat malaysia purata 70-75. maksudnya kerajaan terpaksa membayar gaji untuk mereka yang tak bekerja sekurang-kurangnya 12 tahun. Kalau kerajaan mengambil mereka ramai-ramai hanya sekadar untuk pancing undi ini adalah langkah yang paling tidak sihat kerana yang tertindas adalah rakyat. Dengan kemajuan komunikasi dan teknologi sepatutnya institusi kerajaan dapat beroperasi dengan jumlah kakitangan yang minimum agar lebih banyak wang dapat disalurkan untuk memancu pembangunan negara.

Kedua : Umum sedia maklum gaji kakitangan awam di Malaysia adalah agak rendah. Kenaikan gaji baru-baru ini, adalah wajar disebabkan mereka ini selama 13 tahun dibayar dengan gaji lama dan kenaikan baru-baru ini meletakkan pada kadar sewajarnya malangnya kenaikan itu menjadi tidak bermakna dengan peningkatan inflasi. Dalam keadaan ini sekiranya kerajaan bijak dengan tidak pakai sumbat masuk graduan yang menggangur ini mungkin kerja 4 orang boleh dilaksanakan 3 orang dan gaji yang diijmatkan dari seorang ini boleh diberi sebagai elaun tambahan agar kehidupan kakitangan ini selesa.

Kadang-kadang kita leka dan tidak mengambil tahu akan soal-soal remeh . Ahli parlimen pula sibuk mencari keaiban seseorang dan bukannya berfikiran untuk memajukan negara. Mungkin ramai yang bertanggung apa yang akan terjadi jika mereka terus menggangur dan tindakan kerajaan ini dapat membendung gejala sosial. Untuk mengetahui penjelesanya saya akan menulis dalam sektor pendidikan di Malaysia.

Dalam penulisan akan datang saya akan mengulas pembaziran dengan krusus, pembelian barangan, mesyuarat ... dan paling menyedihkan berkaitan untuk membanteras rasuah gaji naikan, maka kalau nak kenaikan gaji kena amik rasuah? Stay Tuned.

THE COUNTRY WE LOVE....IS THIS YOU WANT?

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www.chedet-unlimited.blogspot.com
By dospenang on July 27, 2008 8:41 PM

SALAM TUN,

SAYA ingat TUN pernah cakap ini satu ketika dulu:

In a press conference on 7 June 2006 at the Perdana Leadership Foundation, which he heads, Mahathir said that Abdullah Ahmad Badawi was not his first choice as successor but it was the current Deputy Prime Minister, Najib Tun Razak, instead. He said that he felt hurt by allegations that he

"finished all the government's money, and that the government was bankrupt" because of the mega-projects initiated by him during his tenure as prime minister.[55]

Mahathir added that he has "...a habit of choosing the wrong people"

Tapi TUN, dari masalah yang timbul tu, TUN kena fikir untuk mencalonkan semula pemimpin yang dapat bekerja untuk rakyat dan Malaysia untuk hari ini dan masa depan.

Saya tak kisah mengenai siapa pemimpinnya dan berapa ramai yang kita ada tapi yang pasti kita ada beberapa pemimpin yang mampu menggantikan tempat PAK LAH..

SAYA PASTI.....

TUN kena bekerja untuk calon mereka dan mendapatkan sokongan mereka ini di UMNO EGM akan datang.

"Satu lagi boleh tak bincang pasal calon2 yang ada dan UMNO EGM."

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VOTE SEGERA DEMI MALAYSIA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

WASALAM.....

By emville on July 27, 2008 8:44 PM

Klu takde dulu takde la sekarang. Klu tak kerana perjuangan pemimpin2 dulu dan dasar2 kerajaan yg dibuat, jgn harap la Malaysia akan menjadi makmor mcm sekarang. Malaysia takkan jadi tempat beribu2 pendatang asing dari negara2 lain mencari sesuap nasi.

Pelik juga Tun yg merupakan salah seorang pemimpin tersebut dibuang jauh2 setelah Pak Lah naik. Klu Pak Lah naik secara pemilihan, menang undi dan megalahkan Tun, kira ok la tu. Ini jawatan pm tu diberikan diatas dulang. Memang tak patut.

Tun mmg kena buat parti baru sekali lagi la utk usir Pak Lah dari jawatan pm dan jauhkan beliau dari terus menghancurkan Malaysia.

By carter on July 27, 2008 8:48 PM

since when i was young.i really love this country.but i very upset of the government.i think a lot of people

got same feel as me.cause our country a lot of race.but we naver fight or anything.why some people want to talk something that hurt M'sian.they also M'sian.why can't just love this country.i always support you.and all pass PM that help our country to built a peace country.no war.

By Nz on July 27, 2008 8:50 PM

Dearest Tun,

Very true indeed and is quite appropriate moment for Tun to enlighten the current generation on the economy progress of our beloved country since an independence day until to date. In short as to sustain the development The leader is compulsory to be equipped with 5 elements as follows: -

- 1.To "see the reaching" and "get a fix" attitude.
- 2.Able to act firmly by putting the unseen forces all together.
- 3.Firm principles of goal setting.
- 4.Cabinet team of dynamic and analytical minds and not the super DOOM minds.
- 5.DECISIVE & not otherwise.

All the best to all Malaysians as our faith and future is heavily dependent on our current flip flop and not so caliber PM.

By joehoneyAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 8:53 PM

Salam Tun serta Keluarga

Paham benar cerita yang Tun tulis. Tapi nak komen tak berapa pandai. Apa yang boleh diluahkan hanyalah..... Hidup Tun!

By schmucq on July 27, 2008 9:01 PM

TDM,

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By jeff hamaz on July 27, 2008 9:19 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Apabila Tun menulis mengenai sejarah pasca-merdeka negara, saya berkata dalam hati...wow...Tun adalah sejarawan yang hebat! Saya percaya apa yang berlaku kepada negara kini adalah kerana kita sering melupai sejarah, sedangkan history repeat itself.

Bila bercakap mengenai sejarah silam, saya sering teringat sejarah kemerdekaan negara, apa lagi bulan depan kita akan menyambut ulangtahun kemerdekaan ke-51.Saya juga teringat mengapa media kita, tidak kira sama ada di zaman Tun atau Pak Lah, sering menulis sejarah kemerdekaan dengan hanya memberi fokus terhadap pejuang-pejuang pro-British dan meminggirkan pejuang-pejuang anti-British? Begitu banyak nama pejuang merdeka anti-British seperti Ibrahim Hj Yaakob, Dr. Burhanuddin, Ishak Haji Mohammed, Ahmad Boestamam dll, namun yang selalu difokuskan hanyalah Dato'Onn, Tunku Abdul Rahman dll ahli UMNO pro-British sahaja. Pejuang-pejuang anti-British ini telah berjuang menentang British sejak 1938 apabila Kesatuan Melayu Muda ditubuhkan, diikuti penubuhan Parti Kebangsaan Melayu Malaya pada 1945, manakala UMNO baru ditubuhkan pada 1946.

Cuma barangkali yang menyebabkan sejarah kemerdekaan negara lupa mencatatkan nama pejuang-pejuang kiri seperti Ibrahim Hj Yaakob, Dr Burhanuddin, Ishak Hj Mohammed, Ahmad Boestamam dll ini ialah mereka berjuang dengan secara yang agak keras sehingga sering keluar masuk penjara, sedangkan Dato' Onn, Tunku Abdul Rahman dan rakan-rakan UMNOnya lebih senang berkawan dengan penjajah dan justru tidak pernah bermimpi pun bagaimana bentuk sel penjara.

Jadi, saya harap Pak Lah yang cuba memperlihatkan dirinya lebih telus berbanding Tun, akan turut menghargai pejuang-pejuang anti- penjajah dalam sambutan ulang tahun kemerdekaan ke-51 kelak. Janganlah hanya memberi penghargaan kepada mereka yang pro-British yang diketuai oleh Dato' Onn sahaja, tetapi hargailah juga pejuang-pejuang kiri anti-kolonial.

Mungkin Tun sendiri sempena dengann ulang tahun kemerdekaan ke-51 pada bulan hadapan dapat memberi sorotan khas kepada pejuang-pejuang kiri anti-kolonial ini. Walaupun sepanjang 22 tahun menjadi PM, nama mereka terlupa disebut dalam ucapan ulang tahun kemerdekaan oleh Tun, namun selepas 22 tahun, mungkin Tun ingin menulis sesuatu tentang mereka. Sebagai seorang negarawan hebat Tun tentu boleh meluang sedikit masa untuk itu.

By zaba_afie on July 27, 2008 9:22 PM

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dari dulu dulu, orang melayu,juga orang melayu dulu dulu, suka tegor bangsa lain tu KO,tapi dalam lipatan setera melayu ada catit dalam tulisan jawi mengatakan saperti:
alqhasah sabuah negeri beraja melayu,raja nya amat murka terhadap saorang bangsa panjap usahawan susu lembu,saudagar pengakutan gunapakai kereta lembu, hanya berkenderaan kereta lembu ke istana telah mengadap duli yang mulia tuanku ingin mau duduk keatas tahta di raja negeri sakejap saja dan dalam masa yang sama semua rayat tuan ku menjunjong sembah saperti lazim rayat terhadap tuanku, beliau sanggup bayar berapa saja dikenakan,nak tau lebih lanjut tanya orang tua tua utara ber umur 65 tahun keatas.

yang kedua: sudah berapa banyak kediaman pembesar pembesar melayu negeri melayu telah di borong hindu botol jadi gudang botol & guni burok,ini memamper melayu masih mundur.

yang ketiga: sambut merdeka 08-1957, tanjung (penang)hanyut kemudian singapore hanyut,lepas tu singapore tak setakat hanyut, langsung terus bungkus,yang pasti kelantan dulu pun hanyut skarang 100 hari lepas kedah pun hanyut,perak pun,selangor pun,lagi penang memang bila bila pun tatap terbenam lagi dulu.

By cleffairyAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 9:24 PM

Tun, I seriously doubt that there's someone who can govern Malaysia as well as you do. I don't think there's someone visionary enough to surpass you. Vision2020... it's sad to think that we cannot achieve Vision2020, given the circumstances. Just look at the leaders these days. They are doing nothing but moping about, bringing up pathetic issues and trying to shoot each other down!

Tun, you were a visionary leader. You inspire people do go further. It's pathetic to see that none of those people in Malaysian politics is inspiring us to move forward. They are a complete letdown!

By dash129 on July 27, 2008 9:24 PM

at one time i am so proud being a malaysian

but now i guess we are at par with namibia. ghana, venezuela
and u help me to name some....

By kemboja on July 27, 2008 9:26 PM

You are excellent Ayahnda Tun. And I'm not saying this just to 'apple-polish' but simply because you are so resourceful. Thank you Ayahnda for bringing us home to the Country That We Love so much.

Di mana langit dijunjung di situ bumi dipijak.

Thank you once again Ayahnda for still being there for us all rakyat Malaysia.
By kedah youngster on July 27, 2008 9:26 PM

Salam Sejahtera Tun, semoga sihat selalu hendaknya...

Artikel Tun ini telah membuktikan bahawa Tun merupakan seorang yang sayangkan negara ini. Ini menunjukkan Tun telah berjuang untuk kejayaan malaysia dari dulu lagi. Cara Tun membangunkan negara ke arah perindustrian & teknologi amat berjaya.

Tetapi sekarang, rakyat amat kecewa dengan cara pentadbiran PEMIMPIN BUTA PERUT iaitu Paklah Badawi. Paklah telah menghancurkan apa yang telah dibangunkan & diusahakan oleh Tun dan pemimpin-pemimpin terdahulu.

Paklah telah mengembalikan Malaysia ke zaman PERTANIAN, dan seterusnya melingkupkan dasar perindustrian & teknologi. TIDAKKAH INI BUTA PERUT?

Kononnya paklah mahu digelar BAPA PERTANIAN kut? Cukuplah setakat jadi BAPA MERTUA KHAIRY saja.

Ayahanda Tun, teruskan menulis dan teruskan usaha murnimu. Sesungguhnya apa yang Tun lakukan ini adalah untuk kepentingan Agama, Bangsa & Negara.

1)BERSAMA-SAMALAH KITA MENGHAPUSKAN & MENYINGKIRKAN PENGKHIANAT!!

2)KITA JANGAN BIARKAN PENGKHIANAT INI TERUS MELINGKUPKAN NEGARA KITA!!

3)PENGKHIANAT INI AKAN MENGGADAI NEGARA KITA!! Contoh terdekat, berbaik-baik dengan singapura. Takut kepada singapura.

By SAM on July 27, 2008 9:38 PM

Salam Tun,

Ada rakan saya dari Singapura berkata

Kalau diukur dari segi kebodohan Gus Dur dengan Pak Lah...

Pak Lah lagi bodoh sebab walau pun Gus Dur kaki tidur masa menghadiri mesyuarat tapi di tidak menjual negara sendiri.

Tapi lagi bodoh orang yang membiarkan Pak Lah terus menjadi PM.

By anonymous on July 27, 2008 9:43 PM

Salam Dr. M..

A really nice article...thanks for sharing this..we were small back then but that didn't hinder our former leaders to build this nation(including you)...but we live in the twilight now...it's becoming dark yet the current leaders have nothing to prepare the right amount of torch to guide us all...

yes, the pen might be sharper tahn sword...but right now, we really need a 'sword' to clear all those 'bushy thought' of our current leaders!..

By Kersani on July 27, 2008 9:52 PM

Ayahanda Tun,

This is clear evidence that all that we achieved as a progressive and industrialising nation was due to you, your effort and your thinking.

A certain son-in-law organized a seminar on "Legasi Tun Razak" some time last year and among other things, that seminar was meant to create the impression that Tun Razak had laid down all the necessary plans and that you were just lucky to have taken over when you did. They wanted to show that it was Tun

Razak who was responsible for making Malaysia what it is and not you.

Well only idiots will buy that story. Tun Razak was a great man no doubt. And he founded many of the essential institutions and frameworks that paved the way for a stable and progressive Malaysia. But were it not for you our progress trajectory would have been very different.

It was you Sir, who saw far ahead and carved a vision for us all to work towards; It was you who decided that manufacturing and industrialisation fueled by FDI and aimed at technology transfer was the way to go; it was you who gave us Malaysians the self confidence and the pride in who we are as a people; It was you who kept saying "if others can do it, why can't we?"

You did it all Sir and we are better because of it.

There will be people who will try and deny your contributions, and who will even attempt to change history, just so their own selfish interests are protected. But the generations of Malaysians who lived in your era will never forget.

You have said many times Sir, that you do not care how people remember you. Well we care. And Sir, as far as we -The Mahathir Generation- are concerned, your exalted place in history is assured.

May Allah bless you and your family always and give you strength and good health so that you may continue to lead and guide us out of this political gloom and into a brighter future, a future that you had envisioned for this country we love.

By Oumono on July 27, 2008 9:59 PM

We should remember..

By fawz on July 27, 2008 10:03 PM

Dear Tun,

Those were the good old days.

I believe that, this is a call for us to be humble, yet optimistic and that we must strive against all odds to realize our dreams.

Malaysian wajib sayangkan Malaysia!
Malaysia mesti boleh !!!

Thank you,
Wassalam.

PS. Teruskan bermuzakarah UMNO & PAS !!!

By Sukdershan on July 27, 2008 10:04 PM

A good article, but where do we stand now?

By ketam on July 27, 2008 10:09 PM

Dear Tun, I have said many things before and today I just want to voice out my criticisms put forward by the comment

By schmucq on July 27, 2008 9:01 PM
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My Comment; Tengku Razaleigh @ head of Semangat 46 . The team of Semangat 46 are in the cabinet now, maybe you can see how they manage the economy at the moment. In fact one of the Semangat 46 minister was involved in the debat on oil.

Judicial System- The system was fine until so called lawyers from nowhere (headed by an indian lawyer Ambiga and mostly Indian lawyers @ Hindraf) came into the picture and created so called Judicial tampering by TDM through Indian lawyer named Linggam, the issues brought forward were mostly issues surrounding Anwar Ibrahim.

5 hakim- The Hakim which were very happy to get pensions as well as undisclosed amount of ex gracia payment. Who are they... what did they contribute to Malaysia .

What happened to the companies like UEM, TRI, MAS, MISC

The companies which employed a lot of bumiputra were hard hit by the 1998-99 economic turmoil initiated by Penyangak Matawang and assisted by IMF @ friends of Anwar Ibrahim. Perwaja was assisted by the government of TDM to spear head on steel manufacturing in ensuring that steel can be produced in Malaysia to prepare for so called buildings such as roads and other mega projects.

Constitution/Sultan- One of the Sultan killed somebody and the Sultan got away. Because of many incident involving Sultan had taken place, TDM must do something to ensure that any wrong doing will be fair treated. If not the rakyat will react like what happen in once incident (Prebet Adam) which involved a sad ending. He was safeguarding the Sultan from rage of the the common people.

Anwar Ibrahim- He was found guilty by the judges of liwat. Due to technical matter, he was released. Nobody ask him to liwat anybody.

See Shcmuck... TDM was sure being there at the right place and at the right time when Asian crisis came as without him, we would be a goner as an independent nation. If not for TDM bravery,courage and intelligence leadership we would succumb to IMF prescription put forward by Anwar Ibrahim

My conclusion, 22 years being accidently there to help Malaysia at the right place and at the right time sounded so lame. For most of us benefiting from his leadership, he should be at the top for 40 years.

Thank you Tun for being here when we are having to face a bigger threat externally (economic burst leading by the greenback liquidity) and internally (Pak Lah/Anwar and the Gang)
By dospenang on July 27, 2008 10:09 PM

SALAM,

1. Selepas 2 hari lamanya menunggu, saya rasa sangat berbaloi kerana tulisan TUN di atas adalah di antara terbaik yang ada setakat 3 bulan blog ini bermula.

2. Satu yang pasti, betapa tajamnya pemikiran pemimpin terdahulu mengenai soal masa depan MALAYSIA.

3. PEMIMPIN TERDAHULU BEGITU BIJAK DAN SENSITIF DAPAT MENYATAKAN DAN MENYUMBANGKAN IDEA DAN BUAH FIKIRAN YANG BERNAS LAGI TEPAT BERSESUAIAN DENGAN EKONOMI, POLITIK DAN SOSIAL DI MALAYSIA UNTUK 20-30 TAHUN AKAN DATANG.

4. PEMIKIRAN STRATEGIK BAGI PERANCANGAN MASA DEPAN "MEMBUKTIKAN KEBENARAN KREDIBILITI DAN KALIBER SESEORANG INDIVIDU SEBAGAI PEMIMPIN"

5. Secara jujur, ADALAH AMAT RUMIT UNTUK Mencari 'A TRUE LEADER' ATAUPUN PEMIMPIN TERULUNG YANG DAPAT MEMBAWA KESEJAHTERAAN KEPADA NEGARA DAN RAKYAT.

6. Bijak pandai berkata PEMIMPIN TERULUNG HANYA WUJUD SEORANG DALAM MASA 100 TAHUN.

7. Tetapi terdapat ramai lagi pemimpin hebat lain yang dapat memimpin sesebuah negara menjadi maju dan terus bergerak ke hadapan.

AHMADINEJAD adalah contoh pemimpin yang hebat dari Timur Barat memimpin negara terus maju walaupun menghadapi tekanan sekatan ekonomi dan tidak bergantung dari negara besar US juga sekutu-sekutunya.

8. Begitupun kebergantungan kepada pemimpin yang membuat keputusan berdasarkan situasi semasa untuk 1-2 tahun akan datang tanpa melihat masa depan hanya bakal membawa padah dan kerugian kepada negara dan rakyat jelata.

9. Keadaan ini membuktikan PEMIMPIN TERSEBUT BUKANLAH PEMIMPIN SEBENAR TETAPI ADALAH HANYA LAYAK BERGELAR EKSEKUTIF KELAS DUA.

10. Rakyat bijak dapat membezakan PEMIMPIN SEBENAR dan EKSEKUTIF KELAS DUA yang saya maksudkan.

11. Jadi MENJADI TANGGUNGJAWAB RAKYAT MENOLAK MEREKA YANG DIGELAR PEMIMPIN KELAS DUA UNTUK TERUS BERKUASA.

KEPADA TUN,

"SAYA MOHON TUN BINCANGKAN CALON2 PENGGANTI YANG ADA DAN UMNO EGM AKAN DATANG."

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WASALAM.....

By Melancholy on July 27, 2008 10:20 PM

Dear Tun,

I have been reading your blogs since I can't remember when. You are my inspiration!

Your writings on this is what i have thought about again and again. I have always looked up on you as a MALAYSIAN who does things for his country. Nevertheless, it sad to say that the present leadership does not see the importance of loving and serving the country. It is more to self gained and rewards.

To err is human, and i don't blame you on such succession plan, because I do believe that you were once being impressed by him. Looks can be deceiving and that's what he is.

To know that you still love OUR COUNTRY, is a goodwill and to know that MALAYSIANS are being cared for by you is a blessing.

Tun,

Keep on writing to us, MALAYSIANS. For i know your ideas, thoughts and goodwill were, are, and will guide us in our quest for a better tomorrow.

Thank you and May ALLAH bless you and family. Wasallam
By mzzainal on July 27, 2008 10:31 PM

Many changes took place after independence, and after Tun left the Govt.

The nation has changed much then and now.

We live in a society which has also changed due to many factors, such as our economical strength and weaknesses.

However we also live in a nation which has leaped 15 years back, with little hope to achieve Vision 2020, and will continue to do so in the name of democratic reforms of PakLah and those on the 4th floor.

Yes we put our PakLah in the position of power, and we can change it if we want - if only we stop thinking as individuals and start thinking of our country.

Those fortunate to be connected to others, will continue to obtain riches and kissing the higher standards of living. The rest of us would have to live within the slums of economic decline (yes blame the global economy and don't blame the Govt! What rubbish!).

The Govt is doing little which would bring us back to the stability of the former glories. Foreign investors shy away from us due to our own practises of ignorance and self-interest.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are living in a country which has already committed economical suicide.
By Dr Novandri Hasan BasriAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 10:33 PM

Salam Tun,

Saya tahu Tun mempunyai banyak buku2 hasil tulisan sendiri tapi saya harap Tun dapat sambung menulis segala pengalaman Tun sejak dari buku yang terakhir Tun tulis.

Saya juga harap agar Tun dapat memfokuskan satu lagi buku (dan gambar-gambar lama) mengenai sejarah, pahit maung dan perjalanan Pemuda UMNO.

Saya dapati generasi muda Melayu tidak mempunyai rujukan yang lengkap mengenai Pemuda UMNO.

Dan amat menyedihkan apabila ahli-ahli Pemuda UMNO tidak tahu sejarah Pemuda UMNO.

Saya mempunyai buku 'Dilema Pemuda UMNO' tulisan Chamil Wariya & Subky Latif terbitan 1976 (cetakan kedua 1985) tetapi ianya tidak lengkap.

Harap dipertimbangkan dengan serius.

Terima kasih.

By Yummy mummy on July 27, 2008 10:34 PM

I love going down memory lane... We are shaped by our past and the less we forget the better we will become.

I can see that Tun's past experience has greatly shaped him - from the time when he witnessed our people tortured by the Japanese for not respecting the Japanese flag, to one such example here when he met with the Americans who didn't give a second thought to other countries but their own... it has made him a very patriotic man; hell bent on making our country what it is today (well, what it was 5 years ago!!). Scmucq or schmuck (you can't even spell right), I don't think Abdullah Badawi would have gotten us here if he took over from Hussein Onn. Anyway, he would not have understood a quarter of Tun's latest posting!

To others who lament they got lost in the system where they never got an equal chance at making it, trust me; I've met so many malays who are equally as angry at what they perceive as unfairness when they didn't get a scholarship; when they never got any help from the government. Yet they were able to complete school and enjoy the development of the country.

Lets also look at numbers and please do look at the comparison between the earning power between the malays and the Chinese. It's not a level playing field in the business community. No malay business will make it without a chinese partner or contacts. Where is the fairness in that? How many private firms with professional employees are made up from the Bumiputera section of the population?

For neil and others who had been living off the fat of the land and sending their spawns abroad, please don't think we want these so called prodigal children to come back. You just keep away from this country and don't think of coming back when its all rosy coz you're not welcome mate!

By wokyoh on July 27, 2008 10:37 PM

SALAM PERJUANGAN BUAT AYAHANDA TUN YANG DIKASIHI...

SEBUAH PUISI UNTUK MELAYU YANG MUDAH LUPA

manusia....
mengapa masih terus alpa???
dibuai seribu fatamorgana khayalan...
hingga sanggup melupakan tuhanmu....
hingga sanggup menderhakai kedua orang tua mu...
hingga sanggup menghancurkan agama mu..
hingga sanggup merosakkan bangsa mu..
hingga sanggup menggadaikan tanah tempat tumpah darah mu...

manusia....
apakah ini tujuanmu dihidupkan????
apakah tiada sekelumit rasa kesyukuran kepadaNya...
atas rahmat dan anugerahNya...kamu dilahirkan...
sebagai melayu yang beragama islam????

atau hadirmu hanya satu kebetulan???

bukan atas urusan Tuhan???

adakah kamu dilahirkan di bumi bertuah ini...
hanya satu kebetulan???

Mungkin kerana agama, bangsa, dan bumi tempatmu berpijak adalah kebetulan...maka...kamu telah kufur nikmat Tuhan...
kamu berjuang....bukan demi Tuhan,
kamu beramal...bukan demi Tuhan,
kamu menulis, berkata-kata....bukan demi Tuhan..

maka...
jadilah kamu munafik yang bertopengkan islam
tipu-dayamu mengalahkan syaitan
akal-budimu menjijikkan...
sahabatmu yahudi dan syaitan..
amal-ibadatmu hanya perhiasan dan sia-sia...
bahkan matimu tiada iman...

wahai pemimpin yang sedang berjuang...
waspada langkahmu jangan sumbang..
gerak tarimu jangan sonsang,
akal, takwa dan iman pandu kebaikan,
nafsu, syaitan pandu kehancuran..

ayuh...
bersihkan dirimu zahir dan batin
sucikan niat, bulatkan tekad,
marilah kita bersatu dibawah satu panji kebenaran..
yang Haq pasti menang,
yang bathil pasti kecundang...
marilah kita bersedia
agar tidak tersungkur sebelum berjuang...
untuk membela syiar yang hilang!!!
untuk Malaysia darussalam.

Buat Tun bangsawan terbilang,
akal-budimu kusanjung tinggi,
didik, tegurmu sering ku nanti,
teruskan perjuangan ini,
semoga melayu tidak hilang.

NUKILAN....WOKYOH...
By alimah on July 27, 2008 10:39 PM

Yang dikasihi Tun,

Saya rasa terharu selesai membaca tulisan Tun.
I think a country as complex as Malaysia needs a capable and strong leader having the qualities similar to what Tun has. Ada orang akan mengatakan Tun diktator. Pada pendapat saya berbagai qualities diperlukan untuk seorang pemimpin negara. Tun telah berjaya membangunkan negara Malaysia ke satu peringkat yang tinggi yang dikagumi oleh pemimpin-pemimpin dari negara luar. You have set the benchmark.

Pemimpin sekarang sepatutnya belajar dari pengalaman dan wisdom Tun, sebagai 'Mentor' bukan mengutuk Tun. Ruginya bangsa dan negara sekiranya kita tidak dapat memanfaatkan ilmu yang ada

pada Tun. Semoga Allah panjangkan umur Tun , Insha Allah satu hari pemimpin pemimpin sekarang akan sedar tanggungjawab mereka kepada bangsa, ugama dan negara. Mereka bolih mengimbas kembali tentang sejarah kejatuhan Melaka,negara Islam seperti Spain dan Iraq. Insha Allah mereka akan balik kepangkal jalan. Saya senantiasa berdoa semoga Allah selamatkan negara kita.

anafaatkna kalau Keadaan politik negara kita sekarang memang mengecewakan .
sya malukan saya . a lNgatsaya rasa agong Ya meang quality ality Teatapi qality Some peole may A
certain degree of .To make thin
By sky on July 27, 2008 10:44 PM

At the current rate of the Malaysian cabinet is going, Malaysia is heading into rough seas. The captain is drunk drinking english rum with malay agenda high on his list. wake up pak lah. I am a malay but I dont want malay unity to be top of your priority. Nor about mercedes or about anwar sodomising whichever jambu he found. What I want is that either you step down or make sure the country is not sliding into chaos together with the rest of the world.

I am at the bottom but you are on the top. You have the power. make sure you use it not to appease your wallet, nor khairy's or kamalludin. you have two years to make good of what mess you created. there is no point to ponder back to all those shelved projects. if you cannot think or do not have time to think, please ask someone the way out. never too old to ask question. never too big ego to ask too. especially you are the leader. if you cannot do all this, please step down!! retire in peace with all the ill-gotten gains you had amassed. let someone with the right focus to step up (that is the least you can do).

Tun,
i am sorry to use your blog to vent out my frustration. I hope you understand. we are sick with the country (more because of the politics). the country is ill (economically). i know it and i am feeling it. i know someone among the readers will read this and say oh yeah i agree with sky.
Anyways, i feel better now. b/p down already.

p/s, great post. this is what i call a real statesman. he knows how to write something and bring that patriotic feeling out of you. never once you listen to the news on the tele and cry when pak lah is on screen. that is the difference among many other things that pak lah and TDM.

p/ss: if you happen to pass by somewhere near the hospital in putrajaya, you will see a poster (huge one near a traffic light junction) of paklah, najib and tg. adnan promoting putrajaya as though they were the one who came out with the idea. what a joke!!
By asampedas on July 27, 2008 10:45 PM

Tun,
Sometimes we take things too much for granted.Many youngsters of today,especially, have little knowledge of the hardships and sufferings the older generation had to go through just to eke a living.Basic amenities such as electricity and piped water were unheard of in most rural areas.In today's urban residential areas the average children safely assume that each family has at the least a car,tv,computers etc.and of course more than enough to eat.These are what these children see in their neighbourhoods and these are the perceptions that would shape their minds.Poverty is something unreal that they get to see on tv just like the many captivating dosages of cartoon programs.
By osrieAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 10:46 PM

I read, i read and i reading...
My love goes empty and nothing,
Now, they made all the people, heart changing,
May, the true love they mean, inside the government housing ?.
Bluffing, eating and f(3-stars)king..

Those members still dosen't make, a deeper thingking,
What's the future then, will be going !!..

I laugh, while i crying..
Then tuning my flute with Sad...'Kudingking'.

Oh!..i will still love my old memory !!..

Kesejahteraan buat Tun, dan seluruh Warga blog,

Sekian.
By malaysiaku on July 27, 2008 11:02 PM

Salam Tun,

I have a great respect for you but please stop blame AAB administration for our present state. Every country have their life cycle just like product life cycle. What we have to do is to extend our life cycle from decline stage. We have to take bold steps and look out box solutions. UMNO must change its political views. Think as Malaysian is only answer for our survival. Please don't live like "katak dibawah tempurung". My advise to all Malaysian. Think and live like a big happy family. No easy way out brother, world are changing rapidly.
By azmany on July 27, 2008 11:07 PM

Please note that Tun writes about OTHER PEOPLE who have contributed much to the development of our country. Not a single word to boast about what he has contributed - but we all know the great contribution he's made.

I suppose the point is that - every body can contribute to make our country a better place. We don't and we can't put too much hope on one guy (the PM) and the Ministers only. (Especially now)

So look hard at ourselves and you will discover that you can also make the difference. Maybe a small difference, but if enough people do that, the small difference will accumulate and big enough to change the country. It all start with us ourselves. For the muslims, you should know that this is part of Fardhu Kifayah - a social responsibility that's required by your religion.
By awong on July 27, 2008 11:09 PM

hi

boleh tak tun komen pasal 'meeting' umno and pas baru2 ni??
By ABI on July 27, 2008 11:10 PM

Tun M:
We could sense the sarcasm and the cynicism (at the tail-end of your article) in your article. You seem to be a compulsive critic! As they say, what cannot be cured, should be endured! Malaysians have endured your for more than two decades!!
ABI
By writerAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 11:11 PM

Those who started work around 1973

a 1.3 Litre Japaness car was RM 7000

Today the equivalent let's say it is RM 60000.....8.5 times

In 1973 a double storey house was about RM 45,000..or less Today it is about RM 300,000.....6.6 times.

In 1973 an Engineer's pay was RM 1000

Today it is about RM 2000 +/-.....2 times....

>From 1973 to 2008.....35 years.....what is the Trend.?

Bearish !!!!

In a stock market when the trend is bearish , what do we do?..Exit !!!

When a country's trend is bearish what do we do?

This Bearish trend is more difficult to turn around as compared to the stock market.

I have used these 3 items House, Car & Salary as a measurement of the country' s performance for the past 35 years....

There is a book I saw in MPH bookshop entitled :

Malaysia: The Failed Nation some of you may be interested to read up.

I agreed with the writer.....

This morning I was having Coffee at McDonald (now the coffee..100% Arabica beans..is quite good@ RM 2.90....free refill !!. I asked how much per hour is their pay?

RM 3.00 ! x 8 hours = RM 24 per day... x 25 days = RM 600 per month My daughter works part-time during her University days..she worked at Gloria Jeans Coffee ..the pay Australian \$ 14.00 (@ 3.15 = RM 44 per hour.....x 8 = RM352 per day !!! x 25 days = RM 8800

13.3 times more !!!!! Price of houses in Perth is about the same in KL Price of cars are about 23% cheaper...in Perth.(Australia)

I think more and more people are becoming aware of this Bearish trend.

Developed country by 2020?...means High income country Let's look at some as of year 2005 (Financial Times) USA GNP per capita US\$35400
UK GNP per capita US\$ 25510

Australia GNP per capita US\$ 19530

Singapore GNP per capita US \$ 20690

These are developed countries by income measurement

Malaysia GNP per capita US\$ 3540

Year 2020..developed country?

Really...a sad story.

Worrying Trends, isn't it?? >

Cheers,
Whats up

Thirsty Land

History of empire
By lampu basikal on July 27, 2008 11:14 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

I would like to borrow a quote from JFK, "Ask not what your country can do for you but ask what you can do for the country" and indeed Tun, you did a lot for Malaysia and I for one would like to say to you "thank you from the bottom of my heart". May Allah bless you with a long life and in good health always. Amin. Wasalam Tun, HIDUP MAHATHIR AND GOD BLESS YOU AND OUR LOVELY COUNTRY.....
By zainon zainalabidin on July 27, 2008 11:18 PM

Yang Berbahagia Tun, pada saya,saya terasa sekarang ini Malaysia bukan lagi sebuah negara yang kita cintai seperti semasa Tun menjadi PM terutamanya [Perdana Menteri Teragung Di Malaysia],dan PM-PM sebelum Tun. Seingat saya,setiap PM Malaysia menyambung pembangunan negara yang telah dirancang oleh PM sebelumnya di samping mengembangkan lagi pemodenannya sehinggalah ke zaman Tun yang diberi gelaran Bapa Pemodenan Malaysia. Setahu saya pengganti Tun tidak meneruskan semua projek yang telah dirancang pada zaman Tun.Masih tidak terlambat untuk Tun menggalakkan putera-putera Tun terutamanya Datuk Mokhzani dan Datuk Mukhriz untuk menyambung perjuangan Tun terhadap negara kita yang tercinta selama ini, seperti kata pepatah Melayu: bapa borek,anak rintik; dan seperti kuah tumpah ke nasi. Tolong Tun,demi negara tercinta dan rakyatnya.
By Din Investor on July 27, 2008 11:21 PM

Salam Tun,
Terbukti melalui tulisan Tun yang Barat tidak mahu melihat kemajuan dicapai timur. Mereka tidak kisah kepada apa yang dihadapi kita asalkan bank account mereka penuh dan cash inflow sentiasa bertambah naik. Menyedihkan sekarang ialah Pak Lah tidak tahu mengurus negara menyebabkan banyak masalah dan tidak mahu undur pula.

TUN
Keep writing history so that young Malaysians who visits your blog won't repeat mistakes but repeat success in the future.

Thanks a lot.
By Uncle Shah on July 27, 2008 11:22 PM

Yg Sangat Di Hormati dan Di Kasihi YAB Tun,

After following all yr postings, I cannot but admire the clarity of yr thinking on all issues that u care to comment on. To me and I hope to all M'sians, u r truly not just a 'Malaysian Institution' but indeed a 'World Institution' that we r all proud of. I don't think that there is any current world leader that can match yr wit n 'scarcsn', yr vision, yr sharpness, yr commitment etc etc, How I wish the clock can be turn back to 2002. How I wish u could have been the UN Secy General. Oh! so many wishes!

" OH Allah, I pray Thee that You extend the life and good health of our beloved Dr Mahathir n his devoted wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah in Iman and Taqwa. That he may be part of Your plan to help us (Muslims and non-Muslims), in Malaysia and elsewhere, find the true direction and strength. For have You not given him much wisdom and strength and knowledge for no purpose. For have You not given our beloved country, Malaysia, much riches, peace and harmony for it to be squandered. We beg of You, Oh Allah, the Most Beneficent and the Most Kind. You have power over all things. You who have knowledge of what is Good in front of us and the back of us, we seek your help. You giveth power to whom You chooses, You taketh power from whom You chooses. There is nothing that is difficult if You chooses for it

to be easy. Make it easy for us, Oh Allah, in all things that bring us together, to be led by people that You have given the wisdom and knowledge and character of virtue and integrity. To Thee only, we beg of You".

By Pak-Lah-Lah-Lah-LahAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 11:26 PM

Dear Tun,

I refer to para 34 of your post and the comments posted by harmdone7 on July 27 2008.

If your reference of Dr Lim Chong Yah is the same Economics Professor at the Singapore's Nanyang Technological University as mentioned by harmdone7 then Malaysia must have lost a man of caliber to Singapore. What a big big loss indeed to our beloved country called Malaysia.

Dear Tun, frankly speaking, are you feeling sad to realise that Dr. Lim Chong Yah has to cari makan in Singapore? Our Bank Negara or the Ministry of Finance should be able to accommodate a caliber professional like Dr. Lim Chong Yah. But I don't think he will be interested to work under the present administration.

Thank you for highlighting and commending this professor in your blog as an ordinary person like me is unaware of this great man's contributions and his credentials. You must have high regards for this person of caliber. This country has not given people of caliber with much hope and that's why we see them moving out to countries who appreciate talents and practise meritocracy.

I wish both Tun and Dr. Lim Chong Yah the best of health.

By ttlebon80 on July 27, 2008 11:28 PM

Salam Tun & bloggers

Satu article yang sangat baik dan memberangsangkan. Membawa kita kembali ke asal usul negara dan betapa jauh kita sudah maju terutamanya semasa Tun memerintah.

Terima kasih Tun di atas segala jasa Tun selama ini.

By andangAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 11:42 PM

banyak idea Tun tapi ramai yang nak ikut ke sekarang?

<http://malaysiakamu.blogspot.com>

By joneadam on July 27, 2008 11:47 PM

Tun,

I definately love this country. Yes, we must not forget the history of the country, as there are much to learn from. The younger generation may not know, and the older generation need to be reminded. As long as I can remember, you have never fail to remind us of history. I never forget that 'Melayu mudah lupa' thing by you in the UMNO speech. But, I think many have forgotten this, thats why mistakes are repeatative by the current leadership. The power of the people then will decide their standing, sooner or later.

By Hajar on July 27, 2008 11:50 PM

Dearest Yg diKasihi Tun,

Another excellent article!

Tun has contributed a lot to the success of this country. Thank you so much.

I totally agree with your last point:

"34. We are all the beneficiaries of the policies of those early people who lead this country. The systems and policies they initiated were excellent. If they seem not to work today it is not because they were bad but it is because we do not have their caliber. We have become very selfish and too materialistic. This country has given us much. Is it still the country we love? I wonder!"

To DSAAB: PLEASE RESIGN. DON'T DESTROY THIS COUNTRY!

May Allah SWT bless Tun & family. Thanks.
By Sheikh on July 27, 2008 11:50 PM

Tun,

Negara kita telah di tinggalkan oleh British dengan sistem pentadbiran yang baik. Sebagaimana yang kita ketahui British adalah sebuah negara yang terbilang dalam semua segi. Kita tidak dapat menafikan kenyataan itu. Sekalipun Hitler menghormati dan menyanjung British dengan dasar luar negara mereka yang menguntungkan negara British sendiri. Rakan bersekutu yang terbaik sekiranya boleh oleh Hitler dalam perang dunia.

Benar British telah memeras kekayaan kita tetapi itu adalah permainan dunia. Jika di fikir secara positif kita beruntung di jajah British jika di bandingkan dengan Indonesia yang di jajah oleh Belanda kerana tidak ada pun yang dapat di banggakan yang did tinggalkan oleh Belanda terhadap Indonesia.

Sesungguhnya kita terpaksa membayar mahal akibat dari penjajahan British tetap kita perlu mengakui bahawa British telah meninggalkan sebuah sistem pentadbiran yang terbaik pada masa itu.

Ianya memudahkan kita dalam mengisi kemerdekaan. Ahli politik dan pentadbir pada masa itu telah menyambung kesinambungan sistem pemerintahan ini dengan baik sekali. Sungguh kita baru saja mendapat kemerdekaan tetapi orang Malaysia mempunyai keupaayaan,. pemikiran dan kesungguhan yang seimbang dengan pihak British. Mungkin pentadbir dan ahli politik termasuk guru guru yang aktif semasa itu di didik dalam sistem pelajaran British. Kebanyakan mereka menuntut di England.

Pada hemat saya yang penting bukannya kelulusan yang di bawa balik tetapi penerapan sikap yang baik oleh rakyat negara maju yang berbeza dengan sikap rakyat negara yang mundur. Apabila kita bercakap mengenai kemajuan sains dan teknologi ianya bukan sains atau teknologi itu sendiri tetapi sikap sebilangan rakyat mereka yang baik hingga boleh membuahkan teknologi tersebut. Umpamanya sistem pentadbiran yang baik, dasar ekonomi termasuk perancangannya yang tepat dan berpandangan jauh, dasar pelajarannya dan lain lain.

Kini Malaysia kebanyakannya di tadbir oleh lulusan universiti tempatan walaupun ada sebilangannya menuntut di luar negara tetapi 'insan' yang di bina atau di hasilkan tidak bermutu sesuai dengan kemajuan dunia sekarang di bandingkan dari pemimpin tempatan masa lalu yang juga menuntut di luar negara.

Bagaimana pun sekiranya sistem pemerintahan yang di tinggalkan Dr Mahathir itu baik dan kemas ianya tidak juga mendatangkan hasil sekiranya nasihat pentadbir pentadbir yang baik ini tidak di ambil kira atau di ketepikan samasekali. Malah mungkin di terima separuh dan di ketepikan separuh.

Ianya umpama keenderaan canggih yang gagal di pandu oleh pemandu bodoh.

Memang kita ada semua sumber dan bijak pandai tetapi kalau mereka di ketepikan oleh ahli politik. Apalah gunanya.

Sekiranya kita buntu kita masih ada peluang untuk merujuk kepada British kerana mereka masih mempunyai hubungan baik dengan negara yang pernah mereka jajah. Tidak perlu mengeji mereka sebagai penjajah. Apa lah yang kita dapat. Kita tidak perlu berhidung tinggi. Banyak jalan pintas yang dapat kita lalui sekiranya kita dengan rendah hati mahu belajar dari mereka.

Jangan lah cuba menyelesaikan masalah yang pernah di selesaikan oleh orang lain dari negara maju. Jangan membuang masa dan tenaga menunjuk pandai atas perkara yang telah di perbuat orang. Kita cuma perlu belajar dari mereka. Selesai masaalah.

Dengan cara itu kita dengan cepat dapat bersama sama dengan mereka mengatasi masalah baru yang mereka negara maju sendiri belum pernah melaluinya.

Sekali pun pihak British tidak malu untuk belajar dari Singapura mengenai sukatan pelajar matematik sekolah rendah mereka yang jauh lebih baik dari British sendiri. (Mamat keris sila ambil perhatian. Konon Najib nak jadikan si otak lembab timbalan perdana menteri. Al maklum sedara).

Semumpama Dewan Bandaraya Kuala Lumpur perlu menghantar orang mereka belajar di Singapura untuk bagaimana menguruskan 'Bandar Taman'. Kita dapati DBKL menebang pokok pokok besar sesuka hati. Kalau bab menjahanam beri pada mereka.

Kita semakin teruk dan dengan pantas merosakkan alam semulajadi menggunakan teknologi yang ada di tangan. Teknologi negara maju tapi pengendalinya yang berfikiran kolot dan mengikut nafsu syaitan! Maka dengan itu akan jahanam Malaysia, jahanam dunia!

By ISTERI ANTIMAMAK on July 27, 2008 11:51 PM

TUN,

Malaysia yang amat ku cintai.

Sekali lagi, saya mengucapkan terima kasih yang tak terhingga kepada TUN, seorang pemimpin yang benar benar telah membawa perubahan yang begitu membanggakan kepada Malaysia.

Walau apapun yang telah di lalui semasa pembangunan itu, jelas outputnya adalah apa yang kita nikmati sekarang. Terima Kasih TUN atas jasamu.

Sebagai rakyat Malayia dan seorang beragama Islam khususnya patut bersyukur kepada yang maha esa, Allah, diatas segala nikmat yang dikecapi.

Mungkin apa yang berlaku sekarang ini, adalah satu pengajaran kepada rakyat Malaysia betapa penting nya dalam hal memilih pemimpin atau khalifa.

Mungkin salah pilih pemimpin ini, belum pernah berlaku sebelumnya, kerana perkembangan yang berlaku adalah stabil dan tidak menyusahkan rakyat.

Malangnya semua sudah berubah kini, zaman globalisasi, pemimpin atau khalifah yang dilantik harus tahu mengurus negara seiring dengan perkembangan dunia. Rakyat sudah bijak menilai antara yang betul dan yang salah, pemimpin yang benar memimpin atau sebaliknya.

Kesedaran ini adalah satu perkembangan yang positif dalam era globalisasi kini. Bakal-bakal pemimpin harus sedar akan tujuan mereka sebelum mereka mahu menceburi bidang ini. Memimpin dan membangunkan Malaysia ke arah yang benar. Bak kata: PEMIMPIN ITU HARUS MENGAJAR DULU DI BUMI SEBELUM MENDONGAK KE LANGIT.

BERSAMA INI, MARI KITA SAMA-SAMA SEDARKAN MASYARAKAT MALAYSIA AKAN PENTING NYA PEMIMPIN YANG BENAR-BENAR MEMIMPIN NEGARA.

1)KEMPEN TAK NAK pAK LAH

2)KEMPEN BOYCOTT ISRAEL DAN SEKUTU ZIONISTNYA

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By OneEyeSleepy on July 27, 2008 11:52 PM

Dear Che Det,

It is such a great country, no one talked or mentioned anything about races then.

What was that again? A 100m race?

By ISTERI ANTIMAMAK on July 27, 2008 11:58 PM

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TUN yang saya sanjungi dan sayangi,

Maaf ayahanda TUN nak tumpang lalu.

Buat BANGSAKU yang anakanda sayangi.

===== " BANGSAKU " =====

Jika seandainya ada,.....bangsa yang jadi aman dan sejahtera, dengan cakar cakaran dan hasad dengki.....

Maka yang pertama mencapainya, adalah bangsaku tersayang ini

Dan seandainya boleh ... menjadi bangsa yang berjaya dan dihormati dengan hanya berdiam diri tanpa jati diri.....

Sudah pasti, juaranya adalah bangsaku ini

Silih dari ucap cacian

Berganti pula ucap pujian,

Bersemilah sebuah permusuhan, membawa kerugian

Bangsaku,

Bila kitakan ketujuan...

Bila hanya menunggu penyelesaian

Bila hanya menunggu arahan

Bila kita pandai berdebat, bodoh muafakat

Walhal bangsaku boleh sepakat

Muafakat membawa berkat

Bangsaku,

Pemimpin kini tak berakar
Pemimpin kini tak berbuah
Pemimpin kini tak berbatang
Pemimpin kini tak berbau

Ingatlah Pemimpin Bangsa

Mengakar dulu kebumi
Barukau menjulang tinggi
Bungamu harum mewangi
Buahmu kau bagi bagi
Tak perlu angkat bakul sendiri
Negara dan dunia akan memuji

Pemimpin kini(pak lah) akan lebih berguna bila engkau tiada..!!!

Bangsa masih tak punya satu haluan
Bangsa masih tak tahu berkat perpaduan Bangsa masih tiada keyakinan
Bangsa masih mengharapkan bantuan
Bangsa masih tiada tindakan

Bangsa,
sahutlah seruan.....

- 1)Bendera dan Ribbon Putih punya pukulan
Atau
- 2)Petitiononline punya hentakan

Bangsa,

Jangan pernah mengalah..
tercatat sejarah dalam perjuangan
menurunkan pucuk pimpinan.

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KEMPEN TAK NAK PAK LAH

KEMPAN BOYCOTT ISRAEL-ZIONIST DAN SEKUTU

DI: <http://isteri-mamak-tua.blogspot.com>

isteri-antimamak.....

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By sdahenanAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 12:02 AM

ASSALAMUALAIKUM WARAHMATULLAH HI TAALA WABAROKATUH.

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

ANOTHER MASTERPIECE daripada Ayahanda Tun. Penjelasan yang lengkap bagaimana pemimpin2 terdahulu sebelum pak lah, memikirkan bagaimana hendak memajukan negara ini demi kesejahteraan rakyat Malaysia dan masing2 memberikan cadangan yang bernas. Tak perlu nak keriau2 macam mangkok2 kat dalam parlimen tu. Konon nya demi rakyat dan rakyat bertanya itu dan ini. Konon nya mereka2 ini adalah wakil yang memperjuangkan keadilan untuk rakyat. A TOTAL BULLSHIT. Bertengkar macam budak2 kelas tadika. BN dan pembangkang SAMA NAIK JA. Cara bercakap takdak aturan langsung-main hentam keromo saja. Sebenar nya masing2 BERLAGAK NAK TUNJUK MACAM HERO LAH KONON. Tu orang dok tengok kat TV tu. Masing2 dok cuba nak bukak pekong orang dan tutup pekong sendiri.

EXPOSURE yang di buat oleh ayahanda setidak2 nya dapat membuka minda rakyat supaya tahu apa yang telah berlaku dahulu, sekarang dan apa yang di rancangan untuk masa hadapan. Teringat akan anakanda akan satu kata2:

Dan Umar r.a berkata:

"NABI MUHAMMAD SAW DI TANYA TENTANG HAMBA YANG PALING DI CINTAI OLIH ALLAH TA'ALA, MAKA BAGINDA MENJAWAB: "ORANG YANG PALING BERMANAFAAT BAGI MANUSIA"

Biar lah orang kata anakanda ini berlebih2an tapi bagi anakanda "AT THE MOMENT NOBODY CAN FIT IN THAT CLAUSE EXCEPT YOU AYAHANDA TUN"

Ramai yang menghargai pengorbanan dan jasa Ayahanda Tun di masa dahulu, sekarang dan tentu nya di masa2 hadapan. Dalam pada itu ada juga segelintir yang marah, mencaci dan mencemooh kepada Ayahanda Tun. Nak di apakan, sedangkan Rasulullah SAW yang begitu agung, begitu mulia lagikan di caci orang, inikan pula ayahanda Tun .

Kadang2 anakanda pelik dengan orang seperti ABI, CSI, sjankan dan banyak lagi. Tak tau apa yang depa2 ni tak puas hati dengan Ayahanda Tun. malah ada yang gunakan nama pemimpin2 luar negara untuk mengata ngata pada Ayahanda Tun.

Ada yang memberi nama2 seperti paul martin, michel camdessus, james wofensus dan lain2 lagi. Depa tak tau ka banyak orang besar dunia ni

kebanyakkan nya adalah ILLUMINATI dan FREEMASONS.

UNTUK MAKLUMAT SEMUA, SEJAHAT2 ORANG YAHUDI TU TAK KESEMUA NYA BOLEH MASUK KE DALAM KUMPULAN "ILLUMINATI". Tu la punya jahat nya ILLUMINATI tu. LIBERALS to FREEMASONS to ILLUMINATI to LUCIFERIANS.

LUCIFER ni adalah anak IBLIS LAKNATULLAH (konon2 nya orang puteh panggil "THE FALLING ANGELS" -- TAIK KUCIN). Depa2 ni dok tunggu dunia depa yang di panggil NIBIRU x. Sapa2 yang rajin masuk U TUBE carilah bab ILLUMINATI. Buat masa ni QUEEN ELIZABETH adalah kepala ILLUMINATI NOMBOR SATU, di ikuti oleh presiden [bush, tony blair dan lain2 nya. Ramai jugak pemimpin2 islam yang masuk Freemasons dan 5 - 6 ekor telah di letakkan dalam ke tahap Illuminati ni.

Pernah jugak terbaca cerita yang anwar ni seorang LIBERALS --betui kah.

Maaf Ayahanda Tun. Tu sekox lagi nama mr kolumpo. Bagi 44 nama2 orang2 yang konon sokong anwar ibrahim. baik, tak jahat.

Salah seorang yang sokong tu ia lah :

Assc. Prof. Dr. Caer Dagli

College of the Holy Cross

Worcester. MA. USA.

Sejak bila pulak paderi christian "DO CARE WETHER A MUSLIM IS GOOD OR BAD" tambah2 si anwar ni. mr kolumpo ni tak tau ka atau tak baca yang dari 44 nama tu 20 orang adalah FREEMASONS dan 10 orang adalah ILLUMINATI. Lain kali buat lah "THOROUGH RESEARCH" dulu baru jual minyak.

Maaf Ayahanda melalut pulak. Apa kata kalau boleh satu hari Ayahanda buat "TEST CALL" supaya nama orang2 yang dok mengata kat Ayahanda ni 3 bulan jangan dok bagi keluax dalam Blog ayahanda ni. Biax depa masuk kat blog lain pulak. kata lah tinggi melangit pun bukan kami nak baca.

Semuga Ayahanda selalu berada di dalam kesihatan yang terbaik demi kelangsungan untuk

MENGILMUKAN masyarakat Malaysia dari buah fikiran Ayahanda yang tajam dan bernas.  
Semuga Ayahanda dan Bonda selalu berada di dalam limpahan rahmat Allah SWT.

Alif Lam Mim  
WASSALLAM  
By Along on July 28, 2008 12:04 AM

Here you are.. Its totally hard to look for people like you Tun.

I am proud!

But, I wonder too Tun.

As MUST, Nobody perfect except Allah.  
By fahanhana on July 28, 2008 12:05 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

I'm always proud to be a Malaysian. This small country appears gigantic in front of other developed countries. All because of you and all Malaysians who have made us what we are today.

As for patriotism to show our love, before we can blame on other people for the chaos today.. we should reflect within ourselves whether we have done all the best that we can for this country.

An article from Rosliwaty Ramli on BERNAMA 2007 website:

<http://web5.bernama.com/events/merdeka50/newsbm.php?id=278093>

Have a great week ahead!  
By kiambang on July 28, 2008 12:09 AM

Salam Tun,

So arrogant of Pak Dolah not to learn all these from you.

Nor Mohamed Yaacop said, the 'every 10 year' economic turn-around that keeps on happening to Msia, puzzles him. If he sees it coming, then why doesnt the Government be more proactive?

You are irreplaceable, Tun. Such great thoughts Allah has given you.

Pak Dolah is too ordinary. He really has got to go.

Take care, Tun.  
By ISTERI ANTIMAMAK on July 28, 2008 12:11 AM

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TUN,

Maaf nak mai habak, kami ni CINTAKAN MALAYSIA lebih dari depa dok cerita...

La ni dah tak sabak dah.....

=====AKU TAK SABAR=====

AKU TAK SABAR ingin cepat cepat kaya  
AKU TAK SABAR ingin cepat melihat kemakmuran bangsa ini  
AKU TAK SABAR ingin segera melihat bukti dari janji pemimpinnya  
AKU TAK SABAR ingin pertama sampai ditempat tujuan  
AKU TAK SABAR ingin terdepan dalam barisan  
AKU TAK SABAR ingin menjadi pemimpin  
AKU TAK SABAR ingin memiliki kekuasaan  
AKU TAK SABAR ingin masuk dewan, LALU nanti TAK SABAR lagi berebut kelua

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SABAR

Bila rasa sabar sudah tiada  
Maka kecewalah yang berkuasa  
Ada jarak yang harus ditempuh  
Ada waktu yang harus dilalui  
Sebelum saatnya tiba  
Upaya yang kita jalankan

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AKU TAK SABAR ingin Pak Lah turun  
AKU TAK SABAR ingin kes Anuar selesai  
AKU TAK SABAR ingin TUN kembali  
AKU TAK SABAR  
AKU TAK SABAR  
AKU TAK SABAR

Lalu mengapa kita harus BERSABAR...

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By Uncle Shah on July 28, 2008 12:14 AM

Askum Tun.

Yr current posting brings a lot of nostalgic memories which I like to share with younger readers that they may be thankful for what they have now. At the same time, I will highlight certain challenges for the future generation (those still in schools) so that parents know what their children are in for.

First the nostalgic memories. I was borne in 1947, went to primary school from 1954-1959, secondary school (1960-65). I got twenty cents a day from my parents and that was sufficient to buy nasi lemak or mee hoon for 5 cents and another 5 cents for drinks. Outside, rojak or mee mamak was 20 or 30 cents, satay 5 or 10 cents. An F & N drink cost 20 cents. That was a treat. We walk to school or by trishaw; later, we cycled. Can't remember the cost of petrol because we don't have a car. In 1968, left for Edinburgh University, Scotland on a scholarship worth abt 50 pounds a month! (I believe the current rate is over 400-

500 pounds?)

After graduation in 1972, joined UPM, did my masters in US and returned as a lecturer in 74. My first car, a brand new Ford Cortina cost MR10K plus in 1974. My annual pay was sufficient to pay for the car. What abt now? In 1975, booked a semi-d house for RM60K; single-storey tce hse was going for RM22-25K; dbl-storey link houses at RM50K; bungalows at RM80K.

What's the point of all these and its relevance to Tun's article. The point is to bring life and feelings to all these staid economic indicators which to young readers may be meaningless unless related to their current 'quality of life'. Then we know whether we have move forward or not.

From just a short 50 year period, we have jumped a quantum leap. Malaysia 2008 is far different from Malaysia 1958. My generation was 'lucky' because we were borne during the 'cheap era'. We benefitted from being able to buy things (land, houses, cars etc) cheap and sold them in the Second Millenium at triple or more the ori price. We benefitted form the increase in property prices, buy low, sell high. But what next for the new and coming generation? Think abt it!

By Mohd Faried on July 28, 2008 12:25 AM

Salam Tun

Went i go the class, .we have discusion topik ..current issues.

Some of the student angry "Pak Lah dont do someting to make Malaysia econimic stronger like era Tun"

what happen to our economi?

what happen to mega projek? the government canot cansel, or this case the projek that have been aprovel...it will make the cost will hight.

i dont no to say to new goverment....

i miss Tun...Tun have special formula that can bring Malaysia Economis stronger and eficent.

Tun wee need u...

By AZIF on July 28, 2008 12:27 AM

Honourable Tun,

Sorry for the delay in replying, this excellent History lesson brought to our attention. I was 1 year old then.Whom now,if not for Tun, to enlighten us all with the struggles of our previous leaders and the sacrifices they all made, to what we are now almost achieving for being a develop and consider out as 3rd world country.

Tun , our struggle this time around is to ensure AAB step down now.Tun and most bloggers understand that the sooner the better for our country.

Weaknees in leadership would result in our loved country be ruined again,and that is surely happening now. We all have been robbed of our rights.I wonder if we realised this, take a look around us and see what is happening. Tun, UMNO & BN must remove AAB,AAB is ruining our love country.Everyday Malaysian is at a loss.UMNO & BN has succed for 50 years to bring glory for us Malaysian,AAB, DSAI and some others which I need not mentions, would destroy Malaysia. Malaysia need a true leader, which is sincere,honest,strong,uncorrupted etc.and striving always for the betterment and futher improvement of our country.

Tun you have said it all.Thanks.Take care, we all need Tun for as long as Allah permit us to still honoured Tun.Tun is a father to some, a grandfather to some, a teacher to some, a doctor to some,a leader to some,and most of all is a greatest Politician for Malaysian during Tun Premiship,and till presently.Hidup Tun, Hidup UMNO, Hidup BN, Hidup Malaysia.

By sabahkiniAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 12:30 AM

Saya pernah membuat kajian Dasar Belanjawan Malaya/Malaysia (30 tahun) sejak merdeka hingga RMK5. Awal kemerdekaan perbelanjaan banyak tertumpu kepada pembangunan ekonomi domestik (Dasar Buku Hijau, DEB), keselamatan negara (ancaman komunis) dan kesihatan rakyat (penyakit eg. penyakit malaria...masa tu HIV dan liwat belum wujud).

Salah satu isu pembangunan Malaysia yang masih ketara sejak merdeka ialah pembangunan tidak seimbang antara negeri-negeri. Lebih menghairankan Sabah yang mempunyai minyak masih ketinggalan jauh berbanding negeri lain apatah lagi berbanding Terengganu yang mampu beli merc 14 buah untuk kegunaan VVIP luar negeri. Tambah menyedihkan sejak dahulu parti politik di Sabah semuanya BN. Bermula dengan USNO, kemudian BERJAYA. PBS juga pernah menjadi komponen BN sebelum keluar dan masuk semula. Kini hanya 1 kerusi parlimen di Sabah milik pembangkang dan UMNO pun telah 15 tahun bertapak di Sabah. Rasanya tiada pembangunan ketara yang dibawa selain dari UMS dan koridor yang sebenarnya cuma dikompilasi/binding dari projek-projek sedia ada.

Apa yang Tun buat untuk Sabah..selain pengiliran Ketua Menteri setiap 2 tahun. Kini setiap Ex-CM layak mendapat pencen.

By Tun Dr Marvellous on July 28, 2008 12:32 AM

Masalah nya siapa yang boleh meneruskan perjuangan Malaysia ke peringkat Wawasan 2020. Seharusnya mesti ada sesaorang yang lebih baik daripada Tun atau sekurang2nya seperti Tun utk menerajui Malaysia ke Wawasan 2020..... Sampai salam ku kpd sekeluarga Tun semoga sihat walafiat selalu.

By na on July 28, 2008 12:34 AM

assalamualaikum, kunbanwa salam dr jepun. moga TUN sekeluarga sihat hendaknya. Hujan emas negeri org, namun hujan batu tetap di MALAYSIA. mmg sedih sgt apabila melihat negara kita sekarang sudah tak keruan. dan yg paling menakutkan DSAI kini kian berkuasa, nauzubillah hendaknya. sebagai ahli umno yg kecil ini melihat UMNO tidak se agresif PKR dan DAP, terasa perhimpunan agong bulan Dis. ini terlalu lama. mungkin sesuatu perlu dilakukan sebelum terlambat. Apa kata Tun???

By Pak Wan on July 28, 2008 12:37 AM

Dearest Tun,

I have always summarised your naration above to both local and foreigners of how we pride ourselves with the country we love. We have been world biggest on many counts starting with being the world's most important trading post (Malacca), biggest producer of Tin, Rubber, Palm Oil, manufacturing backyard for many industries etc. Thanks to all our leaders including you for all these. With all these, our economy changes and improve, our standard of living improved. We are a small plot of land in the global map and yet we can achieve all these. Let us all continue these feat and achievements with positive inputs for the government so that sometime in the future our future generations can add more to these accomplishment when they narrate about the country we love.

By jalurgemilang57Author Profile Page on July 28, 2008 12:53 AM

yes! this is still the country we love and we still live in. what do we live on, thats the mystery question in my mind?

tuning was not and never complete. those who saw the margin space in between took the opportunity. who shall we blame for this? these poeple are desperado's

the govt?, the multi racial society?, the constitutional values?, culture?, raging minds? or the changing minds?

never shall the political arena will be the same as it was before. there was some mistake. the mistake became a nightmare. now the nightmare is haunting everyone who loves peace if ever this country shall be the same as we have appreciated it 10 years ago.

the biggest question in my mind is ,will this country survive the test of foreign involvement? will this country survive to go on course with what has been planned.

growth have proved otherwise as never was expected. the difference was running apart so wide that it gave the opportunist a chance to barge in and shake the platform.

there was no real unity.

the kind of unity that was build all this 50 years was a platform for everyone to stand united.  
the platform was the symbol of unity and the real unity was the strenght of that platform.today when the platform is shaken,everything shakes.  
tremendous is the outcome and to control and put some strength in midst of the shaking is as difficult as the effort itself needs unity.  
unity is divinity.  
stability only possible if everyone comes together.i dream everyday if this country will survive the current turmoil.

pak lah is a good man.he is now a "peace maker"  
what always bother me is that why did the best of the best give up so easily when everyone was in need of that talent.

the big question mark? why?

till now in everyones mouth the words goes that whe you are gone everything change and the hope also went together.things are never the same as before and never will.

the biggest committment of a leader is to safely pass over th structure to only see that what he has passed survive's.

emotion is never thejudge.to withstand all the challanges is the real display of strenght.

even today not only many but i personally feel very disappointed.

in some countries there will a start born to lead that country.the star which will bring light and hope for the people.we had one but now there is none.what everyone can do now is cross our fingers and hope that pak lah will bring us ashore.he is a stubborn and has the fughting spirit.i saw that when he realised that there was problem.he woke up and never wanted to give up.the fight was ok and his name was on the rise till the fuel price was raised.the rise was too big.when the fuel price rised so did his name took a small nose dive.(smile)

everyday we have to hope and depend on hope till the govt gain strength to buldoze through again as before.things will be never the same.once a change takes place so shall it resume till it meets a junction to stabilise.right now i cant feel where is the junction where it will slow down and settledown.

many things have changed.

the leader once we had who everyone tought was a hero is now no more around to fight what he started.a leader who protected the country with care not to fall to any faul play ,now we have him no more.

whatever ,whoever ,wherever anyone can think ,consider and assume.the truth is real malaysian will never give up till the last drop his blood.what we have we will and we must retain.whatever cost and sacrifice,thats only part and puzzle of the whole game of truth.the truth will prevail.

why should the malaysian's be the prey and victims of certain individuals who demands power.power is intoxicating.many forget that.the one who has power will float if he forgets of his commitments.

what everyone least forgets is that there are still people around even not carrying weapon as before independence ,will still fight for the country.the question here is how many? how many really have that spirit to withstand the real challange.sorry to say ,not many.every individual have some personal interest.the real spirit is not there.they fight and believe in what shall be gained at the end of the game.when they fail some where along the journey ,with the snap of the finger they turn sides.the physche is never strong.

these emotions are furnished or established naturally.i wonder(smile)

when will we have a leader like you.who will be alert and take care and fight for us to be real malaysians in the eye's of the other nations.when will people say dont mess around with malaysians.when will people say that malaysians are the best.when will people ever say that malaysians are example in everything.some day the time will come.thats not only my hope but it will be malasyians at large.a dream thats someday ,everybody today will live to see(smile)

143 always to you tun.my respects to a very senior leader who went through hell to prove there is heaven during all those years of his ruling.not only me ,many will remember that.when you went off many did not realise but now they regret.humans are like that.they forget things fast(smile).

i hope pak lah will pull us all through.i always keep my fingers cross ,hoping he will bring this nation together.if everyone of us as true malaysian work together anything is possible.dia rasa dia boleh dan dia rasa dia ada keupayaan.jikalau tidak hari itu selepas pilihanraya lagi dia sudah putus asa dan meletak jawatan.

that would have been the most shameful things for a leader from our country to do.to fight to see the last is our spirit.not giving up so easily.never.we will remember him as a man who never understand the word 'give up'.that version is not in our dictionary.never give up.always 'thumbs up'.why? because we are malaysians and we will be always malaysians.we will never sell our soul and spirit to any other.where we are born there we shall live and lead.thats the national spirit.for this we will sacrifice the last drop of our blood.never challenge us.united we shall stand,united we shall fight and united shall we live forever. jangan ada orang luar nak ajar kita macam mana nak hidup.kita ada budaya sendiri.budaya indah yang tidak akan hilang sampai bila bila.(smile)

143 tun.(smile)hope god bless you with health and wealth.  
By hai on July 28, 2008 12:54 AM

DEFEND YOUR RIGHT TO LOVE YOUR COUNTRY.

Malaysians are told to HATE but choose to LOVE! This will be a better place when the power of love replaces the love of power. We want Malaysians to LOVE each other, help us by stopping this hate fire.

STOP spreading HATE:

- \* Newspapers, radio and television must balance their messages.
- \* Give us back our freedom of expression - remove ISA and etc. so we can meet freely.
- \* Improve the healthcare and education system
- \* We must be free to vote for the candidate of our choice.
- \* Corruption must be stamped out everywhere without favouring a small group.

So you have finally realized that the country is going to Hell in a hand basket. Corrupt politicians who pander to corporations, legislation that doesn't reflect your values, tax ringgits being spent obscenely. It all seems like too much to think about - it would be so much easier to just sit your ass on the couch and watch "PERDANA" news. But that's what they want you to do. We have become very selfish and too materialistic?

Now that you love your country, it's up to you - get involved/action for change or stay complacent. The choice is yours.  
By cwong on July 28, 2008 1:00 AM

Dear Tun,

Where are all the bright minds like Dr Lim?

Well, they have all migrated out of Msia and are now living in Western countries because of discriminatory government policies. It is a brain drain and Msia is paying the price now for its short sighted policies.

By truthseeker on July 28, 2008 1:14 AM

Salam YAB Tun and fellow bloggers,

1. A number of us truly believe this is our country, that's why we expressed our feelings, thinking on how to make this country a better place. since we cannot express in the open and medias, we chose Tun's blog and other pro Tun's blogs. That's why most of us are angry with Dollah's administration for not running this country effectively.

2. Almost all countries are being run / govern by political parties, but how come there are rich and developed nations and there are backward countries? Like it or not, look at the CEOs (Presidents, Prime Ministers, Kings, etc)who actually runs the country. At one time Phillipines was ahead of us, at one time Korea was learning from us, at one time Indonesia under Suharto was set to become economically strong in years ahead, but the American had to intervene before Indonesia became a powerful muslim nation. Malaysia? like it or not, its BN and like it or not, its UMNO in BN that ran and still runs this country. UMNO and component parties together brought Msia to this level...

3. ...but, not totally true, I mean not UMNO per se, but the Prime Ministers! Take a look at all the Prime Ministers and their performances, especially their policies, vision, objectives. Why are we unhappy with Dollah? Because intelligent people like us can foresee the destructions coming to us...we're not so worried about the oppositions taking over because they're still Msians. But oppositions who collaborate with foreign countries politically and the threats by foreign countries are what we're worried if Dollah chose to ignore their presence (external threats and opposition parties which may bring them in).

4. If Tun had put Msia at a certain level (of success), then we expect at least Dollah maintain that level if he's unable to improve further. But happens now? We're sliding down! Must be a damn idiot PM if he cannot at least maintain Tun's achievements.

5. Lastly, I have to admit that Dollah is not ignorant, not stupid, not egoistic, but an opportunist who will go all out to gather maximum wealth during his tenure. That's why he's putting his fingers everywhere that brings in material/monetary gains. Just like a drug addict who neglect everything (appearance, morality, etc) but just focus on drugs, drugs, drugs...so Dollah focuses on making money for self, making money for self....the rakyat? Msia? who cares? It's still my country Dollah, you and your families and cronies can get lost from this country because you people don't care. Just like Anwar's supporters who migrated to Australia.

Thank you Tun for reminding us. Malaysia berjaya bukan kerana nasib atau tak sengaja, tetapi PM nya penentu. Tun sudah buktikan bagaimana visi, misi dan objektif Tun telah meletak Malaysia di tahap cemerlang dan hari ini kadar inflasi tinggi bila PM nya kurang ajar dan tidak mahu belajar.  
By anakmelaka on July 28, 2008 1:30 AM

Y.Bhg Tun,

Tiga hari lepas saya di Phnom Phen , pekan Phon Phen sama macam Bandar Seremban tahun 70'an, or Macam PJ old Town.

Today saya di Vientien, Lao. Bandar ini tidak ubah macam Bandar Kajang di tahun 80'an. Setelah tiga malam di sini, saya merasakan Malaysialah yang lebih best untuk meneruskan hidup. Lebih-lebih lagi bla Tun dah majukan Malaysia yang serba ada dan moden. Walaupun disini juga bersih orangnya bukan pengotor, tetapi kita boleh ibaratkan seperti orang yang memakai baju lusuh. Bersih tapi bukan baru. Du alaysia walaupun rakyat tidak begitu bersih khasnya rakyat miskin di jalanan, tetapi kerajaan mampu membersihkan bandar kita..

Selagi rakyat Malaysia tidak keluar dari Malaysia, maka dia tidak akan bersyukur..  
By ezineartikelAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 1:40 AM

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By babaraja99 on July 28, 2008 1:50 AM

Dear Tun,

Praying for your good health. Feeling very happy to communicate with a great man Malaysia will ever see. I am really grateful to God, your father and mother. Tun, I strongly agree with you that AAB must be removed immediately but we must also really make sure that this beloved country does not fall to Anwar. It will be an unmitigated disaster if it does.

My plea is that only Tun can save Malaysia from this sticky and stinky situation. I take this opportunity to appeal to Saudara Ezam, Dr Chandra Muzaffar, Datuk Nalla and any other individuals who has knowledge of Anwar's wrongdoings to come forward and make revelations.

All good Malaysians are behind Tun. This is my first comment Tun. I've been reading all your articles and I must say they are simply superb because you are writing the truth. What else can be sweeter than the truth?

Tun, I am writing more comments on the various topics you have highlighted. I will be posting them on a later date.

With love to Tun & family and to all Malaysians and MALAYSIA.

Thank You Tun.

ps:- To ABI and the like:- I believe your parents will be punished in hell for the poor and irresponsible upbringing they have given you.

babaraja99

By nasbn Author Profile Page on July 28, 2008 2:02 AM

Dear Tun,

Salam dari kami di perantauan untuk TUN sekeluarga.

Dari pandangan kami, pucuk pimpinan UMNO terlalu lemah, sehinggakan kehidupan kami sebagai rakyat berada didalam keadaan terdesak. Maka dari itu perlulah ada pelapis untuk menangani kelemahan ini, atau kita akan hilang segalanya pada pemilihan yang ke 13 nanti.

Kami berdiri di belakang TUN, dan dari dahulu lagi menaruh kepercayaan terhadap kepimpinan TUN. Kepakaran dan kebijaksanaan TUN di dalam menerajui Negara sama-sekali tidak terserlah oleh Pak Lah, yang cuma bersifat tunggu dan lihat. Beliau tidak layak di gelar "Mr. Clean" dan pada firasat saya, menjelang tahun 2010, jika Pak Lah masih lagi menjadi peneraju pucuk pimpinan Negara, maruah Negara akan tercemar, malah maruah MELAYU akan tercemar.

Kami berdiri tegak dan menunggu khabar berita dari TUN untuk memasuki semula UMNO.

Terima Kasih.

By -wan- on July 28, 2008 3:02 AM

love u tun.

Teruskan perjuangan.

By wak Dojer Author Profile Page on July 28, 2008 4:06 AM

Salam kepada Tun dan semua.

Thank you for your indirect explanation on my question of re: 'Bio-tech' vs 'Industrial' in your last article.

Would be much obliged if could kindly Tun just let us have second opinion on the issue of 'Mubaqalah' between UMNO and PAS for the sake of 'Melayu' and 'Islam' and the possibility of establishment of a newly joint-party between these two gigantic Malays folio.

May Allah bless you and family.

By Sari Nande on July 28, 2008 4:06 AM

Dearest Tun, salamun alaikum,

It had been a while.

Hari ini saya meredah jalan raya sejauh lebih kurang 60 kilometer sehala untuk menghadiri Persidangan UMNO Cawangan. (Selama empat hari lepas saya membantu menyiapkan buku Persidangan tersebut.) Sebelum bermula saya beritahu seseorang (ada jawatan) di sebelah saya bahawa saya tidak mahu lagi memegang apa-apa jawatan. Kenapa? Saya katakan saya sudah hilang kepercayaan terhadap pemimpin-pemimpin UMNO. Saya tidak dapat menerima konsep Islam Hadari. Dan saya datang hanya kerana saya masih sayangkan UMNO dan kehadiran saya adalah sebagai satu tanggungjawab. Alasan yang terakhir itu saya ucapkan tanpa keyakinan yang kuat (without conviction). Dia agak terkejut dan mengurut dada.

Waktu pemilihan berlaku perebutan jawatan. Apabila yang dicadang tidak menang, puak yang menyokong meniggalkan dewan. Saya amat pelik. Apa sangat yang direbutkan? Selama beberapa tahun saya memegang jawatan tidak ada apa yang kami dapat untuk diri kami sendiri selain serpihan-serpihan bagi kemudahan penduduk-penduduk kampung tersebut. Itu pun memang sudah sepatutnya. Usul-usul yang agak penting dan besar masih belum dipedulikan.

Kemudian usul baru. Supaya Pak Lah dan Najib dikekalkan. Hah? I was aghast. What a hipo...! Alahai, tak sedar lagi ke bagaimana mereka dan suku sakat mereka membazirkan duit Rakyat? Hadari menyuruh orang Islam toleransi/condone dengan maksiat?

Sebelum Persidangan tamat saya blah.

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Tun,

I can't help but to relate to you this story. In 1994 I was in Makkah. I visited a textile shop in front of Masjid Kuching (now all demolished in the name of development) to buy a piece of lace for my niece's wedding. The original price was 80 riyal per meter. There were three Singaporean ladies there. They said in Singapore it costs about the same. I asked for a discount, and told him I'm from Malaysia. "For you madam," he said, "I give you 40 riyal." The other ladies pleaded for a discount too. "No," he was adamant, "she Malayzie, Mahathir!" He said giving them the thumbs up sign. An Arabian lady (she looked and spoke like one) came in to buy a black material and asked him to lower the price, "Laak...!" he shouted. The lady left in a huff. He pointed at me again and said, "Mahathir... good...!" Thank you, Tun. Take care.

By Abu Seman on July 28, 2008 5:10 AM

British keluar bukan untuk jadikan negara ni diperintah oleh perasuah besar mcm tun..british keluar bukan untuk kenyangkan kroni2 tun...jangan duk wat bagus la tun...

By sititanjung on July 28, 2008 7:22 AM

Assalamualikum Tun yang dihormati,

Berkat usaha dan forward thinking in the planning for the development of Malaysia now we can find alot of Malaysian have gone overseas to work as consultants in various fields.

When it was my time -mula kerja tahun 1977 we have a lot of consultants especially in the field of Information Technology.

I feel bless that my son graduated from Multimedia U.and now working as IT consultant in Neighbouring country.

This is the product of your forward thinking in the field of technolgy.

Once again amillion thanks from my family and I.May Allah bestow all his Blessings to Tun and Family.

By anakjatipilah on July 28, 2008 7:51 AM

A very gud am to TUN and family,

I cant imagine what is going to happen to our country when other ppl going to govern this beloved country of mine!!

Cheerio Tun, u are the best among the best..there is no no 2 of u TUN...do not let this kind of man like DSAI to be future PM..no..no..at all..he is a traitor...yes that s it..

By shazrimAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 8:06 AM

i love my country, Malaysia and i love to have previous government  
By warisan melayu on July 28, 2008 8:09 AM

Salam Tun...

Im really sad!

Really touching, really feeling of your current articles...

Just pray...

By Bidayuh on July 28, 2008 8:10 AM

Dear Tun,

What can I say? Your postings are really good and I can't help but to log in every morning looking for new postings from you.

I wonder where antimamak and his family has gone to. I can't find his name among the comments. All the blessings be with you sir.

By nadim on July 28, 2008 8:20 AM

Salam Tun,

This is certainly the country that i was born and certainly the country that i want to die. No second thought on it.

By mantoba on July 28, 2008 8:21 AM

TUN yang dikasehi.

Sungguh terharu membaca tulsan Tun kali ini. Jelas ada perbezaan antara pemimpin terdahulu dan sekarang.

Pemimpin dahulu sentiasa bekerja keras dan befikir macam mana nak memajukan negara. Dan banyak mana harta nak di tinggalkan pada jenarasi yang akan datang.

Yang ada pada hari ini hanya ber POLITIKING untuk berebut akan kekayaan negara yang di tinggalkan oleh pemimpin terdahulu.

Teruskan lah menulis perkara2 yang jenarasi sekarang tidak mengetahui apa sebenar yang pernah berlaku sebelum ini.

Ini sangat memberi faedah untuk jenarasi ini yang bakal mewarisi negara akan datang.

Tun, take care your health....

"Men love their country,not because it is great,but it is their own"

James Garfield.

By loi on July 28, 2008 8:23 AM

Salam TUN,

Saya amat gembira dan bangga menjadi rakyat Malaysia. Memang benar negara kami telah mencapai kejayaan yang lebih baik berbanding dengan negara yang mencapai kemerdekaan bersama Malaysia.

Kekayaan yang baru ini membuat rakyat hidup dengan lebih selesa dan harapan generasi baru akan bertambah cerah.

Malangnya, generasi pemimpin negara sekarang telah menjadi "OKB" atau "Orang Kaya Baru". Ini merupakan "mindset" yang sangat bahaya. Gejala ini samacam golongan muda menggunakan kad kredit untuk keseronakan sendiri sehingga mereka gagal untuk membayar bunga yang tinggi. Banyak orang muda menjadi muflis akibat ini. Generasi muda sekarang memang suka kerja sikit, seronok banyak.

Tanda - tanda ini juga telah ditayangkan di Terengganu baru baru ini. Exco negeri BARU yang sepatutnya bekerja keras untuk rakyat, telah menggunakan kad kredit rakyat untuk keseronakan sendiri. Apa alasan yang diberi oleh mereka itu tidak penting. Yang penting, mereka telah melakukan sesuatu yang tidak sepatutnya belaku di masa rakyat sedang MENDERITA ! EXCO Belum kerja sudah nak berseronok !

Paklah and Pak Jib juga gagal mengajar mereka, mungkin disebabkan mereka juga pegang KAD PLATINUM yang mempunyai had KREDIT yang lebih tinggi untuk dibazirkan untuk projek projek syok sendiri.

Saya amat sedih kerana beban rakyat semakin tinggi diakibatkan kumpulan OKB ini. Kerja sikit nak wang banyak jadi ahli UMNO atau Komponen BN sama saja. Rumah dan kereta yang digunakan oleh segelintir assemblyman (contoh Port Klang dahulu) lebih besar dari Rumah Perdana Menteri UK (10, Downing Street). Negara kita akan menjadi muflis akibat orang orang malas dan bodoh ini.

Saya harap Pilihan Raya UMUM akan diadakan secepat mungkin untuk menyingkirkan orang malas dan bodoh ini.

Yang benar,

Yap Ah Loy  
By RMAN on July 28, 2008 8:45 AM

Salam Tun,

Good intro for refresh the youngter or the person that already forget....

Thank you for you...

Regards,  
By bunga api on July 28, 2008 8:50 AM

i know i have benifited from Malaysian Independence.

i was sent to The States on goverment scholarship to further my studies, came back and worked in a Japanese company, sent to Japan to learn A LOT on technology, served the goverments and gave my best to transfer my knowledge.

i am so thankful to all our past leaders who had so many sleepless nights thinking and made so many important decisions for Malaysia. i hope this time, our leaders are not 'sleeping'.

By yusnizaAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 8:58 AM

Salam buat semua,  
Tun the articles you have written have taught me a lot of things which I had never thought about.To one

of the commentor earlier I don't think it is fair for you to say that UMNO has robbed us of our wealth for 50 years, becoz we had gained alot too.It is very sad to see those people who were given scholarships to study overseas but when they came back to Malaysia they became the traitors to the Malays.Without the backup from the government they will not even go out from their kampungs.Senario politik UMNO sekarang sangat menyedihkan.Saya sedih melihat bangsa Melayu masih menjadi kuli kepada bangsa asing.Kalaulah kita lebih keras bekerja dari dahulu pastinya bangsa kita tidak akan jadi seperti sekarang.Kenapa kita perlu menyalahkan pemimpin-pemimpin terdahulu kerana setiap seorang dari kita akan kesalahan masing-masing.Masih tidak terlambat bagi kita untuk berubah.Fikirkan nasib anak-anak kita,generasi akan datang.Marilah kita berubah bagi kebaikan.Singkirkan AAB dan anak menantunya.Kembalikan kepimpinan seperti Tun.Mukhris pengganti Tun.

By Seti on July 28, 2008 8:59 AM

Assalamu,alaikum Tun sekeluarga dan para sahabat chedet.com.  
Satu topik yang amat menyentuh jiwa bila membaca dan menghayati. Lihatlah bagaimana sengsara pemimpin dimasa lalu menjadi kita untuk terus hidup sebegini. Sehingga Dr Lim juga tidak menjangkakan ekonomi Malaysia akan begini.  
Jadi bagaimana pula kita ? Adakah kita perlu bertanya "apa sumbangan kita kepada negara dan bangsa?". Atau kita perlu menyokong seseorang individu yang lebih bersifat tamak untuk diri sendiri. Menggadaikan negara kepada USA, untuk kepentingan diri dan beralasan untuk berbakti kononnya. Marilah kita sama-sama berfikir dan bekerja untuk menyokong pemimpin-pemimpin yang lebih bersifat "negarawan".  
Siapakah agaknya ??? ???  
By herro on July 28, 2008 9:11 AM

askumm.. halas ya ammu..

terima kasih pd tun...  
berjuang lah sampai bila2..  
yang benar tetap benar..  
yang salah pasti akan terima balasan yang setimpal..  
ingatan untuk SEMUA..  
banyak2 lah menangis..  
By karlor~hiuno on July 28, 2008 9:29 AM

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THE FINANCIAL CRISIS OF 1997 - 1998  
By Nor Mohamed Yakcop

A moment comes, which rarely comes in a lifetime, when a particular event redefines a person's life and changes the course permanently. For me, the meeting with Dr. Mahathir Mohamad in Buenos Aires (Argentina) on the evening of October 3, 1997 was such an event. It enabled me to devote the next 6 years of my life working for Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, meeting him almost daily. In the process, it enabled me to see, at very close range, the abilities of this great man.

The combination of many noble qualities in one person is rare, and it is this unique combination that has enabled Dr. Mahathir Mohamad to transform Malaysia from an otherwise typical third world country into a thriving and vibrant nation, well on the way to become a developed nation. It is also this combination of qualities that enabled Dr. Mahathir Mohamad to save Malaysia from becoming another IMF nation during the financial crisis of 1997 - 1998.

I am often asked about my involvement in the recovery plan implemented on September 1, 1998. It began on September 29, 1997, when I received a telephone call from the office of Dr Mahathir Mohamad informing me that the Prime Minister wanted to see me. The PM was in Cuba at that time, and I asked (in jest) if I was to meet the Prime Minister in Cuba !  
I was told (not in jest) that he will be arriving in Buenos Aires on October 3, 1997 and I was to make sure I

was in Buenos Aires at least a day before he arrived. I packed my bags and left for Buenos Aires, and arrived in Buenos Aires on October 2.

The PM arrived the following day at 5 pm and we met immediately at his suite. He informed me that he had asked many people to explain to him what was causing the financial crisis but no one was able to give him a satisfactory reply. He asked me whether I could explain to him what exactly was happening.

I asked him how much time he had, and he said two hours. I explained to him how the forex market works, about short positions and long positions, about hedging and how currencies are borrowed and sold, the difference between "bid" and "offer" and how funds can be transferred from one country to another at the click of a button. I also explained how the equity market works and the relationship between the forex market and the equity market. Dr. Mahathir hardly said anything, asked one or two questions, and listened intently.

After two hours, he had to end the meeting to get ready to go for an official dinner. He asked me about my plans for the night and I said I had been invited for the same dinner. Dr. Mahathir said to me: You go back to your room and write down all that you have been telling me for the last two hours, and see me at 7 am tomorrow. I went back to my room, skipped dinner, and wrote it all down, finishing at about 6 am.

I saw him the next morning at 7 am and gave him the report. He asked me to take a rest and come back again at 2 pm. When I returned, he told me that he had read the report and that he now understands what was happening in the financial markets. We started discussing various methods of overcoming the crisis, and our discussions continued when we returned to Malaysia. I met him almost daily for discussion, sometimes at his house and sometimes at his office. We tried a few mechanisms to overcome the crisis, some of which worked initially, but the hedge funds were so strong that it was difficult to proceed successfully with these mechanisms.

In early 1998, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad asked me to explore the idea of imposing an exchange control regime to overcome the crisis. I remember preparing voluminous notes on this subject. Dr. Mahathir went through the notes carefully, and kept asking for more and more details. We went through many rounds of discussion, until he was finally convinced both with the concept as well as the proposed mechanism. The rest, I guess, is history.

Dr. Mahathir also asked me to prepare a paper on how to put an end to Malaysian shares traded in CLOB (Central Limit Order Book) in Singapore. Dr. Mahathir was of the view that an important reason for the falling stock market was the short-selling of Malaysian stocks in CLOB. I prepared the report and Dr. Mahathir understood, for the first time, how exactly CLOB operates. The report, which was also implemented on September 1, 1998, put to an end the trading of Malaysian shares in CLOB.

I should add that the exchange control measures were crafted in such a way as to minimize the control aspects and maximize the outcome. The Prime Minister went through the proposed mechanism many times to make sure that the control elements were as few as possible, but adequate enough to ensure a positive outcome. There were no bureaucratic elements in these measures, such as requiring importers to obtain Bank Negara's permission to import. The Ringgit was also pegged at a level where it was not overvalued. In almost every other country, which imposes exchange control measures and pegs its currency, there would, almost by definition, be numerous bureaucratic controls, and the currency would also be pegged at an overvalued rate.

It is often assumed that the system of exchange control (including fixed exchange rate) that we implemented on September 1, 1998 saved the country. The measures of September 1, 1998 were undoubtedly a necessary condition, but it was not a sufficient condition to overcome the crisis. Malaysia was saved, not by exchange control measures per se, but by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad.

Let me explain. Any other developing country, facing a similar crisis, if it had introduced the measures that we introduced in September 1998, the measures would probably have failed. The fact that in Malaysia these measures succeeded is due to the ability and character of Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. The

economy and the financial system, under Dr. Mahathir's leadership, was in a very healthy state—healthy enough for the exchange control measures to be implemented without negative consequences. Moreover, the Prime Minister's hands-on management style enabled quick and timely decisions to be made, which was vital under the new exchange control regime.

Dr. Mahathir, as Prime Minister, had ensured that the Malaysian economy was fundamentally strong. Ringgit was strong and stable. On the back of the currency stability (at RM2.50 against the US dollar) Malaysia was doing very well. At the end of 1996, real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew at almost 8.5 per cent and the growth was expected to continue for many more years. The government was enjoying a fiscal surplus. The external debt was low, at 40 per cent of the Gross National Product (GNP). The current account of the balance of payments had narrowed from a deficit of 10 per cent to 5 per cent of GNP, and was expected to improve further. Inflation was at its lowest at 2.1 percent. We had steady growth of over 8 per cent for a major part of that period. And this fundamental strength of Malaysia was a critical factor that enabled the exchange control measures to succeed.

For a period of more than a year after the measures of September 1, 1998 were implemented, the Prime Minister met with a small group of us everyday - 6 days a week - for at least 2 hours to go through various economic data, including data on loan growth, exports, imports, property overhang etc. This enabled the Prime Minister to take quick actions, whenever required. I remember one morning when we were going through the property figures, he looked at me and directed that I should organize a property fair to clear the overhang of properties. I did, and property worth more than RM 3 billion was sold. Even after the crisis was over, Dr. Mahathir continued to meet with the group regularly, though no longer on a daily basis. And Dr. Mahathir continued to go through all the economic data with a sharp pencil.

No other Prime Minister in the world, either in developed or developing countries, employs such a hands-on approach in managing the economy. We can see, therefore, that it was not the exchange control measures per se that saved the country but the man — Dr. Mahathir Mohamad — himself.

The period 1997 - 1998 was, to paraphrase Charles Dickens, the worst of times, but it was also the best of times. The worst conditions brought out the best in Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. There is a saying that a good leader is like good tea - you only know the true quality when he is in hot water !

Throughout the crisis, the Prime Minister was focussed on resolving the crisis. Day and night, he thought of nothing else but the crisis. He read all he could on finance; he kept asking me to prepare notes on various technical issues. Sometimes he was sick with bad flu and cough, but he did not take time off to rest. He was convinced that he had to understand the issues before he could work out the solutions. His native intelligence and ability to focus on core issues were there throughout the crisis. He did not show any sign of fear even at the worst of time, only concern at the fast deteriorating state of the economy. He was, at all times, confident that he would prevail in the end.

I would like to add two additional points related to the financial crisis. The first is that, in implementing the measures of September 1, 1998, Dr. Mahathir not only saved Malaysia but the neighbouring countries as well. Let me explain. When Malaysia imposed its exchange control measures on September 1, 1998, the currency speculators realised that the other affected countries (Thailand, Indonesia and South Korea) could also impose similar controls, and they, therefore, stopped their activities in its track. The speculators backed off. They bought back the currencies that they had sold. This resulted in the regional currencies appreciating. Moreover, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was not happy with what Malaysia had done, particularly since, after implementing the measures, we did exactly the opposite of what the IMF wanted us to do, i.e. we lowered our interest rates and injected liquidity into the system. The IMF, therefore, started relaxing conditions in other countries and allowed them to lower their interest rates and allowed them to inject liquidity to stimulate their economies so that Malaysia would not outperform the IMF countries. Therefore, it is no exaggeration to say that Dr. Mahathir Mohamad not only saved Malaysia, but the other affected countries in the region as well - Thailand, Indonesia and South Korea.

My second point is regarding what would have happened if the exchange control measures were not implemented. If the measures were not implemented, many of corporations in Malaysia would have gone

under, due to the high interest rates. When the corporations fall like dominos, banks would have faced severe liquidity and solvency problems due to the ballooning NPLs. The problems of the banks would have resulted in a credit squeeze, which would have led to another round of corporate failures. The Government's revenue would have fallen drastically as fewer firms would be paying corporate taxes, thereby reducing the Government's ability to stimulate the economy through fiscal policy measures. As a result of the problems faced by corporations and banks, unemployment would have increased substantially, leading to a second round of problems. This is the classic vicious cycle, which could have, in the end, destroyed the social and political stability of the country. This was a scenario that was waiting to happen. It did not happen because of the decisiveness and guts of Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, who decided to take the path less travelled.

We owe Dr. Mahathir much gratitude for what he has done for Malaysia over the last 22 years. Solving the financial crisis of 1997 - 1998 was just one, albeit perhaps the most important, of Dr. Mahathir Mohamad's many contributions to the nation.

On a personal note, over the last 6 years, I have come to admire this great man for his abilities, his high moral values and, most of all, for his sincerity. Certainly, a man like Dr. Mahathir Mohamad is not born everyday.

(23rd. October, 2003)

By anakjatipilah on July 28, 2008 9:33 AM

Tun yang dikasehi,

Memang betul kata anakmelaka tu...sesiapa yang tak pernah keluar dari malaysia tu memang tak tau yang malaysia lah yang paling best sekali..saya juga pernah melancong ke beberapa negara di asia dan eropah..it s just nothing like malaysia...ya malaysia lah negara yang paling sesuai dan best. Kita patut bersyukur banyak2 bersyukur akan keadaan negara kita yg serba indah maju dan aman. Jika anda pergi melancong kenegara2 lain saya rasa saya akan balik ke malaysia juga. Oleh itu jngan lah kita persia2kan negara tercinta ini dan jangan sekali percaya kpd anasir2 yang cuba untuk 'menawan' negara ini dlm apa cara sekali pun...BERWASPADA LAH RAKYAT MALAYSIA...

Saya sangat mengagumi pemerintahan TUN!! you are still NO.ONE!!

By wokyoh on July 28, 2008 9:37 AM

SALAM PERJUANGAN BUAT AYAHANDA TUN YANG DIKASIHI...

1)Bumi malaysia bumi bertuah.....

2)bertuahnya bumi ini kerana ada seorang pemimpin bertuah sepertimu...

3)Sayu hati bila membaca lontaran minda dan dan tulisanmu..

4)Wujud dan hadirmu adalah anugerah....HIDUPMU PENUH KEBERKATAN...

5)Bertambah sayu dan tersentuh hati ini bila mengenangkanmu...kaulah insan yang banyak berjasa...

petikan kata-kata dari al hasan - dari kitab Ihya' Ulumuddin...

"Termasuk tanda-tanda baik islam seseorang islam itu ialah kuat beragama,lembut tapi tegas,beriman dengan yakin,berilmu dan penyantun,memberi kepada yang berhak,pandai bermesra,sederhana bila mempunya(berharta),bersikap baik dalam kemiskinan,berbuat baik bila sanggup memikul tanggungjawab dan amanah,bertolak ansur dalam berkawan,tabah dalam kesulitan,tiada dikuasai sifat marah,tidak didorong oleh panas hati,tidak dikalahkan oleh nafsu,tidak diaibkan oleh selera,dan tidak mengambil sikap bermudah-mudah oleh sifat tamak haloba.Niatnya tidak pernah kendur,sehingga dia menolong orang yang teraniaya,mengasihi orang lemah,tiada bakhil dan tiada membazir,tiada boros dan tiada

kikir,pemaaf bila teraniaya dan tiada ambil pusing dengan gangguan dari orang jahil.dirinya diberkati dan orang lain senang dengannya"

WOKYOH

By filmasia.blogspot.comAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 9:39 AM

Tun,

When you pass the leadership to AAB in November 2003 the country is in solid and sound economy.

However AAB has different ideas to manage to country; he gave most of the mega projects to his family and cronies and announced that the development of Malaysia is in track.

In 2004 election manifesto he promised to tackle and eliminate corruption in the country. Looks more like he himself the promoter and the biggest beneficiary of the corruption system that he failed to tackle until now.

AAB is drunken with power and he wants more until one day he can show to every Malaysians that he is the best PM in Malaysia's history. But he can never be the best or cannot change to be better because he has failed the majority for the last 4 years.

There is a Malay saying "Kalau seseorang kulitnya tebal sangat dan tak tahu malu apa kita boleh buat?"  
By Rosmerah on July 28, 2008 9:44 AM

Salam buat Ayahanda Tun dan semua....

Is it still the country we love?

Yes, we do love our country very very much!

Terharu dengan post yang Ayahanda utarakan.

Lebih-lebih lagi amat terharu membaca lapuran yang dikemukakan oleh mr k tentang;

THE FINANCIAL CRISIS OF 1997 - 1998

By Nor Mohamed Yacop .....

.... yang mendedahkan keadaan dan tindakan Ayahanda sewaktu menandatangani krisis ekonomi dulu.

Lalu terfikir pula saya bagaimana agaknya pemerintah sekarang bertindak bagi menghadapi krisis ekonomi yang makin gawat ni???

Sehingga sekarang nampak seolah-oleh tiada tindakan dan usaha bersungguh-sungguh diambil. Malah rasanya tumpuan lebih kepada perkara-perkara yang remeh temeh saja...!

Takut memikirkan masa depan rakyat... semoga Allah selamatkan semuanya... amin.

By angelinajolie on July 28, 2008 9:47 AM

To all CheDet.com Bloggers This is what that Wolfowitz thinks about.....

Anwar Ibrahim

By Paul Wolfowitz

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This devout Muslim leader was an impressive and eloquent advocate of tolerance, democracy and human rights. So we were shocked by his arrest and trial in 1998 on charges of corruption and sodomy. I felt his real "crime" had been to challenge Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, whose impressive record will be forever stained by his treatment of Anwar. I joined Senator Sam Nunn and others to speak out in Anwar's defense. When he was finally released from prison in 2004, U.S. policy on Iraq was unpopular in Malaysia, and Anwar was harshly critical. It would have been easy for him to disown our friendship, but he is not that kind of person. He kept the channels of dialogue open, even while making clear our disagreements.

Anwar, 60, is back in the center of Malaysian politics. The coalition led by his wife Wan Azizah has become the main opposition bloc. His future role can be determined only by Malaysians. One can hope that they will embrace his brand of tolerance, valuing dialogue across political differences, and that this courageous leader will continue to play a leading role on the world stage.

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Malaysia: Anti-Semitism without Jews\*  
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Since its establishment (initially as Malaya) in 1957, Malaysia has rejected formal diplomatic relations with Israel and has kept contacts on a low flame at best. Reasons include Malaysia's desire to cultivate ties with the Arab countries and the power of domestic Islamic trends. Malaysian animus toward Israel grew during the 1960s, although a certain level of commercial activity between the two countries was tolerated. In 1981 the openly anti-Semitic Dato Mahathir bin Muhamad was elected Malaysia's prime minister, and he continued his public condemnations of Israel and Jews while strengthening Malaysia's support for the PLO. Although during the Oslo era he somewhat moderated his statements, he ended his tenure in October 2003 with an anti-Semitic diatribe at a meeting of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. Since then Malaysia has remained cool toward Israel, claiming that relations depend on a solution of the Palestinian problem.

Asia's Muslim countries constitute a considerable portion of its total population. Indonesia is the world's largest Muslim nation, and its population at the end of the twentieth century stood at 210 million and surpassed that of all the Arab countries combined. Pakistan and Bangladesh each number 120-130 million people. Malaysia has eighteen million inhabitants, and there are smaller Muslim countries such as Brunei and the Maldives. Some Asian Muslim countries have taken an intensely hostile stance toward Israel and been full partners in the Arab diplomatic campaign against it.

To one extent or another, all the Asian Muslim countries share the loathing of Israel and refusal to establish diplomatic relations with it. This stems from the sense of Islamic solidarity with the Arab countries and, more broadly, of being part of the Islamic ummah or nation.<sup>1</sup> Over the past few decades, almost every Muslim country has undergone a trend of geopolitical radicalization. This is partly because of the belief that Jews, Zionism, and Israel are anti-Islamic, anti-Arab, and pro-American agents. Asian Islamist groups pressure their governments to get involved in world Islamic affairs, such as the Palestinian problem and the general Arab struggle against Israel.<sup>2</sup>

Malaysia has been exceptional in being not only malignantly anti-Israeli but also openly anti-Semitic by all accepted definitions. The factor behind this was former prime minister Dr. Dato Mahathir bin Muhamad.

#### From Malaya to Malaysia

The Federation of Malaya was established in 1957. It combined nine sultanates of the Malay Peninsula that had been under British protection since the last quarter of the nineteenth century, and two crown colonies, Penang and Malacca. It had a population of 6.2 million, about half of whom were Malay-Muslims, 37 percent Chinese, 11 percent Indians, and the remainder Europeans or others. The Malays, who began gradually accepting Islam five hundred years ago, mostly live in villages. Over the past hundred years their relations with Arab countries have grown, resulting especially from the pilgrimage to Mecca and the flow of young people to Egypt and Saudi Arabia for religious studies. Religious leaders have great influence over the Malay population.

Large-scale Chinese immigration to Malaya began in the last quarter of the nineteenth century with the discovery and subsequent development of tin mines by the British. Many workers were also brought from India to the rubber plantations. This is the source of Malaysia's difficult problems of ethnicity, religion, and culture.

With the granting of independence in 1957, representatives of all the groups, including the non-Muslim ones, agreed that Islam would be Malaya's established religion, Malay its official language, and that constitutional clauses would favor the Malays in the government, army, police, economy, and education.

The Federation of Malaysia, established on 16 September 1963, included two additional territories, Sabah and Sarawak. The founder and first prime minister of Malaya and afterward Malaysia was Tunku Abdul Rahman. He was the country's dominant political figure until his retirement as prime minister in 1971.

#### Early Attempts at Diplomatic Relations

The hostility of Indonesia, which characterized Malaysia as a neocolonialist creation dependent on British bayonets, prompted Malaysia's leaders to take steps to improve its image, especially in the Afro-Asian world. Approaches to the Arab countries came at the expense of relations with Israel. To win Arab and especially Egyptian sympathy, Malaysia developed a policy of "Muslim solidarity" and made every effort to appear as a Muslim country, especially from 1965 onward. Meanwhile, various Malaysian figures made anti-Israeli declarations and opposed Israel in both bilateral and international contexts.

The first Israeli-Malayan political contact came when Moshe Sharett visited Kuala Lumpur in 1956 as part of his trip to Asia. Sharett had been Israel's first foreign minister and also prime minister for a time, and he toured Asia under the sponsorship of the Foreign Ministry. "The Tunku" (Abdul Rahman's princely title) was then chief minister and was expected to serve as prime minister after the granting of independence, which was scheduled for the following year.

Sharett met with the Tunku on 14 October 1956. Sharett suggested that an Israeli consul be appointed in Kuala Lumpur and, after independence, be elevated to ambassadorial level. According to Sharett, the Tunku's response was "favorable without hesitation" and he said he "welcomes the proposal with pleasure." The Tunku also said, however, that the idea had to be approved by the British Foreign Office, which was responsible for foreign relations until independence. Before their parting, the Tunku reiterated his own approval and said, "It will be considered an honor for us to have a diplomatic representative from Israel."<sup>3</sup>

Only on 13 February 1957 did the Asian and African Division of the Israeli Foreign Ministry instruct Israel's ambassador in London to approach the British Foreign Office for approval to open a consulate in Malaya. When the British asked the Malays about it, they did not reply promptly but apparently were negatively inclined.

On 13 August, the British Foreign Office advised the Israeli ambassador to wait until Malaya's independence on 31 August and directly ask the new government. On 26 August, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion sent a congratulatory letter to the Tunku and told him Israel was ready to establish

"appropriate representation" in Kuala Lumpur. Israel also voted to accept Malaya in the United Nations. On 23 December, a member of Malaya's UN delegation told a member of the Israeli delegation that Malaya recognized Israel but had no intention of establishing diplomatic ties with it.

On 10 November 1959 the Israeli envoy to Australia, Moshe Yuval, reported that he had met the day before with the Tunku during the latter's visit to Australia. Among other things, the Tunku told him: "I remember my conversation with Mr. Sharett. The leadership of Malaya knows the character of Israel very well, but the Muslim masses in our country are opposed to you. Therefore, we cannot establish diplomatic relations with you." Concurrently, the Tunku promised Arab governments that Malaya would not open formal ties with Israel, and this was reported in Jordanian newspapers.<sup>4</sup>

In August 1960, a new opportunity arose to convey a message to the Malayan government. Because of expense, the Israel Football Association was unable to send a representative to a conference of the Asian Football Federation in Kuala Lumpur, of which Israel was a member and the Tunku was president. The Israel Football Association requested that the Foreign Ministry dispatch someone to Kuala Lumpur from a nearby embassy. The Foreign Ministry decided to send this author, then serving as the second secretary in Rangoon, Burma (now Myanmar).

In the course of a conversation with the Tunku, he explained that establishing diplomatic relations with Israel would give the opposition radical-Islamic political party ammunition to weaken the government.<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, the warm hospitality and expression of goodwill by the Tunku and other major Malay figures raised the Israeli Foreign Ministry's hope that Malaya would not rebuff various Israeli attempts at contacts, eventually laying the groundwork for diplomatic ties. One idea was to open a consulate in Singapore, then a separate British Crown Colony, that would handle affairs concerning nearby Malaya.<sup>6</sup>

In November 1961, the Tunku visited London. Israeli ambassador Arthur Lurie met with him on 25 November. Lurie expressed Israel's disappointment at the lack of diplomatic ties and suggested beginning by appointing a lower-level representative such as a consul. The Tunku responded that pro-Arab groups strongly opposed Malaya recognizing Israel, and that the Arab countries, especially Egypt, pressured Malaya in this regard. He said he would welcome, however, the development of commercial relations and suggested opening a consulate in Singapore, which was then the center of Malayan commercial activity.

The Israeli commercial company Astraco, which had branches in other Asian countries, had earlier opened an office in Singapore. In March 1963, the Malayan Foreign Ministry granted it a license to open a branch, known as Interasia, in Kuala Lumpur.<sup>7</sup>

The Federation of Malaysia was formally established on 16 September 1963. Israeli foreign minister Golda Meir sent the Tunku a congratulatory telegram.<sup>8</sup>

Early in 1964, less than a year after opening the office in Kuala Lumpur, Astraco decided that it had no economic justification and the Singapore office could handle commerce with Malaya. The head of the company conveyed this to the director of the Asian and African Division of the Foreign Ministry. The question arose as to whether it was worth continuing the office in any way possible so as to maintain an Israeli presence in Kuala Lumpur. A Foreign Ministry official could be sent to manage the Interasia branch and attempt to promote relations between the two countries. The present author volunteered for this assignment.

#### Continued Rebuffs

At the end of May 1964, the Tunku's closest friend and football entrepreneur Lim Kee Siong arrived in Israel as the Asian football tournament was being held there. This author presented him with a letter to the Tunku stating, among other things, this author's intention to come to Malaysia. Lim Kee Siong also met with Foreign Minister Meir. He told her that the Tunku and the Malaysians in general felt friendship toward Israel, but Arab pressure and the need for support in Malaysia's conflict with Indonesia, which opposed Malaysia's creation, prevented setting up diplomatic ties with Israel.

Meir replied that Malaysia being a Muslim country did not justify the lack of diplomatic relations with Israel

and mentioned the examples of Nigeria, Chad, and other African Muslim countries. She asked Lim Kee Siong to convey to the Tunku that Israel was interested in full diplomatic relations or, at least, the gradual development of ties between the two countries.

On 18 July 1964, the director-general of the Malaysian Foreign Ministry, Zaitun Ibrahim, visited the Israeli ambassador in Bangkok, Yehiel Ilzar, who was an old acquaintance. Zaitun Ibrahim, too, said there was great friendliness toward Israel in Malaysia but also opposition because of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The Tunku had to take into account the hostility toward Malaysian-Israeli ties in the opposition parties, and in his own party as well. Malaysia, furthermore, needed all the support it could garner from Islamic and Arab countries.

At the start of August 1964, the Tunku gave a lecture to the Foreign Affairs Council in New York. When a listener asked about Malaysian-Israeli relations, the Tunku responded that Malaysia was involved in a bitter struggle with Muslim Indonesia and could not expose itself to the criticism and pressure that would result from improving ties with Israel. Nevertheless, Malaysia maintained a favorable attitude toward Israel and he himself had made special efforts to clarify this to Israeli representatives in various countries.

This author was in Kuala Lumpur from November 1964 to January 1966-outwardly, as head of an Israeli commercial concern and not as a diplomat. However, the Malaysian government understood the real nature of the mission. During this period the author met with the Tunku, the interior minister, the permanent secretary of the Foreign Ministry, and with the secretary of the Department of Culture, Youth and Sport, all of whom were Muslims, and with other ministers who were Chinese and Indian.

At this time Israel made concerted efforts to further relations with Malaysia, which failed for two main reasons. First, it was too late; Malaysia, as noted, was already trying to marshal Arab support in its struggle with Indonesia and wanted to strengthen ties with the Arab world. Second, the Israeli Foreign Ministry dealt with the matter carelessly and sporadically.<sup>9</sup> Three forces pressured the Malaysian government to expel this author from Kuala Lumpur and terminate the Israeli presence in Malaysia: the Islamic opposition party, the Egyptian embassy, and the British High Commission. The Foreign Office in London and the High Commission in Kuala Lumpur took pains to conceal their attitude from Israel.<sup>10</sup>

#### Malaysia's Growing Antagonism

In the wake of the Conference of Nonaligned Nations in October 1964, Malaysia wanted all the more to be accepted among the Afro-Asian countries. By 1965, its attitude toward Israel was increasingly antagonistic. Its diplomats avoided Israeli counterparts, and it refused to grant entry permits to Israelis, engaged in anti-Israeli initiatives at the United Nations, and made belligerently anti-Israeli, sometimes even anti-Semitic, declarations in the United Nations, international agencies, and so on. In 1965, four Malaysians participated in courses at the Afro-Asian Institute in Israel, and another came to Israel for an advanced course on education. From 1966, no more Malaysians came to Israel for studies.

In the parliament in Kuala Lumpur on 23 August 1966, the Tunku stated that Malaysia did not recognize Israel. He even berated Singapore, which by then was independent, for having Israeli advisers, and compared Singapore's status in Southeast Asia as an enclave surrounded by Muslim Malaysia and Indonesia to that of Israel surrounded by Arab countries. As of January 1968, Israeli seamen arriving at Malaysian ports were forbidden to disembark from their ships. In 1974, trade with Israel and the granting of entry permits to Israelis were completely prohibited.

Five years after Malaya's independence, it had diplomatic relations only with Egypt and Saudi Arabia among the Arab countries. After 1967 this increased, and by 1991 Malaysia had relations with all of them.<sup>11</sup>

Nevertheless, impromptu interactions with Israel continued. In August 1968 Abd al-Rahman, a businessman and son of the Tunku, came to Israel on the initiative of and accompanied by the Israeli entrepreneur Shaul Eisenberg. Abd al-Rahman represented a Malaysian lumber company and met with people in that field during his visit. In November 1969, Malaysian representatives of the Asian Sports Federation asked their Israeli colleagues to support Malaysia's bid to host the Asia Games in 1974. They

claimed that the Tunku was obligated to prevent discrimination of the kind that occurred when Israel was not invited to the Asian Games in Jakarta in 1962.<sup>12</sup>

The Tunku retired as prime minister in 1971 and was appointed the head secretary-general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC). From 1971 to 1981, two Malaysian prime ministers continued the policy toward Israel but took no particular interest in the Jewish state. The situation changed when Dr. Dato Mahathir bin Muhamad was elected prime minister on 1 July 1981. Mahathir introduced a different style. His book *The Malay Dilemma*, written in 1969 in the wake of Malay-Chinese riots, manifests his racist outlook. In this generally anti-Chinese work, Mahathir maintained that races are distinguished not only by ethnic origin but also by many other characteristics. The Jews, for example, not only have hooked noses but also an instinctive understanding of finances. Sale of the book was banned in Malaysia, and Mahathir was temporarily expelled from the ruling Malay political party.

A short time later, he was reinstated and intensified his political activity, eventually becoming education minister and later prime minister. A radical Muslim, Mahathir was severely anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic and gave Malaysia's foreign policy a new tone toward Israel and in general.<sup>13</sup>

#### An Anti-Semitic Prime Minister

During Mahathir's years as prime minister he made extreme anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic statements, some of which achieved wide resonance. Mahathir nurtured anti-Semitism in a Malaysia that was without Jews. On 27 January 1981, in a speech in Saudi Arabia, he urged regaining the Palestinian lands by force since Israel was not invincible. He also, as will be discussed, vilified Israel at major venues.

In June 1983, Mahathir issued a statement attacking Israel for its incursion into Lebanon and calling it "the most immoral country in the world." In October 1983, at the OIC's Sixth Conference on Palestine held in New York, Malaysia expressed concern about Israel's renewed activities in Africa and called for their immediate halt. Malaysia opposed establishing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and supported the resolution at the Jerusalem Conference of the OIC (New York, April 1984) to sever ties with any country that moved its ambassador to Jerusalem.

Malaysia supported the PLO more strongly than did any other Southeast Asian country. In 1969, Malaysia was the first Asian country to permit Fatah to open an office in its capital, which in 1974 became a PLO office. In August 1982, under Mahathir, this office was given full diplomatic recognition. Malaysia's foreign minister claimed that Israel should recognize the PLO before demanding that it recognize Israel. In May 1983, Malaysia hosted a conference on the Palestine question with UN funding and expressed anti-Israeli propaganda in its media. Yasser Arafat, paying an official visit to Malaysia in July 1984, was received by the king and spoke to a large audience.<sup>14</sup>

In August 1984, a visit to Kuala Lumpur by the New York Philharmonic was canceled because of the Malaysian information minister's demand that a work by the Swiss Jewish composer Ernst Bloch be removed from the program. The minister's statement on the matter included anti-Semitic expressions.

From 1983 onward, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* was published and disseminated in Malaysia. On 12 August 1983, Mahathir asserted in a speech to the Malaysian Press Club that Jews and Zionists controlled the international media. He repeated this charge four days later and added that the journalists working for foreign newspapers under Jewish control were trying to destabilize Malaysia through distorted reports. He called the *Wall Street Journal* a Jewish tool.

In a speech in September 1986 at the summit of the Nonaligned Nations in Zimbabwe's capital, Harare, Mahathir complained that the Jews' exile two thousand years ago and their persecution under the Nazis had not taught them anything. On the contrary, these persecutions had turned them into the very monsters they vilified in their own propaganda; they had become the gifted students of Goebbels.

In another speech to the Malaysian parliament on 10 October 1986, Mahathir referred to attempts by Zionists to use Malaysian individuals and groups to damage the country's economy. He also blamed the "Zionist press" in Western countries for the low level of American investment in Malaysia. He often

attacked the New York Times and the Asian Wall Street Journal as Zionist publications.<sup>15</sup>

Israeli president Chaim Herzog's visit to Singapore in November 1986 evoked harsh Malaysian reactions including bitter condemnations of Israel and Zionism. There were calls to cut off Singapore's water supply and burn its flag.<sup>16</sup>

Mahathir and Malaysian diplomatic representatives made constant belligerent speeches about Israel, often condemning it for causing suffering to the Palestinians. In 1992, Malaysia denied entry to a delegate from Israel's El Al airlines for the International Flight Conference in Kuala Lumpur. In December that year, it denied entry to an Israeli football player on the Liverpool team, and the team canceled its visit to Malaysia.

In March 1994, Mahathir prohibited the screening of Steven Spielberg's movie *Schindler's List* on the ground that it was an anti-German propaganda film aimed at winning support for Jews and contained too much violence. When this evoked protests in the United States and Australia, the Malaysia cabinet canceled the prohibition against the film but required that seven scenes with violence or sex be cut. Spielberg, however, insisted that the film be shown in its entirety or not at all. In the end, it was decided to remove all his films from Malaysia.<sup>17</sup>

Early in 1992, Israel began normalizing its relations with China, India, and other Asian countries. This drew its Foreign Ministry's attention to the Muslim countries in Asia. The view regarding Malaysia was that Mahathir was an anti-Semite and there was no chance of changing his country's hostile policy so long as he was prime minister.

#### The Oslo Era

The signing of the Israeli-PLO Declaration of Principles on 20 August 1993 brought Mahathir to lower his tone. Malaysia's deputy foreign minister announced in parliament that Malaysia welcomed the Israeli-PLO agreement. Mahathir, on a different occasion, said Malaysia would consider diplomatic relations with Israel, but first Israel had to do more to bring peace to the Middle East. He expressed hope that Israelis and Palestinians could now live in peace and that all Palestinian land would be returned, and pointed out that the future status of Jerusalem remained unresolved.

The deputy minister of international trade and industry said Malaysia aimed to penetrate the Israeli market as soon as the two countries set up diplomatic relations; meanwhile, the trade and economic sanctions against Israel would continue. The foreign minister said Malaysia would pledge \$5 million to help the Palestinians govern Gaza and Jericho, would help them develop the infrastructure in areas evacuated by Israel, and would provide technical assistance in the administrative and police domains. The PLO ambassador to Malaysia claimed it was the first country to offer assistance to the PLO after the signing of the agreement with Israel.

On 28 December 1993, however, Mahathir announced at a press conference that Malaysia was not yet ready to establish diplomatic relations with Israel. By then several Gulf states had done so, but Malaysia's stance was that Israel still had much to do. For example, Israel had not announced its acceptance of a Palestinian state or that it would cease "terrorist activities" even as the Palestinians were asked to end their own terror tactics.<sup>18</sup>

On 14 July 1994, the brother of the king of Malaysia, Tunku Abdallah bin Tunku abd Al-Rahman, paid a private visit to Israel. He was the chairman of a consortium of commercial and investment companies. Among others, Tunku Abdallah met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. When the visit was made known in Malaysia, Mahathir denied that the government had arranged it or that Tunku Abdallah was on a diplomatic mission. He said he did not know about the trip and believed it was strictly for business.

On returning to Kuala Lumpur on 16 July, Tunku Abdallah said his visit was entirely private and aimed at checking the feasibility of opening commercial relations in tourism and technology, and this was in the framework of his trip to Europe. He claimed Israel had exploited his visit for political advantage since he

was the king's brother, and that his meetings with Rabin and Peres were of a social nature only. He apologized to all those who were offended by the visit. Nevertheless, the justice minister threatened that the police would investigate Tunku Abdallah and confiscate his passport for breaking the law by visiting Israel.<sup>19</sup>

While the Malaysia government and media were occupied with Tunku Abdallah's visit, Mahathir announced that Rabin had written to him to suggest establishing diplomatic relations in light of the improved Israeli-PLO ties. Mahathir had replied, he said, that Malaysia opposed such relations until Israel and the PLO resolved all the remaining issues between them. He told the press, moreover, that he was not convinced of Israel's sincerity in its peace talks with the PLO, since "Israel continues to humiliate the Palestinians and has no intention of returning Jerusalem to them." Although Rabin believed this was the right time to advance relations with the Asian Muslim countries, his overture to Mahathir was merely tentative.

Meanwhile, Malaysia had no intention to revoke its trade embargo with Israel. In a visit to Jordan on 9 October 1994, Mahathir explained at a press conference that Malaysia would decide whether to recognize Israel only after it signed peace treaties with all the Arab countries and fulfilled all the Arab demands including with respect to Jerusalem.<sup>20</sup>

At that time there were indications that Malaysia had changed its approach to Israel in some areas relating to economics. During 1994, a small number of Israelis were allowed to enter Malaysia to attend international conferences on various topics. Specifically, in December that year Malaysia granted entry permits to eight Israelis who came to participate in a conference on fertilizers.<sup>21</sup>

On 24 October that year, Malaysia permitted Malaysian Muslims to make pilgrimages to Jerusalem but not to visit other places in Israel. The pilgrims could enter Israel only through Jordan and stay no longer than two weeks. In announcing this, the deputy foreign minister said there was no change in Malaysia's policy toward Israel despite its attempts to make peace with Arab countries and the PLO.

When this was made public, Christian groups in Malaysia asked for a similar arrangement. The foreign minister approved their request on 10 November. Shortly thereafter, the president of Malaysia's travel-agent association met with the commerce and tourism attachés at the Israeli embassy in Singapore to work out details for Malaysian tourism to Jerusalem. During 1-5 January 1995, a delegation of Malaysian travel agents visited Israel.<sup>22</sup> In that year, a Malaysian delegation took part in an economic conference in Casablanca in which Israel also participated, and in a continuation of the conference in Amman, and El Al and the Malaysian national airline signed an air-traffic agreement.

Furthermore, in late May 1995 a Malaysian television crew visited Israel. On 18 June, the program it filmed there was broadcast on Malaysian television. It included an interview with, among others, the then Jerusalem mayor Ehud Olmert. Israeli songs were heard in the background.<sup>23</sup>

The picture was more complex regarding commercial relations. On 17 September 1994, Malaysian customs authorities impounded a shipment of 24,000 tons of fertilizer on the suspicion that it originated in Israel, from which imports were illegal. However, Malaysia began to suspect that there was a counterboycott on selling Malaysian products by Jewish businessmen in various countries. In mid-January 1996, Malaysia's minister of international trade and industry announced that his ministry was exploring the possibility of gradually instituting commercial relations with Israel. He added, however, that such trade would have no political significance. "It will be like with Taiwan. We do not have diplomatic relations with her but there are numerous commercial relations."

In a visit to New Delhi in January 1996, Israel's then finance minister Avraham Shochat said he looked forward to diplomatic relations with Malaysia and Indonesia in the near future. The director-general of Malaysia's Foreign Ministry responded by saying Malaysia was in no hurry to have diplomatic ties with Israel, repeating what Mahathir had said a few days earlier.<sup>24</sup>

An Ongoing Coolness

Revealing misplaced enthusiasm, the director-general of Israel's Ministry of Industry and Trade, Yosi Snir, requested clarification from Malaysia on the issue of permitting economic relations with Israel. Only upon receiving a response, he explained, would his ministry remove Malaysia from the list of countries from which imports were forbidden. In addition, the spokesperson for the Israel embassy in Singapore said Israel looked forward to Malaysia taking steps to normalize commercial and diplomatic relations with Israel.<sup>25</sup>

Apparently, Malaysia did not respond to the Israeli feelers. In mid-February 1996, however, a Malaysian businessman visited Israel to discuss cooperation between Israeli and Malaysian companies. In late March a delegation of Malaysian businessmen came to Israel and held talks with heads of chambers of commerce. Although Malaysia's official boycott of Israeli products still stood, the head of the Malaysian delegation said he had been authorized by the minister of industry and trade. In early May the Israeli Port Authority sponsored an international conference, and a sixteen-member Malaysian delegation attended with government approval.

These developments, along with Malaysia's change of policy in granting entry permits to Israelis, created an expectation that Malaysia was about to open an economic interest office in Tel Aviv.<sup>26</sup> In June 1996, the parliamentary secretary of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry announced in parliament that his ministry was considering sending an official commercial mission to Israel. The Malaysian foreign minister added that future commercial relations with Israel depended on the efforts of the new Israeli government, headed by Benjamin Netanyahu, to achieve peace. In October 1996, the Malaysian bank Public Bank Bhd. established direct relations with Israel's Bank Hapoalim to enable commercial firms in both countries to make direct financial transactions. Malaysia's deputy finance minister announced that Israeli businessmen would be permitted to invest in Malaysia.<sup>27</sup>

In light of these developments, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) in New York decided to urge Malaysian leaders to speed up establishing diplomatic relations with Israel. Several meetings were held with Malaysian representatives to the United Nations and with Malaysia's deputy prime minister, but these did not lead to any positive outcomes.

In 1997, Malaysia took two small steps in the area of youth and sports. During 3-16 March, an Israeli youth delegation made up of fourteen high school students of both sexes visited Malaysia. It was said that Mahathir himself was behind the initiative. The students visited two schools and met with the education minister and other senior government officials. This visit did not arouse public interest.

Yet when an Israeli cricket team arrived a few days later to take part in an international tournament, demonstrations by Muslims and students erupted in which Israeli flags were burned. To achieve calm, the foreign minister quickly declared in parliament that Malaysia had no intention to establish diplomatic relations with Israel "until Tel Aviv honors its obligations according to the peace treaty it signed with the Palestinians."<sup>28</sup>

Mahathir had made the same point at a press conference in New York late in September 1996. Moreover, in reaction to the violence that had erupted over Israel's opening of a tunnel at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, he accused the new Netanyahu government of trying to retreat from the agreements signed by the Rabin government. Mahathir said the opening of the tunnel was a provocation and an assault on the sanctity of the Al-Aksa Mosque. Speaking at the UN General Assembly at that time, Malaysia's foreign minister said Israel's attempt to make Jerusalem its capital was illegal, and that Malaysia supported the Palestinians' aspirations for self-determination in their own state.<sup>29</sup>

#### Protesting Mahathir

In July 1997, when Malaysia faced a severe economic crisis, Mahathir was convinced it was caused by the Jewish financier George Soros. It seems Soros's dealing in Malaysian currency harmed the country's economy, and the reports in Malaysian newspapers were full of anti-Semitic innuendos. Mahathir tried to explain this: "We are not anti-Semites. The Arabs are also Semites. Just as people make a connection between Islam, Muslims and terrorism, there are people in this country who are inclined to connect [dealing in foreign currency] with Jews. . . . I think that most Jews are innocent, but the impression is that

the Jews have a lot of money. They know how to manipulate money. . . . "

In October 1997 when the crisis worsened, Mahathir continued his anti-Semitic rhetoric. He referred in a speech to the "international Jewish conspiracy" and to his government's fears that the Jews planned to destroy Malaysia's and other Muslim countries' economies.<sup>30</sup>

American Jewish organizations reacted. The JCRC sent a letter of protest on Mahathir's comments to Malaysia's UN representatives. Jewish leaders in New York met with Malaysian diplomats and with the Malaysian deputy prime minister and finance minister, Anwar Ibrahim, who was visiting the city. The Malaysians tried to explain that Mahathir was prone to outbursts and did not heed advice from anyone, but was not an anti-Semite. Anwar Ibrahim, however, said Mahathir sincerely believed in the "international Jewish plot." Shortly thereafter Mahathir fired Anwar Ibrahim, who was tried for corruption and sexual offenses and given a long sentence.

The Jewish leaders demanded that Malaysia establish full diplomatic relations with Israel. The Malaysian UN ambassador and Anwar Ibrahim explained that Malaysia supported Palestinian rights and censured the Netanyahu government. The time was not right to continue working to improve relations, and Malaysia was not ready for normalization.

Additional Jewish organizations condemned Mahathir as an anti-Semite, as did the U.S. State Department. The World Jewish Congress announced that it would file a complaint with the UN Council on Human Rights in Geneva. The U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution condemning Mahathir for his anti-Semitic remarks.

Mahathir, however, rejected all criticism and did not apologize. The only step taken was an official Malaysian letter, not from Mahathir himself, to the UN Council on Human Rights claiming that Mahathir was incorrectly quoted in the media and "never intended to insult Jews or cause them distress." Whereas the World Jewish Congress praised the letter and considered the incident closed, Israel did not see it as an adequate apology.

On 21 June 2003, officials of Mahathir's political party distributed copies of Henry Ford's anti-Semitic book *The International Jew* to delegates at their annual assembly, where Mahathir delivered a speech. On 16 October that year at a meeting of the OIC in Kuala Lumpur, two weeks before stepping down as prime minister, Mahathir delivered an anti-Semitic diatribe, saying among other things that "the Jews rule the world." Although many countries outside the OIC objected, he did not retract. The Egyptian foreign minister and other Muslim figures praised his remarks and supported him.<sup>31</sup>

Nevertheless, during these years the signs of a thaw continued. In 1998 a Malaysian, for the first time since 1965, took a course on community development in Israel.<sup>32</sup> In February 2000 two Israeli teams, male and female, participated in a ping pong tournament in Malaysia. The opposition Muslim political party warned the government of "undesirable consequences" and claimed Israel was an "illegal country." The minister of sport responded that Malaysia could not discriminate against any country if it wished to hold international sport competitions and especially if it wanted to host the Asia Games in 2006. He affirmed that Malaysia's view of Israel as oppressor of the Palestinians remained in force.

Since succeeding Mahathir as prime minister in October 2003, Dato Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi has reiterated Malaysia's total support for the Palestinians and severely criticized Israel, though in a style less crude than Mahathir's. He accused Israel of state terrorism and of inflicting evils on the Palestinians that were starting to resemble the atrocities undergone by the Jews themselves. He said in a speech on 14 September 2005, "We must maintain a distinction between acts of terrorism and the right of people fighting for self-determination," implying that Palestinian terrorism was justified. He criticized suicide bombings as inexpedient but not as immoral.<sup>33</sup>

## Conclusion

Despite Malaysia's many provocations regarding Israel, especially during Mahathir's tenure, the country has not generally been of great interest to Israeli policymakers or to Asia specialists in its Foreign

Ministry. Sharett was an exception, and Meir in the 1960s and Rabin in the 1990s also showed some interest. Otherwise prime ministers and foreign ministers have been indifferent, even though Mahathir's pronouncements in particular could have prompted Israeli countermeasures in the United States.

Malaysian politicians state from time to time state that they will not open diplomatic relations with Israel so long as the Palestinian problem is not solved.

By SmartMalaysian on July 28, 2008 9:50 AM

Salam Tun,

Tiap kali saya baca ruangan Tun disini, semangat saya semakin berkobar..rasa cinta kepada negara semakin meluap-luap...dulu saya pernah terfikir "mengapa la saya disini..jadi warga Malaysia?" sedangkan diluar sana peluang lebih baik..lebih banyak.Tetapi sekarang saya amat bersyukur dgn apa yg telah saya kecapai sekarang...

Tapi nampaknya sejak pemerintahan pak bedol..saya kembali terfikirkan perkara itu...Saya tahu ini bukan yg saya mahu...Mungkin kelemahan pak bedol telah menyerap masuk kedalam semangat saya...Ahrggg....

Tolong la Pak Bedol...tolong la step down  
By azlanAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 9:56 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Minta Tun ulas pandangan Tun mengenai cadangan gabungan Pas dan UMNO dalam satu parti baru.  
By T on July 28, 2008 9:59 AM

/// The article that most interested me was one by Dr Lim Chong Yah, an economist, entitled "The Future of Malaysian Economy". ///

Lim Chong Yah is the same guy who is now a Singapore citizen and contributing to the success of Singapore. And so was Dr Cheong Choon Kong who used to run SIA. And Olivia Lum, a poor girl from Malaysia who made it big through her listed company Hyflux.

The point is - Malaysia will never be able to perform to its tremendous potential, given its abundant resources (both human and natural) - because of the NEP.

And whom should we thank for introducing and prolonging the NEP?

:( :( :(  
By penukul on July 28, 2008 9:59 AM

assalamualaikum,  
dear all,

PM sekarang telah ubah semua dasar yg ditetapkan-kononnya bijak tapi sebenarnya bodoh.  
Duit banyak habis hasilnya tiada -ini baru boleh dikata membazir.

Bagi saya biar duit habis tapi hasilnya nampak dan berterusan utk generasi akan datang.

wassalam,  
patah tumbuh hilang dh berganti tapi jadi tunggul.  
By rakyat malaysia prihatin on July 28, 2008 10:04 AM

saya sayangkan malaysia seperti saya sayangkan nyawa sendiri sebab malaysia tanah tumpah darah saya. saya rakyat malaysia tulen tiada campuran bangla maupun indonesia. rakyat yg suka buat kacau dan tak pernah cukup2 dgn kuasa dan wang maupun berguni baik buat kajian spesis anda, mungkin datang ke malaysia naik tongkang atau terhumban kemalaysia kerana harta berjuta dan kemakmuran bumi ini terutama zaman tun...sekarang nak angkat bungkus ke australia nak mencari ketenangan hakiki. mana perasaan sayang dan kasih pada tanah bumi sendiri???biar kita sama2 berkorban jika negara terusik, jgn lupa terlalu banyak pengorbanan dari pemimpin terdahulu. tun terpaksa menulis dan terus menulis untuk menyedarkan bagaimana payahnya hendak menjadikan malaysia negara yg aman,makmur dan disegani seperti kata tun hanya bangsa yg berjaya akan sentiasa dihormati. saya sgt sedih sebab memang melayu mudah lupa. lupa asal usul,lupa pada jasa org lain, lupa untuk muhasabah diri dll. pemimpin sekrng tahu tapi sebab kepentingan diri dan keluarga, mata terpaksa dpejamkan dan telinga terpaksa ditulikan..senang melihat malaysia musnah sebab mereka2 ini telah membina empayar tersendiri diluar negara. semasa banjir teruk melanda tanyalah dimana mereka? maruah bangsa, ekonomi, pendidikan anak2 kita, semangat kerjasama antara kita kemana perginya, sukaakah melihat hak melayu tergadai, sanggupkah apa yg telah diusahakan pemimpin terdahulu hancur musnah begitu saja, mampukah kita melihat anak2 melayu kita menjadi kuli bangsa asing, yg sememangnya memandang hina melayu dari dulu lagi, nak kah kita jadi kucing kurap mereka diatas tanahair kita sendiri??? ini bukan isu perkauman tapi kenyataan selagi kita memberi muka kepada mereka, apa saja permintaan mereka sekrng sedang dan telah dipenuhi oleh pak2 menteri.betul kata tun bangsaku mulai melupakan kegemilangan dan sejarah silam dalam membina empayar dan jalan masih jauh berliku hanya yg cecal dan tabah dapat berjaya. hanya pada DIA kita meminta.

By cakkuncak on July 28, 2008 10:04 AM

YAB Tun,

My dear Tun, those who are too materialistic and have forgotten all the struggles are in UMNO now and they have power (for now) to further their greed and selfish ambitions.

Your leadership brought this growth to Malaysia and the riches that it enjoys now. Unfortunately, instead of humility and self reflection on the struggles and achievement, most of them now are just selfish to serve their own greed.

I am sorry to say that this time around, UMNO have failed us the Malays and since they continue to think that DS Abdullah is doing good than bad (which is obviously selfish thinking-everyone knows that he is a problem to himself, the Malays and to the nation). In fact UMNO under DS Abdullah have failed not just the Malays. They failed the country too and it is getting worse everyday and they know it.

Only you my dear Tun and a few others have the guts to say something. I never expected any lesser from you, but I expected more from the likes of DS Najib and a few others. In my mind they have failed the Malays too.

They are actually letting things go astray further at the risk of the Malays and the country. Politics at the risk of the nation?

On this factor alone, UMNO should be taught a lesson and the lesson should be so stern that if it ever regain power we will never ever again see the likes of leaders that we are seeing now.

I am an UMNO member, but I love my race and my country more than I love UMNO and for that reason I will not allow UMNO to destroy my race and my country.

If UMNO should be stripped of power totally, so be it.

By MatDra on July 28, 2008 10:09 AM

Assalamualaikum wr.wb. Tun

Teruskan perjuangan dalam membela nasib rakyat yang sedang tertindas ini Tun.

By Captain on July 28, 2008 10:17 AM

ASSALAMUALAIKUM AYAHANDA TUN,

SAYA RASA CADANGAN DI BAWAH NI NAMPAK MENARIK, APA PANDANGAN AYAHANDA, PLEASE COMMENT.

ANY DECISION YOU MAKE, I WILL FOLLOW BECAUSE I LOVE YOU SO MUCH AYAHANDA TUN.....I AM WILLING TO DIE FOR YOU SIR....

Nik Aziz: Bubar Umno dan PAS, tubuh parti baru

Jul 26, 08 9:49pm

Mursyidul Am PAS Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat hari ini mencadangkan supaya Umno dan PAS dibubarkan dengan menubuhkan sebuah parti baru berlandaskan Islam bagi menyatukan orang Melayu dan sebagai tempat berlindung kepada semua pihak termasuk bukan Islam.

Beliau berkata Islam menepati semua matlamat perjuangan termasuk politik dan perlu dijadikan asas kepada perjuangan mana-mana parti politik yang inginkan kepada perjuangan sebenar.

"Umno bubar PAS pun bubar, tubuh parti lain dengan syarat berdasarkan kepada Islam," katanya kepada pemberita selepas merasmikan Muktamar Dewan Ulama Pas Kelantan ke-37 di Machang hari ini

Bernama melaporkan Nik Aziz yang juga Menteri Besar Kelantan berkata, Umno tidak ada sebab untuk menolak dasar Islam yang dicadangkan oleh PAS melalui parti itu kerana Islam milik semua kaum termasuk bukan Melayu di negara ini.

"Kalau tidak kena dengan Islam di mana-mana, cuba beritahu dan kalau Umno itu benar dan tidak bertentangan dengan agama cuba beritahu," katanya ketika mengulas kenyataan Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi yang membayangkan kemungkinan diadakan kerjasama politik dengan PAS suatu masa nanti.

Nik Abdul Aziz berkata dengan cara demikian ia dapat mengembalikan kekuatan Islam di negara ini di samping merapatkan hubungan antara kaum termasuk bukan Islam.

"Islam untuk semua kaum, bukan untuk orang Melayu sahaja atau Cina, India dan Orang Putih, semua perlu bersatu di bawah Islam," katanya.

By drzu on July 28, 2008 10:21 AM

Salam Tun,

I broke to tears a minute after reading this article. I wonder, is it because of the love I have for this country of mine or because of the hatred I have for those people who are ruining it. But I want to think of it as a result of love, because I might do crazy things if I don't have such love (shoot Pak Lah maybe?).

One more thing, I have been to an event where NEGARAKU (national anthem, for those who do not know that NEGARAKU is) was played or sung, and I noticed that most of the people on the stage (surely the menteris ) are just mumbling something incoherent. I believe the readers of this blog do not do that...we stand up and sing every last word for all to hear, don't we? some of those on the stage do not know the words, some also know the words. But even though they know the words, they just sang it softly/mumble them. Ya, I wonder, do they love this country? or they just love the money they sucked from this country?

Keep on writing Tun, for I believe "words and compassion are the better ways--even if it's slower than guns!".

-drzu

By syahrol on July 28, 2008 10:28 AM

Assalamualaikum..

Projek landasan berkembar terbaru kerajaan dari Johor Bahru ke Gemas menelan belanja RM9 billion. Namun begitu projek tersebut dikendalikan syarikat dari China dan sub-sub hanya diberikan kepada syarikat tempatan. Adakah cara ini wajar? Adakah ini strategy kerajaan?

By encikdangerAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 10:32 AM

one of the best articles from tun...

semoga tun selalu sihat dan teruskan menyumbang pada negara dengan pena tun

By jeng3 on July 28, 2008 10:46 AM

salam Tun,

Thanks to Mr. K for posting your article by II Finance Minister.I would like to reproduce the article.

To schmucq(very appropriate name...schmuck!huahuahua..)sjankan,neil,onlooker,CSI..your HONEST comments please..I would like to see how y'all will try to deny and degrade this great man's achievements.

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#### THE FINANCIAL CRISIS OF 1997 - 1998

By Nor Mohamed Yakcop

A moment comes, which rarely comes in a lifetime, when a particular event redefines a person's life and changes the course permanently. For me, the meeting with Dr. Mahathir Mohamad in Buenos Aires (Argentina) on the evening of October 3, 1997 was such an event. It enabled me to devote the next 6 years of my life working for Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, meeting him almost daily. In the process, it enabled me to see, at very close range, the abilities of this great man.

The combination of many noble qualities in one person is rare, and it is this unique combination that has enabled Dr. Mahathir Mohamad to transform Malaysia from an otherwise typical third world country into a thriving and vibrant nation, well on the way to become a developed nation. It is also this combination of qualities that enabled Dr. Mahathir Mohamad to save Malaysia from becoming another IMF nation during the financial crisis of 1997 - 1998.

I am often asked about my involvement in the recovery plan implemented on September 1, 1998. It began on September 29, 1997, when I received a telephone call from the office of Dr Mahathir Mohamad informing me that the Prime Minister wanted to see me. The PM was in Cuba at that time, and I asked (in jest) if I was to meet the Prime Minister in Cuba !

I was told (not in jest) that he will be arriving in Buenos Aires on October 3, 1997 and I was to make sure I was in Buenos Aires at least a day before he arrived. I packed my bags and left for Buenos Aires, and arrived in Buenos Aires on October 2.

The PM arrived the following day at 5 pm and we met immediately at his suite. He informed me that he had asked many people to explain to him what was causing the financial crisis but no one was able to give him a satisfactory reply. He asked me whether I could explain to him what exactly was happening.

I asked him how much time he had, and he said two hours. I explained to him how the forex market works, about short positions and long positions, about hedging and how currencies are borrowed and

sold, the difference between “bid” and “offer” and how funds can be transferred from one country to another at the click of a button. I also explained how the equity market works and the relationship between the forex market and the equity market. Dr. Mahathir hardly said anything, asked one or two questions, and listened intently.

After two hours, he had to end the meeting to get ready to go for an official dinner. He asked me about my plans for the night and I said I had been invited for the same dinner. Dr. Mahathir said to me: You go back to your room and write down all that you have been telling me for the last two hours, and see me at 7 am tomorrow. I went back to my room, skipped dinner, and wrote it all down, finishing at about 6 am.

I saw him the next morning at 7 am and gave him the report. He asked me to take a rest and come back again at 2 pm. When I returned, he told me that he had read the report and that he now understands what was happening in the financial markets. We started discussing various methods of overcoming the crisis, and our discussions continued when we returned to Malaysia. I met him almost daily for discussion, sometimes at his house and sometimes at his office. We tried a few mechanisms to overcome the crisis, some of which worked initially, but the hedge funds were so strong that it was difficult to proceed successfully with these mechanisms.

In early 1998, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad asked me to explore the idea of imposing an exchange control regime to overcome the crisis. I remember preparing voluminous notes on this subject. Dr. Mahathir went through the notes carefully, and kept asking for more and more details. We went through many rounds of discussion, until he was finally convinced both with the concept as well as the proposed mechanism. The rest, I guess, is history.

Dr. Mahathir also asked me to prepare a paper on how to put an end to Malaysian shares traded in CLOB (Central Limit Order Book) in Singapore. Dr. Mahathir was of the view that an important reason for the falling stock market was the short-selling of Malaysian stocks in CLOB. I prepared the report and Dr. Mahathir understood, for the first time, how exactly CLOB operates. The report, which was also implemented on September 1, 1998, put to an end the trading of Malaysian shares in CLOB.

I should add that the exchange control measures were crafted in such a way as to minimize the control aspects and maximize the outcome. The Prime Minister went through the proposed mechanism many times to make sure that the control elements were as few as possible, but adequate enough to ensure a positive outcome. There were no bureaucratic elements in these measures, such as requiring importers to obtain Bank Negara's permission to import. The Ringgit was also pegged at a level where it was not overvalued. In almost every other country, which imposes exchange control measures and pegs its currency, there would, almost by definition, be numerous bureaucratic controls, and the currency would also be pegged at an overvalued rate.

It is often assumed that the system of exchange control (including fixed exchange rate) that we implemented on September 1, 1998 saved the country. The measures of September 1, 1998 were undoubtedly a necessary condition, but it was not a sufficient condition to overcome the crisis. Malaysia was saved, not by exchange control measures per se, but by Dr. Mahathir Mohamad.

Let me explain. Any other developing country, facing a similar crisis, if it had introduced the measures that we introduced in September 1998, the measures would probably have failed. The fact that in Malaysia these measures succeeded is due to the ability and character of Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. The economy and the financial system, under Dr. Mahathir's leadership, was in a very healthy state—healthy enough for the exchange control measures to be implemented without negative consequences. Moreover, the Prime Minister's hands-on management style enabled quick and timely decisions to be made, which was vital under the new exchange control regime.

Dr. Mahathir, as Prime Minister, had ensured that the Malaysian economy was fundamentally strong. Ringgit was strong and stable. On the back of the currency stability (at RM2.50 against the US dollar) Malaysia was doing very well. At the end of 1996, real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew at almost 8.5 per cent and the growth was expected to continue for many more years. The government was enjoying a

fiscal surplus. The external debt was low, at 40 per cent of the Gross National Product (GNP). The current account of the balance of payments had narrowed from a deficit of 10 per cent to 5 per cent of GNP, and was expected to improve further. Inflation was at its lowest at 2.1 percent. We had steady growth of over 8 per cent for a major part of that period. And this fundamental strength of Malaysia was a critical factor that enabled the exchange control measures to succeed.

For a period of more than a year after the measures of September 1, 1998 were implemented, the Prime Minister met with a small group of us everyday - 6 days a week - for at least 2 hours to go through various economic data, including data on loan growth, exports, imports, property overhang etc. This enabled the Prime Minister to take quick actions, whenever required. I remember one morning when we were going through the property figures, he looked at me and directed that I should organize a property fair to clear the overhang of properties. I did, and property worth more than RM 3 billion was sold. Even after the crisis was over, Dr. Mahathir continued to meet with the group regularly, though no longer on a daily basis. And Dr. Mahathir continued to go through all the economic data with a sharp pencil.

No other Prime Minister in the world, either in developed or developing countries, employs such a hands-on approach in managing the economy. We can see, therefore, that it was not the exchange control measures per se that saved the country but the man — Dr. Mahathir Mohamad — himself.

The period 1997 - 1998 was, to paraphrase Charles Dickens, the worst of times, but it was also the best of times. The worst conditions brought out the best in Dr. Mahathir Mohamad. There is a saying that a good leader is like good tea - you only know the true quality when he is in hot water !

Throughout the crisis, the Prime Minister was focussed on resolving the crisis. Day and night, he thought of nothing else but the crisis. He read all he could on finance; he kept asking me to prepare notes on various technical issues. Sometimes he was sick with bad flu and cough, but he did not take time off to rest. He was convinced that he had to understand the issues before he could work out the solutions. His native intelligence and ability to focus on core issues were there throughout the crisis. He did not show any sign of fear even at the worst of time, only concern at the fast deteriorating state of the economy. He was, at all times, confident that he would prevail in the end.

I would like to add two additional points related to the financial crisis. The first is that, in implementing the measures of September 1, 1998, Dr. Mahathir not only saved Malaysia but the neighbouring countries as well. Let me explain. When Malaysia imposed its exchange control measures on September 1, 1998, the currency speculators realised that the other affected countries (Thailand, Indonesia and South Korea) could also impose similar controls, and they, therefore, stopped their activities in its track. The speculators backed off. They bought back the currencies that they had sold. This is resulted in the regional currencies appreciating. Moreover, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was not happy with what Malaysia had done, particularly since, after implementing the measures, we did exactly the opposite of what the IMF wanted us to do, i.e. we lowered our interest rates and injected liquidity into the system. The IMF, therefore, started relaxing conditions in other countries and allowed them to lower their interest rates and allowed them to inject liquidity to stimulate their economies so that Malaysia would not outperform the IMF countries. Therefore, it is no exaggeration to say that Dr. Mahathir Mohamad not only saved Malaysia, but the other affected countries in the region as well - Thailand, Indonesia and South Korea.

My second point is regarding what would have happened if the exchange control measures were not implemented. If the measures were not implemented, many of corporations in Malaysia would have gone under, due to the high interest rates. When the corporations fall like dominos, banks would have faced severe liquidity and solvency problems due to the ballooning NPLs. The problems of the banks would have resulted in a credit squeeze, which would have led to another round of corporate failures. The Government's revenue would have fallen drastically as fewer firms would be paying corporate taxes, thereby reducing the Government's ability to stimulate the economy through fiscal policy measures. As a result of the problems faced by corporations and banks, unemployment would have increased substantially, leading to a second round of problems. This is the classic vicious cycle, which could have, in the end, destroyed the social and political stability of the country. This was a scenario that was waiting to happen. It did not happen because of the decisiveness and guts of Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, who

decided to take the path less travelled.

We owe Dr. Mahathir much gratitude for what he has done for Malaysia over the last 22 years. Solving the financial crisis of 1997 - 1998 was just one, albeit perhaps the most important, of Dr. Mahathir Mohamad's many contributions to the nation.

On a personal note, over the last 6 years, I have come to admire this great man for his abilities, his high moral values and, most of all, for his sincerity. Certainly, a man like Dr. Mahathir Mohamad is not born everyday.

(23rd. October, 2003)

My comments- Thanks Dato Nor Mohd Yaakop for your detailed analysis. My question is... This time around, why do you prescribe bitter pills for the rakyat to swallow i.e. fuel price increase without an effective plan to ease our burdens? Why can't you have met with Tun (in secrecy if it might be) and asked his opinion about the present economic woes?

My guess is that you are just following the boss's orders..

By kamal ahmad on July 28, 2008 10:48 AM

Neil I am bored with your comments. It appears to me like someone had nailed your other foot to the floor and you are running around in frantic circles- and frankly Neil, I am disappointed in you. You are just playing the same old dreary tune, for someone of your wind instrument potential; I have come to expect more. Am I wrong Neil? But tell you what, why don't you get a couple of your other pals to join in and we can do the Rapp? What say you? I talk or Rapp and you guys use your mouth and blabbers to do the wind music/noise? I like this new ghetto music set up man. I have always wanted to go into show biz; bling-blings and all them fancy things... I may be looking at few extra millions with your unequivocal talent! Man, I dig this I really do- Neil, music please my black brothar!

By writerAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 10:49 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun, semoga ayahanda sihat sejahtera sekeluarga. Bagaimana kita nak mengekalkan kehidupan biasa tanpa ada sebarang perubahan. Dulu isi minyak full tank top RM85 skrg cecah RM120-130. Dulu sebulan minyak / tol dalam 500 skrg dan cecah 1000 lebih. Ini tak termasuk makanan, beras, minyak masak dll. Dulu 200 shopping penuh satu troli, skrg setengah troli pun dah cecah 250. Apakah ada pada sebuah kemajuan? Pendapatan benar kita benar-benar turun sekarang. So, bagaimana boleh jalani kehidupan biasa?

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By RyscheClyde on July 28, 2008 10:51 AM

What a splendid words written by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohammed.

Ive nothing to comment- but to say you're a TRUE HERO of Malaysia. A great WARRIOR for the natives and the rakyat!!

I doubt that Dato' Sri Anwar Ibrahim could ever beat you- and he never will. If he becomes Prime Minister of Malaysia- it was you who brought him up- and it was Abdullah's fault for allowing and helped him in the process!! Therefore, you're the ARCHITECT!! Not Anwar, not Badawi and not Najib- but you!!

I have NO CONFIDENCE at 100% should Saudara Lim Guang Eng to thrive in becoming Prime Minister as well- I dont think he has the ability eventho he is humble, and good in accounting background..and I wouldnt want at all cause for Karpal & His son to be in cabinet!!

Mohon maaf juga pada Parti PAS- Tuan Guru Guru atau ustaz<sup>2</sup> di PAS. Saya rasa tiada sorang pun wakil PAS yang dapat melahirkan seseorang yang bijak untuk memerintah Malaysia buat masa kini. Diharap PAS juga suatu hari nanti dapat melahirkan sorang tokoh berwibawa..kerana jika UMNO tumbang- MAKA PAS sahaja harapan yang ada. Tetapi BUKAN Parti Keadilan Rakyat!!!

Kerana PKR and DAP traitor to the country- Im sorry to say that..  
By bujees on July 28, 2008 10:59 AM

TDM, thanks for the very informative article. Hopes Dato Murkiz will follow your footsteps. BOLD, BRAVE,KNOWLEDGEABLE and the BEST leader that Malaysia ever have.  
By aad on July 28, 2008 11:03 AM

We live in a great country but sadly, the management is not up to par.

We have lots of resources but yet, we are importing more than we produce.

Why can't we rely less on imports? Heck, I am no economist but I can sure say with conviction that freight and transportation costs are being subsidised by consumers of imported goods.

Malaysians these days are getting lazier,working a lot lesser and talking a lot more.

I just don't know what this country is coming to but I am still optimistic that unity will find its way, albeit much slower than expected.

We should do away with all the polemics and get back to serious work to get back on track. Nothing is ever too late but if we still wish to procrastinate, then god bless!

Tun, I wish you would make a comeback or at least take over as economic adviser. You have the vision to do so. Forget the opposition as they are a bunch of no gooders,inexperienced and only interested in petty fault finding issues.

By bananarepublic on July 28, 2008 11:04 AM

Dear Tun,

I was born in 1973. When i read your article (The Country We Love) today, i feel like i learn History from you. I agree with you that if it is not because of the strong leadership ie. previous PMs, we are not like what we are today.

I am sure you still remember, at one time, people said that you are crazy, Malaysia to produce national car. At that time, your ideas seem crazy to them but look at PROTON today.

Your ideas might look crazy today but who knows..tomorrow it will be useful especially to the nations and our beloved country.

I love my country. I love Malaysia.

By bananarepublic on July 28, 2008 11:07 AM

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By angelinajolie on July 28, 2008 11:17 AM

To all CheDet.Com bloggers.....

More proof that Anwar Ibrahim is involve with the Bilderberg Group Members.....just read on and make your own judgement before casting your vote in this September 2008.....

The Brown Deception

With Bill Gates at the World Economic Forum, 2004Notes on the new Foreign Office minister Mark Malloch Brown and his new boss, Gordon Brown

David Miller 1 July 2007

According to the liberal press Gordon Brown has made a good start as Prime Minister because he has started to show that he is different to Blair. According to the press this is because he has appointed Iraq 'sceptic' David Miliband as Foreign Secretary and Mark Malloch Brown formerly of the UN as Foreign Office minister.

The new Foreign Secretary David Miliband is apparently a well known sceptic on the Iraq war. This is strange since, with the exception of one vote at which he was not present, Miliband has, since 2001, been a staunch supporter of the attack on Afghanistan and the illegal invasion and occupation of Iraq. As well as being in favour of foundation hospitals and other pro market measures Miliband has consistently voted with the government on anti-terrosim measures, even on the Terrorism bill vote in late 2005 where the government was defeated Miliband voted for extending the period that terror 'suspects' could be locked up.[1] Miliband is no opponent of the war.

Malloch Brown on the other hand is said to be a 'a strong critic of US policy' (The Times , 29 June) and a 'critic of Iraq', making him a 'daring' appointment.(The Guardian , 29 June) This is true in the sense that he has criticised the United States government for allowing 'too much unchecked UN-bashing and stereotyping' from critics, such as conservative talk-show host Rush Limbaugh and Fox News.[2] The US representative to the United Nations John Bolton, responded, 'I spoke to the secretary-general this morning, I said "I've known you since 1989 and I'm telling you this is the worst mistake by a senior U.N. official that I have seen in that entire time."[3]

But it is a little bit of a stretch to pretend that Malloch Brown is in any way a plain speaking progressive. On the contrary Malloch Brown has had a career long involvement in pushing neo-liberal reform first in journalism with the Economist and then in a series of appointments in the spin and propaganda industry.

Malloch Brown started his career at the Economist, that leading organ of market friendly ideas. After the Economist Malloch Brown went to work at the UNHCR, briefly returned to the UK to try and fail to become a Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for the Social Democratic Party, and in 1986 was appointed to the Sawyer Miller Group an international PR firm specialising in managing elections on behalf of pro Western candidates. 'As head of its international division', noted the Guardian, 'the Cambridge-educated Briton turned up in Peru with helicopters to help the presidential campaign of his old friend, the novelist Mario

Vargas Llosa.'[4] In Bolivia he advised the government of Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada, 'a Bolivian ruler so hated by the population for his neoliberal zeal and subservience to Washington that he had recently had to flee the presidential palace by helicopter, and make for Miami'.[5] He also advised Corazon Aquino of the Philippines when she ran against Ferdinand Marcos. In Colombia Malloch Brown advised the rulers of the country most favoured with US military aid to crush leftist guerrillas.

Doug Stokes has catalogued the campaign and its effects:

Sawyer Miller's Opinion polls conducted in 1987 found that 76% of all Americans thought that the Colombian government was corrupt, and 80% wanted sanctions imposed upon it. In 1991, amidst the refusal of the Colombian State to hand over the notorious drug-trafficker, Pablo Escobar, the image of the Colombian State suffered further setbacks. In response to all this, the Colombian state embarked on its own Low Intensity Conflict to win the hearts and minds of the American people. It employed the services of a PR company, the Sawyer/Miller Group, which earned nearly a million dollars in fees and expenses in the first half of 1991 alone. The PR specialists job was to transform the perceptions of the Colombian state as a corrupt and brutal abuser of human rights, to a staunch ally of the US in its so-called "war on drugs". The director of Sawyer/Miller's Colombia account explained that "the main mission is to educate the American media about Colombia, get good coverage, and nurture contacts with journalists, columnists, and think tanks. The message is that there are 'bad' and 'good' people in Colombia and that the government is the good guy." In fostering these perceptions the Sawyer/Miller group conducted opinion poll surveys and focus group sessions to evaluate public opinion. In 1991 alone, Colombia gave over \$3.1 million to an advertising campaign. The campaign placed newspaper adds and TV commercials aimed at American policymakers in Washington. The adds all had a similar theme. They asked the American people to remember the bravery of the Colombian military in its war against drugs, and attempted to change perceptions of Colombia from being a drug supplier to the US as drug consumer.

Media requests for interviews with Colombian government officials went through Sawyer/Miller. They steered sympathetic reporters to key government ministries and made sure that critics of Colombia's appalling human rights record were kept away. In one instance, after a meeting with Warren Hoge, the editor of the New York Times Magazine, the Times printed a long and inaccurate story glorifying the then Colombian President, Cesar Trujillo, whose campaign had been heavily funded with drug money. The Colombian government bought the reprinting rights to the article and sent thousands of copies to US Journalists and Embassies. Sawyer/Miller group regularly use the American press to distribute pro-Colombian government propaganda with the routine production of pamphlets, letters to editors signed by Colombian officials, and ads placed in The New York Times and The Washington Post. However, it is the transformation of the armed protagonists in Colombia's conflict that has had the most effect. In recently declassified documentation, the US Ambassador to Colombia in 1996, Myle Frechette, admits that the perception of the FARC as narco-guerrillas, "was put together by the Colombian military, who considered it a way to obtain U.S. assistance in the counterinsurgency." The PR job seems to have worked as the US has now made Colombia the third largest recipient of US military aid in the world today. This aid is allegedly for a counter-offensive against what have been constructed as the primary narco-terrorists in Colombia, the FARC.[6]

As is usual with this kind of spending the main aim is not to convince US public opinion, but rather to ensure that the ruling elite gain enough freedom of action to support the lobbyists clients. Sawyer Miller is now part of the world's largest PR firm Weber Shandwick Worldwide.

In 1993 Malloch Brown was co-founder of the International Crisis Group, which claims to be a non governmental organisations but is mostly funded by Western governments and largely staffed by ex government officials (often from the US). Chris Patten the former Conservative minister, the last governor of Hong Kong and Chair of Crisis Group's Board of Trustees writes that 'What Crisis Group does is to fill the need that policy-makers in national governments have for smart, honest analysis and practical proposals for preventing disaster, or at least mitigating its consequences. We often find ourselves saying the things that governments would like to say but find too difficult.'[7] In other words the ICG is the vehicle for Western interests. A non governmental organisation in name, but in practice a covert cipher for

western interests. After setting up the ICG Malloch Brown was appointed as a spin doctor for the World Bank – along with the IMF and the WTO the main vehicles of global neoliberal reform.

It is unsurprising then to find that Malloch Brown's comments on elements of the US right do not make him a critic of US power. On the contrary as he himself has noted he is 'very pro-United States ... I've an American wife, kids. I love the country.' He is also close to leading neoconservatives like Paul Wolfowitz the architect of the Iraq war and Elliot Abrams also of the Project for a New American Century.[8] At the ICG Malloch Brown rubs shoulders with co-Chair Thomas Pickering and his advisory board which includes figures such as Anwar Ibrahim, Morton Abramowitz, Kenneth Adelman, Leslie H. Gelb and Stephen Solarz.

Between them this small selection of the 44 strong advisory board are linked to the following elite and neoconservative think tanks and lobby groups:

- # Aspen Institute
- # Eurasia Foundation
- # International Institute for Strategic Studies
- # American Committee for Peace in the Caucasus
- # National Endowment for Democracy (NED)
- # Brookings Institution
- # Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- # Council on Foreign Relations
- # Committee on the Present Danger
- # Freedom House
- # Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs
- # National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

The Committee on the Present Danger is a neocon lobby group first set up in the Reagan era which is currently active in the push to war with Iran. Note also the links with the neocon Israel lobby groups such as the far right Jewish Institute of National Security Affairs. Indeed Pickering is so close to the Israel lobby that he joined Ariel Sharon's Kadima party in December 2005. Anwar Ibrahim is the West's favourite former Malaysian politician, who, through his connection with the rather dubious Foundation for the Future, links to the Wolfowitz World Bank scandal. Wolfowitz's partner Shaha Riza was seconded to the Foundation following a request from Ibrahim.[9] These links hardly support the notion of a dangerous radical in the Foreign Office.

Furthermore it has been argued that Malloch Brown's role at the UN was actually part of US manipulations of the UN. Perry Anderson notes one of the operatives in the manipulation was Malloch Brown. Anderson writes:

During his second mandate, floundering in the Oil for Food crisis, Annan was summoned by Richard Holbrooke to his residence on the Upper West Side for a secret meeting, attended by Orr, Ruggie and Mousavizadeh, and three other Democratic insiders. There Annan was enjoined to fire unwanted colleagues, and accept a more competent minder, in the shape of Mark Malloch Brown... Without a murmur, Annan accepted him as the power in front of the throne. Holbrooke was pained that news of the arrangement leaked out. 'The intention was to keep it confidential. No one wanted to give the impression of a group of outsiders, all of them Americans, dictating what to do to a secretary-general.' Impressions, apparently, are everything. [10]

So much for the critic of US policy. His appointment brings us closer to the day when the cabinet and even Prime Minister will be made up of people whose professional career experience is in spin and manipulation. Malloch Brown is, in that sense very much in the mould that can be expected from Gordon Brown. People who may appear on one level to be plain speaking, even moral and mildly progressive critics of the established order, but who on closer inspection turn out to be at the forefront of pushing the

global corporate agenda. The most obvious example of this is Gordon Brown himself, who has done a good job of pretending that beneath the gruff exterior of the Iron Chancellor beats the socialist heart of Red Gordon. This nonsense is swallowed by large numbers of people, most obviously in the liberal mainstream media.

Let us take as an example a long speech that Brown made in January 2005 in the run up to the G8 meeting at Gleneagles. In its own terms the speech sounded serious about Brown's concern to make poverty history. He noted the 'hopelessness and human loss that lies behind the numbers' and reported that in Tanzania he 'saw 8, 9, 10, 11 year old children begging to continue in school - but denied the chance because their parents could not pay the fees.' He concluded with a clarion call to make the 'arc of the moral universe... bend towards justice'[11] On the launch of the Commission for Africa Report, the centrepiece of the government's policy for the G8, the BBC listed eight findings requiring action by the West. They included doubling or trebling aid, forgiving debt, spend more on HIV/AIDS, fund African universities, remove trade barriers to African exports in the West. [12] Not much there to disagree with. But, in the report itself, a different picture emerges. Journalists need only read the summaries of the various chapters to get a clue about the real agenda. For example goals for economic growth in Africa are said in Chapter 7 to be possible 'only if the obstacles of... a discouraging investment climate are overcome'. This involves 'public and private sector working together to identify the obstacles to a favourable investment climate'. [13] What this means is more liberalisation and privatisation and more opportunities for western corporations to exploit African resources and labour. 'Investments in infrastructure and the enabling climate for the private sector are at the top of the agenda' says the summary of the next chapter. [14] These passages are available for all to see but are commonly suppressed in the mainstream media (including the allegedly left leaning papers the Guardian [15] and the Independent [16]). They provide a clue to the real agenda of the government, which is to spearhead neoliberal reform in Africa.

Also closely involved with the work of the Commission for Africa is Business Action for Africa (BAA) a coalition of over 250 senior business representatives. BAA met with the Commission for Africa prior to finalising their report in February 2005. This followed a 'programme of formal consultations between the CFA and the private sector in Africa, Europe and North America'. [17] This was accomplished through the 'Business contact group' established in July 2004 at a meeting chaired by Niall Fitzgerald of Reuters and Gordon Brown. Its programme was managed by the 'private sector Advisor' to the Commission for Africa, an employee of Shell, and input in the US and Canada was ensured through business lobby groups the Corporate Council on Africa and the Canadian Council on Africa, both representing trans-national capital. [18]

The corporations involved can barely contain their excitement. The 'outlook' of the business community is a 'positive one' says one of the CFA commissioners. 'It believes Africa is the next frontier for investment'. James Smith, the UK chair of Shell, which co-hosted the meeting noted that progress 'requires that the private sector has a bigger role'. [19] The chair of the Commonwealth Business Council, the business lobby group co-hosting the meeting, read out the concluding statement. Dr Mohan Kaul affirmed that 'getting the conditions right for doing business in Africa is the biggest single investment for the future well-being of its citizens'. A 'vibrant and successful private sector... is required' he noted. [20]

Amongst their duties in this adventure corporations 'should' sign 'leading codes of good social and environmental conduct'. The one apparent crumb of comfort is that 'Corporate governance principles should clearly identify and punish malpractice'. But this is a mirage as there is no requirement to sign and the codes noted (such as the UN global compact and the Global Reporting Initiative) are all voluntary and do not have any provisions or appetite for 'punishing' corporate wrongdoing. [21] This is their unifying and defining characteristic. Unsurprisingly, therefore we find that the corporations sponsoring the BAA conference are amongst the worst currently engaged in the exploitation of Africa including Shell (oil), Anglo American (mining), Rio Tinto (mining), De Beers (diamonds), Diageo, SAB Miller (both Drinks industry, use vast quantities of water), GSK (pharmaceuticals), British American Tobacco, and Unilever, (food and consumer products). Also involved are the providers of capital who profiteer from exploitation such as Standard Chartered bank and the venture capital fund Capital for Development. [22]

This pro-business agenda is nowhere clearer than in the statements of the IMF. Its International Monetary

and Financial Committee, met on 16 April 2005 in Washington and reiterated the neo-liberal mantra that 'the key challenge remains to press ahead with reforms to strengthen the investment environment and foster private sector led growth' The Committee 'emphasizes that successful and ambitious multilateral trade liberalization is central to sustained global growth and economic development'. [23] This is as unsurprising as it is damaging to Africa and the rest of the world. The committee met in the middle of an election campaign in the UK, but the chair of the committee - Gordon Brown - managed to find time to attend.

Brown's mention of Tanzania in his speech in January 2005 is particularly inappropriate since the problems of education fees in that country are the direct result of IMF structural adjustment which forced the Tanzanian government to introduce the market into education. 'Education's share in total budget percentage fell from 11.85% in 1983/84 to 6.95% in 1990/91'. 'Government expenditures on education, health, and other social sectors had to be cut in order to meet conditions of donor countries and international lending institutions' [24]. What Brown gives, with apparent sincerity, with one hand is the means for the corporations to take away with the other. He offers, in other words not fine words unmatched by practice, but the very tools for the corporations to swoop on Africa and bleed it dry.

This is nowhere more apparent than in relation to aid, where the promised increases come with strings attached - they require liberalisation. Even worse, the Department for International Development aid budget directly funds privatisation PR campaigns run by the far right Adam Smith Institute and others. [25] In such obscene circumstances cutting aid to the developing world would be a better policy.

In fact the UK government is at the forefront of the new corporate drive to open up markets throughout the developing world. The adoption of some of the rhetoric of the Make Poverty History campaign is both a sign of the success of the movement and an indication of the dangers of co-option. Sadly some of the organisations involved in MPH are less than clear about this. For example Justin Forsyth Oxfam's campaign manager noted in 2002 that 'When you speak to Tony Blair and Gordon Brown, they really understand these issues. They are easily some of the best leaders when it comes to talking about development and dismantling subsidy, and they are making the right arguments time and again.' [26]

In 2004 Forsyth left Oxfam to work as Blair's advisor of International Development. Meanwhile Brown's advisor on International Development, Shriti Vadera, described by the Guardian as 'tough-talking' and 'not suffering bright junior officials, let alone fools, gladly' is a former director at the US bank UBS Warburg and 'expert' on, and advocate of, 'the complex funding behind public-private partnerships'. She was influential in pushing through utilities privatisation in South Africa despite popular opposition. Amongst her other roles Vadera sits on the Oxfam Council of Trustees, Oxfam's the governing body. [27]

When Brown became PM he appointed Vadera as a junior minister at the Department for International Development .

This is a sure sign that the neo-liberal agenda will be at the forefront of British development policy. This means: more privatisation and less democracy. Meanwhile Brown will pose as a moral leader, valiantly attempting to nudge the 'arc of history towards justice'. This is the Brown deception. How long before the closed world of debate within the media and political elite notice? Don't hold your breath.

By kaydee59@streamyx.com Author Profile Page on July 28, 2008 11:20 AM

Dearst Tun

Assalamualaikum

1. My wife and I were thrilled that our old but priceless 'Opinion' we gave you on the Wednesday 16th when you kindly spared us the time to meet us, has been of some awakening revelation to Malaysians.
2. We would be sending a few more copies (the rest of my collection) of the 'Opinion' (photocopied this time though) for your kind reference.

3. Your words during our meeting have become my maxim and inspiration today,

"We should use history to plan our future"

Dr Mahathir (12.25 p.m. 16th July 2008 at the Perdana Leadership Foundation)

4. Allow us to thank you for all that you had done for Malaysia and Malaysians. If it were not for you we would not be where we are today. We would still be relying on our produce – rubber and tin (these products have become rather dispensable in the world market today), to survive as a nation.

5. Allah has been kind to us, he gave us Tun Dr Mahathir whose foresight and prudence placed us on the map of the world. Sir, it was you who singularly and emphatically boosted the country into the industrialisation, development and foreign capital investments, away from our reliance on agriculture.

6. It is indeed sad to note that there are people who are bigotry myopias, not recognising this great service of yours to the nation.

7. On behalf of at least all the unassailable minded Malaysians who are without prejudice and discriminatory chauvinism we thank you for all that you had done for Malaysia.

8. At this juncture I would like to quote Tun Musa Hitam

"He would go on to be Malaysia's most illustrious leader ever, even in the years to come." (Far East Economic Review 9.10.2003)

9. Another quote I would like to put on paper is from Tun Lim Leong Sik

"We are blessed to have Mahathir as our Prime Minister. He has tremendous foresight, a very inquisitive mind and he is very hard-working." (Far East Economic Review 9.10.2003)

Air Asia which took out a full page advertisement to eulogise Tun Dr Mahathir struck me as most appropriate and proper, befitting our Dear Tun Dr Mahathir

"Where would we be today  
If someone hadn't dreamed,  
If someone hadn't believed,  
If someone hadn't persevered?"  
The STAR 31.10.2003

10. Once again, thank you Sir, May Allah be gracious enough take care of your health with a little prodding from your kind self in the form of some exercise and care.

Kind Regards and Best wishes  
from Muhammad Darma and wife  
By SabahanGirl on July 28, 2008 11:25 AM

Dear Tun,

I could never be able to express my gratitude...  
I love learning the History while I was in school..  
Sometimes, I could not understand few things but I'm grateful  
to be born in Malaysia...

The Country I always LOVE...

Thanks to you TUN...I'm still optimistic with Malaysia ...  
Hopefully things will be better...COZ I will never give up HOPE..

And I will always Love you Tun...You're my TRUE hero!!!  
By takretibodekAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 11:27 AM

Salam Ayhda Tun dan  
Semua rakan 'Bloggers'....

Terima kasih atas artikel yg Ayhda Tun post..

Pertama sekali kita perlukan rakyat yg berkualiti utk maju ke hadapan..

1. Berkualitakah rakyat kita sekarang??? tak perlulah kita siasat dan gali dimanakah tidak berkualitinya kita..tengok sahaja perkara yg dianggap remeh oleh kebanyakan masyarakat kita..  
lihat sahaja anak2 yg bersekolah rendah..dimanakah mereka membuang sampah???..didalam kawasan sekolah sampah bersepah2 di laman tmpt menunggu, padang,..adakah soal sekecil ini hanya tanggungjawab guru? apa yg sya ingin cuba sampaikan ialah..mentaliti rakyat kita kebanyakannya masih ditahap rendah..bagaimanakah ingin kita mengejar S'pore? Australia? Jepun?..dan sudah semestinya ianya diiringi dengan sistem yang baik, tidak perlu kita susah2 memikirkan bagaimana utk maju..negara yg telah sedia maju telah pun ada..kita ambil sahaja sbg model..bukan tiru 100% sbb mungkin ada perkara yg tidak sesuai disitu..

2. Sya lihat bila cuti Hari kemerdekaan semua org sibuk nak pergi shopping (tngh sale!!) paling tidak tngok perbarisan di TV yg mana itulah agenda pokok kita lihat tiap2 tahun..tidak bolehkah di sekolah2,badan2 tertentu, syarikat2 dimestikan mengadakan ceramah atau menyingkap kembali sesuatu yg patriotik utk dihayati???..lihatlah..almaklum kita baru sahaja nak masuk 51 tahun merdeka..yang tua2 kebanyakannya dah tiada..tinggal shaja yg muda2..mereka kurang pendedahan..jadi bila mendapat maklumat yg salah mereka tidak tahu utk menimbangkannya..jadilah demonstrasi jalanan, kerana hanya berdasarkan emosi dan berorientasikan pemikiran yang dangkal..rasa setiakawan? tiada..yg ada hanyalah rasa perkauman yang menebal..di sini semua bloggers tentu ingin tahu..SALAH SIAPAKAH INI???..lihatlah pemimpin2 yang bersidang di Parlimen..tidak kira dari parti manapun..bagaimanakah gelagat mereka?..jgnlah bandingkan kita dgn negara lain, kitakan punya adab dan jatidiri sendiri!..nampaknya kita masih gagal!!!..

Mungkin pendapat sya tidak dihiraukan atau dipandang hanya sebelah mata..tapi..percayalah..kita ingin melentur buluh dari rebungunya bukan?? cukupkah hanya dgn PLKN?? Sya bangga dan bahagia bila melihat anak2 kita melayu, cina, india, serani dan dari keturunan lain bersatu hati dan hormat menghormati demi kemajuan dan keharmonian negara.. mereka adalah pelapis kita..dan peneraju negara..mungkinkah ini hanya impian sya semata???  
apa2 pun semuanya bermula dari rumah, disokong oleh sistem yang baik dan didorong oleh masyarakat yang prihatin....

Salam buat semua..  
By itcha70 on July 28, 2008 11:34 AM

Please...take a look at video clips "Perjuangan Belum Selesai"  
It's devistating...!

By AnakSaleh on July 28, 2008 11:35 AM

Tun,  
Diharap tun sihat.  
Semua ahli parlimen yang dilantik pada masa sekarang dimestikan hadir ke kem khas untuk menghadiri kursus Tatanegara, sejarah malaysia, dan ekonomi. Senario sekarang, ahli politik dan ahli parlimen tidak semestinya mempunyai sikap kepimpinan atau berilmu. Asalkan mereka daftar jadi ahli parti dan jadi orang 'kuat' pemimpin lama, maka mereka boleh naik cepat.

Tidak hairanla rakyat melihat pemimpin sekarang sebagai 'jokers'.

Tun, rakyat dibawah kepimpinan tun adalah bijak2 belaka. Cuma pemimpin saja menjadi semakin tidak bijak. Hairan bagaimana ini boleh berlaku. Dahulu, pemimpin adalah golongan yang bijak.

Saya rasa frasa melayu mudah lupa lebih molek diberikan kepada golongan pemimpin kita sekarang bukannya rakyat. Kemewahan mengaburi mata dan akal. Cukupla seorang dua pemimpin sahaja yang 'lupa' pasti memberikan akibat yang dasyat kepada negara.

Jikalau dulu kita sering berkata masalah mesti diselesaikan di peringkat akar umbi. Kini tidak, masalah mesti diselesaikan di peringkat pucuk pimpinan. Saya berani jamin Paklah & co tidak tahu menahu mengenai dokumen yang Tun sebutkan ini. Entah2 Dr.Lim Chong Yah pun dia tak kenal.

By angelinajolie on July 28, 2008 11:35 AM

Dear Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad,

Information to all CheDet.Com bloggers,

Please read about The Bilderberg Group at this website address....

<http://www.bilderberg.org/bilder.htm>

By MamatOversea on July 28, 2008 11:35 AM

Assalamaulaikum Ayahnda Tun.

To all Malaysians.. I bet you all Pak Lah don't have this thinking caliber...Pak lah better resign..

By pakmangAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 11:36 AM

Dear Tun,

Your remarkable statement that "If they seem not to work today it is not because they were bad but it is because we do not have their caliber. We have become very selfish and too materialistic."

It is quite true in our country nowsaday,especially applied to those regime in power.If they are still practising the same systems and policies, more & more people will no more love the country.... More rich people will leave the country ....& left over all the poor guys again. So, the country will drift down to the drain very soon, nobody will care anymore as the poor are unable to do anything even though they are intending to. Tun, what shouldmy family & I do because we are belong to the poor group?Or just sit down to wait for the dark...future...?

Have a nice day, Tun.

By yeop on July 28, 2008 11:39 AM

This is my understanding based on Tun's article:

In 1967 an economist Dr Lim Chong Yah (a bright guy, I supposed) gave a simple picture of Malaysia. With not much hope to excel, taking everything into consideration. All the internal and external factors, all the resources and potentials.

So, the moral of the story is that, leaving things as it is, things will stay as it is.

As the saying goes, it would be insane if we do the same things every day and expect a different result.

I would predict if without the leadership of Tun Razak, Tun Hussein and Tun Mahathir, Malaysia would be still a backward 3rd world country dominated by Chinese race based economy, per capita the same like

East African countries. The Indians will dominate the civil services, and high ranking lawyers, medical staff etc. Imagine the Indians are about 7% of the population, but they have more than 17% occupancy in the medical sectors, and want some more.

Hey, don't ask too much la, else we all risking to lose all.

The signboard will be in Chinese. It's happening now in Penang. Well they will put some Arabic signboard as well, just not to make it too obvious.

There will be another name for the Kuala Lumpur International Airport, in Chinese.

The Malays, (imagine a scene in the 50s and 60s black and white movies)... well they will be in their clean white attire, wearing a songkok and will always say "Yes Tuan" to others.

With Pak Lala as the PM, we are beginning to see that black and white movies again, soon.  
By terongpipit on July 28, 2008 11:43 AM

Reference is made to:  
By KunTamadaAuthor Profile Page on July 27, 2008 3:30 PM

Viva Tun berdua. Mungkin Tun boleh asah dan tajamkan lagi fikiran Mukriz. Nampaknya 2 orang anak bekas PM tak boleh jadi. Hanya berani cabut keris, tetapi menangis minta maaf bila di sergah orang lain.

Hehehe... baca kat bawah... cakap tak serupa bikin...  
Siapa yang tak percaya kepada sistem pelajaran Malaysia?  
Adakah dengan berbuat begini they are still one step ahead of us?  
Maka anak-anak mereka akan menjadi pemimpin kepada kita lagi?

p/s - Patut ler bila cabut keris kena sergah terus nangis!!!!!! Rupanya keris kontont!!

#### QUOTE

Education Minister, Datuk Seri Hishammudin Tun Hussein's son is doing O' levels and will be going off to the United Kingdom this coming September to further his studies.

Deputy Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's daughter, Nooryana Najwa has been accepted into Georgetown University in Washington DC to read politics and international relations after doing her IB (International Baccalaureate).

Datuk Seri Hishamuddin Tun Hussein and Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's children are academically smart. However, it seems like both of them did not sit for SPM.

Before doing her IB, Nooryana had her education in Garden International School. Najib's son, Norashman Razak had his education there too.

But Garden International School bases its curriculum on the National Curriculum of England. It teaches the English National Curriculum through Key Stages 1 to 4 and Cambridge 'A' Level.

Datuk Seri Najib and Datuk Seri Hishamuddin are cousins. Their Fathers were our former Education Ministers. Datuk Seri Najib's father, Tun Abdul Razak, the second Prime Minister of Malaysia, was the Education Minister in 1955. Datuk Seri Hishamuddin's father, Tun Hussein Onn, our third Prime Minister, was the education minister in 1969. Fast forward, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak became our Education Minister in 1995-1999.

Datuk Seri Hishamuddin Tun Hussein is our current Education Minister. Well, there goes the saying, 'like father, like son' Hishamuddin's son and Najib's kids did not follow the Malaysian Education System (so I

doubt they sat for UPSR, PMR or SPM) though they come from an ancestry of Education Ministers. Both of their grandfathers were former education ministers, one's father was the education minister and is now the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia while the other's father is the current education minister.

So why weren't Datuk Seri Najib's and Datuk Seri Hishamuddin's children following the Malaysian Education System? Were our DPM and current Education Minister trying to be kind to not let the government subsidize their kids' education by sending their offsprings to a private school instead of national schools?

Or is it that both Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Datuk Seri Hishamuddin Tun Hussein do not have confidence in the Malaysian Education System because it is too crap that they had to sent their kids to a private school which follows the English National Curriculum so that their offsprings would not be screwed up by the already screwed-up education system in Malaysia?

Which is which? I do not know but I am apt to think that the latter prevails.

\*SIGH\* So much for being a kind and compassionate minister. If the Malaysian Education System is not good enough, then do something to improve it. After all, that is under your portfolio.

But if the education system is not crap and of quality and standard like what you and your counterparts have mentioned countless times then why didn't your kids go through it? Why didn't your kids go through SPM, then Matriculation or STPM before gaining admission to Uni. After all, matrices and STPM have the potential to produce Quality graduates, right?

How does the current government expect us to have faith in our Malaysian Education System when the DPM and current education Minister did not even put their kids through it?

UNQUOTE

By Patek1472Author Profile Page on July 28, 2008 11:46 AM

1. If anyone thinks as a Malaysian at heart you will never support any of the current political parties who speaks only about championing or protecting their own race and religious interests. Whether it belongs to UMNO, PAS, MCA, MIC, PKR, Gerakan, Hindraf, PBS, DAP, PPP or whatever new name. It's called racism and whoever supports that party is called a racist. It is no different from apartheid. It dirties and poison your soul.

2. Those who are racists but speak with a fork tongue (Jeyklls), hiding it behind other causes like religion, meritocracy, education, poverty etc are even worse than clear cut racists and can only fit into the category of satans.

3. Malaysian racists and the MSN have corrupted the following words which meant differently in other countries ex. nationalism, patriotism, royalists, freedom, liberty, corruption, democracy etc.

4. Power, Greed and Selfishnish rule in Malaysia and now we include Racism and Satanism.

5. See more prophesies at <http://patek1472.wordpress.com>

By Patek1472Author Profile Page on July 28, 2008 11:48 AM

1. Anwar commit Sodomy? He can't because you have to ask the wife.

2. Najib really did not know Altantuya cos he is also not a sodomizer. He likes it straight. Ask his sleeping partner.

3. It's the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so said by every accused in any court of any land. Do you not believe in men when they swear in the name of God, Allah, Yahweh etc?

More facts at <http://patek1472.wordpress.com>

By Redhuan D. OonAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 11:48 AM

We do love this country. It is the place we grow up have friends and memories.

We cannot allow vultures among us to be at the top. They must either fly around in circles but never land and devour our rights and rice bowls.

We should have change soon. Either way, present leaders must go, the nation shall grow.

If they remain, what can we do? At least i pray and hope they change one policy. The education policy. It is slow to adapt to reality of progress and it created zombies.

I am willing to help them. Many will. Just let us help change for the sake of our generations to come, but most importantly for the country we love.

Redhuan D. Oon

padi-malaysia

By rafida on July 28, 2008 11:49 AM

akum tun hopefully ur doin just fine.

I'm really proud of u always & 4ever. Teruskan menulis kerana saya amat suka dengan apa yang dicatatkan. Take care & may ALLAH bless u always.

By renee' on July 28, 2008 11:50 AM

Salam sejahtera Buat Tun dan chedet.com readers yang dikasihi semua..

Tun,

Secara peribada,saya menganggap catitan ini sesuatu yang sungguh menyentuh hati.Sebagai rakyat saya akui,kami mudah terlepas pandang perkara2 ini. Menbesar dengan kemajuan dan kemakmuran adakalanya buat kita terlupa dari mana asalnya kedudukan kita dahulu.Tersentuh hati bila menyedari betapa besarnya pengorbanan dan perjuangan pemimpin2 terdahulu dalam membangunkan negara.Saya dapat bayangkan bagaimana sukarnya keadaan yang harus Tun lalui detik itu.

Saya masih bersekolah bila Tun melancarkan Proton Saga.Walau ayah tidak berkemampuan utk memilikinya ( ayah saya berkerja seorang perajurit ).Setiap petang saya akan duduk disebuah bangku mengadap jalan raya ( tika itu kami tinggal di wardieburn kem ) bersama seorang teman sambil mengira proton saga yang lalu dari kedua2 arah.seingat saya,jika kiraan kami melebihi 50 unit,kami pasti akan ketawa keriang.Saya tak pasti kenapa,namun didalam hati terselit rasa bangga melihat kereta tersebut menghiasi jalan2 raya di negara kita.Itu kisah saya ketika bersekolah.

Tun , selama saya mengikuti blog chedet.com ini,terlalu banyak yang saya pelajari dari Tun,suka duka,tangis pilu sebuah perjuangan yang Tun tegakkan.lanya menbuatkan saya merasa Tun sangat dekat dgn saya.Sehingga hari ini belum ada seorang pun pemimpin yang saya fikir mampu menggantikan Tun.

Saya berdoaan moga Allah memanjangkan usia Tun.Saya senantiasa berharap saya tidak akan menjadi antara orang yang hanya akan menyesali ketiadaan Tun kelak,menghargai hanya setelah tiada.Terima Kasih Tun,utk kekuatan dan keberanian yang Tun semat dan tanamkan didalam hati2 kami.Kerana Tun,saya sangat2 menyayangi Malaysia.

semoga Allah senantiasa melindungi Tun seisi keluarga.InsyAllah.

By jeng3 on July 28, 2008 11:55 AM

salam Tun,

I am a Malaysian, I love Malaysia and I am willing to die for my country,although I was born in Singapore.  
to oversee,

You love Australia so much,I feel happy for you.One man's meat might be another man's poison.You go ask the aborigines what they think,but I'm afraid they might feed you to the crocs in the outbacks. Anyway do you have government-run Chinese schools over there,mate?

G'day!

By edmund chua on July 28, 2008 11:56 AM

Sometimes it really makes me wonder why there is so many issue in all the political party

1. PKR- Anwar Case
2. UMNO: Anwar Case(Dato Najib),merging with PAS case;SAPP
3. MCA: Many Leaving joining opposition party case,Team A & TEam B case
4. MIC: No Comment
5. PAS: Merging with UMNO case, lost confident on Pakatan Rakyat Case
6. DAP: Crisis with PAS, unsure of their pakatan rakyat now

Why so many scenario within 2 months time. How many can imagine all this can happen in less than 2 month?

Sigh....

By jeng3 on July 28, 2008 11:59 AM

salam Tun,

To kamal ahmad,I concur and fully support your views!

By Dr Novandri Hasan BasriAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 12:02 PM

Salam Tun,

Saya telah menulis satu artikel mengenai Anwar Ibrahim dan rakan-rakan beliau yang juga merupakan bekas pemimpin organisasi dunia.

Harap komen. Tq.

add : <http://novandri.blogspot.com/2008/07/bekas-pm-kanada-pejuang-anwar-ibrahim.html>

By sarb on July 28, 2008 12:14 PM

Salam Tun,

Very glad to have met you at SAHC 100 years Celebration. Happy to have shaken your hand and thanks for willing to join in our Class of 1973 group foto infront of the Hall.

This article is very well said and hope our present government could learn from the past leaders and make this beloved country of ours a much better place to live in.

"Hidup chedet.com" Best Regards/Baftim

By damndamndamn on July 28, 2008 12:20 PM

Dear Tun

I'm amazed at how you can attract young people to your blog. They are fighting for the thrill to be THE FIRST to post a comment.

I used to find this in celebrity blogs such as [www.kennysia.com](http://www.kennysia.com)

Looks like you have given all the celebrity bloggers a good run for their money!

I love Malaysia for all its ups and downs, geniuses and clowns, political tsunamis and economic quakes.

Even the developed countries like USA have their cheats and liars, banks that go under and jobs that dwindle. Only the people who can surmount hard times will survive.

I watched the programme "Life After People". I shall wait for Nature to get rid of all the undesirable humans and clean up the planet.

By ARZ on July 28, 2008 12:23 PM

Kepada Tun Dr Mahathir Mohammad yang di kasehi,

Salam sejahtera.....thank you from the bottom of my heart for this article and others as well....i can't help but cried after reading this article, more so after reading Nor Mohamad Yakob's on how you continuously steered Malaysia out of the '97-'98 crisis.

Semoga Tun akan sejahtera selalu dan terus menulis untuk memberi kesedaran kepada semua.

By lampu basikal on July 28, 2008 12:25 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

To uncle Shah prayers " OH Allah, I pray Thee that You extend the life and good health of our beloved Dr Mahathir n his devoted wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah in Iman and Taqwa. That he may be part of Your plan to help us (Muslims and non-Muslims), in Malaysia and elsewhere, find the true direction and strength. For have You not given him much wisdom and strength and knowledge for no purpose. For have You not given our beloved country, Malaysia, much riches, peace and harmony for it to be squandered. We beg of You, Oh Allah, the Most Beneficent and the Most Kind. You have power over all things. You who have knowledge of what is Good in front of us and the back of us, we seek your help. You giveth power to whom You chooses, You taketh power from whom You chooses. There is nothing that is difficult if You chooses for it to be easy. Make it easy for us, Oh Allah, in all things that bring us together, to be led by people that You have given the wisdom and knowledge and character of virtue and integrity. To Thee only, we beg of You". Aminnnnn Ya Allah

By Maruti on July 28, 2008 12:26 PM

Tun yang terhormat,

Negara kita sekarang memang lebih kaya dari dulu, maka sekarang begitu ramai orang yang sanggup berbuat apa sahaja untuk jadi pemimpin. Dengan adanya kuasa, kekayaan negara ini dibuat seperti harta kekayaan warisan mereka.

Pemimpin dahulu terpaksa berkorban tenaga dan wang ringgit sendiri untuk negara tetapi sekarang keadaan sudah terbalik, wang ringgit negara terkorban untuk saku para pemimpinnya yang lupa diri. Tun sendiri pernah menyesali sikap pemimpin-pemimpin kita yang terlalu taksab dengan wang dan politik wang ini.

Semakin kaya negara kita semakin ghairah mereka mahu mempertahankan jawatan mereka kerana mereka tahu dengan adanya kuasa mereka akan jadi lebih kaya. Mereka hanya tahu menghabiskan segala kekayaan negara tapi tidak ada satu idea pun yang boleh diharapkan untuk menghasilkan lebih

kemajuan dan kekayaan kepada negara. Mereka tidak punya wawasan langsung. Apa yang mereka tahu hanya untuk memenuhi kantong mereka.

Kalau negara kita tidak sekaya sekarang mungkin sudah ramai pemimpin yang ada sekarang mencari alasan untuk mengundurkan diri selepas kalah besar di PRU dulu.

Semoga Tun berdua sihat selalu. Sejarah juga akan mencatatkan bahawa Tun adalah PM Malaysia yang terulung.

By itcha70 on July 28, 2008 12:28 PM

Salam Tun..

Tun will always think 10-20 years ahead of any normal Malaysians (which includes our PM and ministers)...

Despite not to nominate Paklah, can we also nominate you...(I'm helpless in our political system...really)..at least by then we can further do anything that can make you to be our PM again...!You are the only one that can revive back our economy and standard of living. Nobody else can...

Wishing both of you in an excellent health!

By raizul on July 28, 2008 12:35 PM

Salam kepada semua pejuang bangsa,

Masih ramai lagi yang tidak memahami dalam perjuangan. Bagi saya Islam itu adalah cara hidup. Semua orang berhak menggunakan cara hidup Islam. Apa yang kita perjuangkan ialah hak orang melayu di tanahair milik kita. Dan Perjuangan menuntut balik hak-hak kita yang semakin terhakis dan hilang dengan berlandaskan syariat Islam. Kalau atas nama Islam, semuanya berhak menuntut haknya sebagai orang Islam termasuk semua bangsa. Tetapi atas perjuangan melayu kita menuntut hak-hak nenek moyang kita yang telah menduduki Tanah Melayu lebih 1000 tahun. Dan menegakkan syiar Islam itu adalah salah satu daripada perjuangan UMNO.

By subra on July 28, 2008 12:39 PM

Dear Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohammad,

It seems the current government wants the Mercedes Benz bought by Terengganu State Government to be used by foreign VIP visitors only. Malaysia produce our national car under Proton. If a foreign VIP is here to visit our country what must we show first? A very good first impression is the National Car of course. Why can't we promote our car to the VIP? Why must we put down our own product? History has nothing to do with this. We live our life on a day by day basis. Show of love for the country must be seen rather than talked because action speaks louder than words. Currently it is not happening in this country. Foreign workers have been taken care by the government compare to our local rakyat. Can anybody deny that? We must mirror ourselves first and work towards improving ourselves. Buying a Mercedes Benz is a very latest good example. It seems we are more prone to wear and use something from USA, German, Italy, France rather than our own product. It is a sad story to tell to our future generation of Malaysia. My beloved country.

By AloQStaQAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 12:46 PM

Assalamualaikum dan semoga Tun berdua sihat walafiat ...

Kasih sayang Tun kepada Negara Malaysia tidak dapat dinafikan oleh sesiapa pun di muka bumi ini.

Kami sebagai rakyat yang pernah mengecapi nikmat kesejahteraan dan kemajuan negara di bawah 22 tahun pemerintahan Tun amat mendambakan nikmat tersebut diteruskan oleh pemimpin-pemimpin selepas era Tun, tetapi sayangnya kini nampak jelas abDolah telah menghampakan kami semua rakyat Malaysia ...

Semoga abDolah cepat turun dan gantikan dengan pemimpin BN yang lain yang lebih berwibawa dan mampu membawa negara dengan cemerlang menuju matlamat Wawasan 2020 impian Tun dan seluruh Rakyat Malaysia.

Amin Ya Robbal A'laminnn ....

AloQStaQ  
<http://aloqstaqblog.blogspot.com/>

By raizul on July 28, 2008 12:47 PM

Salam Tun & Keluarga dan semua sahabat seperjuangan

Satu tindakan yang jitu perlu diambil segera untuk menyelamatkan Tanah Melayu. Pak Lah perlu letak jawatan atau disingkirkan. Ambil peluang mesyuarat cawangan dan bahagian UMNO untuk singkirkan Pak Lah. Sebarang usul yang menyokong Pak Lah adalah sebagai pengkhianat agama, bangsa dan negara.

<http://www.gagasanwarisan.blogspot.com/>  
By amirshah on July 28, 2008 1:07 PM

its amazing when u see all this things happening and u begin to not care.dangerous as it sounds that is the opiton all the young people has chose today.the danger comes when we have enough young malay subscribing to this opition, we will truly be a stranger in our own land.

By john on July 28, 2008 1:09 PM

Pada pendapat saya, walaupun pemimpin-pemimpin pada penggal ini mungkin tidak secermelang seperti zaman kegemilangan 1981-2003 malaysia pada satu ketika dulu, dari segi pengendalian ekonomi. Akan tetapi, terdapat juga banyak perubahan dari segi judiciary. kita boleh baca dari surat khabar bahawa, demi membasmikan rasuah, orang atasan imigresen dah kena ditangkap untuk soalsiasat. Kes-kes lain seperti penyalahgunaan kuasa, yang melibatkan Top-gun negara turut dijemput untuk membantu siasatan. Keputusan pengundian umum yang lebih telus. Scholarship JPA untuk semua rakyat malaysia dan sebagainya. Tindakan-tindakan yang diambil ini telah mengembalikan keyakinan rakyat malaysia sebagai satu bangsa yang bermaruah. Harus diingatkan bahawa, Malaysia adalah untuk seluruh rakyat malaysia, iaitu bangsa malaysia. Saya gelarkan Abdullah sebagai Bapa Demokrasi.

By moorish on July 28, 2008 1:11 PM

Tun, you've been up there for more than 20 years and I'm sure you can easily summarize this, why our country did not progress as it should've; given all the advantages against singapore and south korea?

We believe in who you know instead of what you know. And this people are there to serve themselves instead of the country. Just take a walk in KL and see how money are wasted in doing tourist promotion in places so secluded even locals cannot find these promotional booth.

The reason is simple, these are all small timer cronyism, and theyre plenty more in our govt.

So when are we gonna learn? or when is our BN gonna learn? or they've all this while never plan to learn?

By Xango11Author Profile Page on July 28, 2008 1:13 PM

I am impress firstly from your thorough description of "The Country We Loved" and Secondly from the long list of comments from your fans. Indeed, you are still very popular. We in Singapore love Malaysia too.

By MamatOversea on July 28, 2008 1:19 PM

We owe Dr. Mahathir much gratitude for what he has done for Malaysia over the last 22 years. Solving the financial crisis of 1997 - 1998 was just one, albeit perhaps the most important, of Dr. Mahathir Mohamad's many contributions to the nation.

On a personal note, over the last 6 years, I have come to admire this great man for his abilities, his high moral values and, most of all, for his sincerity. Certainly, a man like Dr. Mahathir Mohamad is not born everyday.

(23rd. October, 2003)

by Tan sri Nor Mohamed Article....

By mamazahara on July 28, 2008 1:20 PM

Yang dimuliakan Ayahanda Tun,

Saya terharu membaca artikel Tun.Terima kasih kerana mengingatkan kami semua & terima kasih jua atas apa yang telah Tun lakukan untuk Malaysia selama 22 tahun..

Adapun akal itu yang membawa kepada ilmu & sesungguhnya ilmu itu jua berkehendakkan akal.Jika tiada menerbitkan akal nescaya tiada mendapat ilmu.Hanya bertelunjukkan kepada orang lain.. Renung-renungkanlah wahai sekalian rakyat Malaysia..

Bertindaklah sebelum terlambat..

Paklah, KJ & kroni harus disingkirkan..

Sayang Malaysia,

Sayang Tun jua,

Selamanya...

By kimhong on July 28, 2008 1:22 PM

Dear Tun,

No matter what you did, right of wrong, from our perspectives, I always believe that you did it on one basis: You love Malaysia.

Thank you for your hard work.

By Jack Razak on July 28, 2008 1:23 PM

Hi All,

One thing we have to remember, kita tak akan ada satu lagi Dr.

Mahathir. Perancang dan penggerak ekonomi negara. History proff it

all. Pada pandangan, dia adalah merupa seorang yang paling layak bergelar ROLE MODEL dan POSITIVE INFLUENCE untuk anak-anak saya.Soalannya, sebagai seorang rakyat biasa macam saya dan keluarga saya,yang amat sayangkan negara ini dan bukan dari golongan yang suka pegi tunjuk perasaan atau seorang suka bermuka-muka dengan parti politik, bagaimanakah saya boleh lebih menyumbang untuk negara ini buat masa sekarang yang keadaan pemimpinnya, orang biasa seperti saya, kurang menghormati kepimpinan samada dari kerajaan atau pembangkang terutama sekali yang mendewakan Dato' Sri Anwar . Selain dari income tax yang saya bayar tiap-tiap tahun, pada pendapat Tun, apakah yang saya perlu lakukan lagi bagi memastikan saya merupakan seorang warganegara yang baik intuk Malaysia seperti Tun.

TerimaKasih.

By Be proud on July 28, 2008 1:26 PM

1. A nation need to be reminded its past history and its leader gives clear directives and paving path at the objectives of a nation.

2. Pak Lah is not strong to gather the Rakyat, how we should stand for as a Malaysian.
3. It's hard when a leader is considered 'not clever' and incapable, how he could be able to 'burn' our desire and motivation to stand together as Malaysian.
4. The only things Prime Minister of Malaysia are doing now are to fire fighting his own stupidity and struggle to justify why he should remain a Malaysian Leader.
5. As a rakyat, I don't see a clear direction of Malaysia. What we want to achieve and how. How we should contribute to Malaysia which has given us a lot ?.
6. I think, the starting point of all you should be proud of being a Malaysian, but it's not easy nowadays.

Who can bring us back together and be proud again ?

With 'unspirited' Pak Lah ... , it must be someone else....  
How long we have to wait .... 2 years ... .

Can anyone convince me, how in 2 years he can move things around. How in 2 years he will have more spirits and visions which he strictly fails to deliver during 5 years..... This is impossible because he has NONE!.

By annat on July 28, 2008 1:31 PM

I still love this country 'coz saya anak Malaysia but not so proud to be one anymore. Malaysia is not the same without u, Tun. Tak akan ada pemimpin seperti Tun yang memimpin negara dengan penuh dedikasi dan kasih sayang kepada negara dan rakyat. Keadaan sekarang sangat sedih dan menakutkan kerana merata-rata tak kira dari kerajaan maupun dari pembangkang hanya ingin memimpin negara semata-mata kerana kuasa dan untuk kepentingan sendiri.

By AnNisbah on July 28, 2008 1:34 PM

Salamun Alaikum Tun and all,

This is still my beloved country. I've been and lived overseas in some parts of the world (rich and poor) to witness how great this nation is. I wish all Malaysians could travel to see and believe it themselves. There is non at par with Malaysia. We have everything here.

To jalurgemilang57, I share your sentiments and rationale. The golden moments are now fast fading away after Tun stepped down and he seemed reluctant to step in. Are we being punished by him because of our ignorance and selfish attitude when many even from UMNO and BN elites had cursed him for calling Mr. Clean unclean and asked Tun to stay out of the way. "Hei Old man go back home and retire honourably says many. You are more of a cursed and father of all corrupters say some. You and your cronies are siphoning all the wealth for your family alone. Mega projects only benefitted your close aides and sons. Nepotism is your way of life. You even betrayed your anak mas by accusing him of sodomy because you are power crazed. Maha Firaun. Zalim. Kafir. You are not Malay but a Mamak. We all hate you!!". That was the actual words I heard in many news media and blogs. Insults and more insults. But little was there words of comfort and defense accorded to Tun. How many of us did gave words of encouragement to him? How many of us give our thanks to the past leaders? Until today we still hear some says it's their job to do so. But we forget that they were doing a good job then. But now?

Maybe now we should be punished. Or maybe he is punishing UMNO. I had punished BN in the last election by not voting any party. I've sinned then. But then again knowing that Tun is a good Muslim who never forsake his people, he will forgive us and lead us the way. He doesn't have to be the PM again, nor does he have to set up another new party, but his presence and advise would be highly sought after now.

I believe that in his greatness, he is humble enough to meet Pak Lah and seeks peace. I believe that in

his enlightened life he would recognise Nik Aziz's Islamic values no matter how the later thinks of his status in the Islamic faith. I believe in his strong Malay nationalism that he will admit to Karpal and Kit Siang that the Malays needed more of the other races in this country to move forward more than the Malays ever know it. I believe that although he is a cursed by many, he is loved and respected by many more.

So now the \$27million question is what are we going to do? The next PRU is too far away for us to use our individual power. Without Tun's unifying voice we are fragmented into many segments with differing perceptions. The enemy within lead by a drama king is closing in fast. The values we are proud of being humble but progressive and tolerant Malaysians are under threat by reformasi movements towards vulgar and offensive words being encouraged by the drama king. External forces are keen to see Malaysia failed as a multiracial country so that they can continue with their suppression of minorities within them by pointing fingers at Malaysia.

But there is this glimmer of hope because the unique tolerant Malay adat backed by Islamic fundamentals will ensure that this country will continue to be peaceful for all to live in. There is great strength in tolerance. Islam confirms this, as we should practice moderation and not extremism. The Malays must be united and strong. Malay culture prohibits the Malays from being arrogant and intolerant. To Party Khianat Rakyat, the election has passed and we don't need another election fever and waste precious time politicking and dragged the masses into the fray.

Thank you Tun for the reminders, I've got your message. Many were involved in this great nation building including other races. You are just a part of them. But you are the most learned. I hope you will continue writing our past legacy and I am sure many of us will learn and pick up the pieces. We don't need another hero. We are all heroes. Many of us were borned after 1957 and were too young to know the events and struggles of the past. So, let's begin by telling it to our neighbours and friends. Spread the word.

Wassallam.

By owlz on July 28, 2008 1:36 PM

By: Dr. Mahathir Mohamad

Today Malaysia is more prosperous than the other countries which attained independence together with us. There is not a single race, not a single person, whatever may be his or her station in life who can honestly say that he or she has gained nothing from the independent Governments of Malaysia.

Sure!! We are rich, prosperous, peace and hi-tech country after Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC), Cyberjaya, Putrajaya, Lembah Biotek Dengkil and a lot, a lot been launched under you. But what do we have under the Pak Lah? The Crystal? Eyes on Malaysia? Koridor Pembangunan without factual and obvious benefit? EERGGHH!!! We need a superior like you co-operate with brilliant like Dr Lim Chong Yah, an economist, and well-behave-knowledgable leaders to lead Malaysia than a corrupt leader that will suck our land dry!!!!

By pocong on July 28, 2008 1:42 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

I am not a blogger but I like to read around all bloggers, forums etc to keep up with situation in this love land. I want to comment on those Chinese and Indian that are not happy with our Perlembagaan which protect orang Melayu. They questioning abt Hak Istimewa Org Melayu, quota, agama Islam, diskaun beli rumah, bahasa Melayu, DEB and anything abt Melayu la senang cerita.

Sometime I feel these Chinese/Indian are getting too much over the line. Blame me racist never mind bt I just want to preserve my little Melayu value even though I AM NOT USING IT. A Right is always a right! I want the Hak2 Istimewa Org Melayu/Bumiputra in the Perlembagaan to be there forever as a

remark/reminder/remembrance/historical item/ or what ever it is so that we Org Melayu will never forget what we have tolerate ( not sacrifice ) in order to gain independence; to accept Chinese/India to be our Malaya citizenship. Being Melayu, this is our motherland.

In DEB we asked reasonable 30% although Melayu has 60% population. Yet what we achieved after 30 years is just 18%. But The Chinese and Indian not happy, they want ALL.

It is good that we have a Kontrak Sosial to be published. Let everybody know. Let Majlis Peguam know. We have Sekolah Kebangsaan and most of Melayu send their children there. Yet most of Chinese and Indian send their child to Chinese and Tamil school. Does Org Melayu bother about that? No we don't bother at all.

As a Malaysian ( those Chinese and Indian call ) we must be equal. But equal in what sense? We have a Perlembagaan, so we must be equal according to Perlembagaan Ia which preserve Hak-Hak Istimewa Orang Melayu dan Bumiputra.

Malaysia can only progress if Org Melayu are not left behind. Chinese may be richer but without Org Melayu their "richness" is just for themselves, not benefiting all. That's why Malaysia is a truly unique country, everybody ( Melayu, Cina, India, Kadazan, Iban, Singh etc ) are not going to get all what they want but they may live happily with the imperfection, with the inequality among us.

By telagiAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 1:43 PM

Salam bahagia Tun..

True Tun, We do love our country.

Great to read your writing another bloggers' comments too.

Meaning that we do and care very much about our country.

Really wish that you can compile all your writing and brilliant idea in a book for us to keep as reference for our next generations.

22 years in tenure will dry off your ink if you put it in writing, but I strongly believe you will do it coz you love your country..

To Sare Nande, just to spice up your comments, let me add up a little bit:

1. Indonesia > Mahathir > Little Sukarno

2. Swiss > Malaysia > Mahathir > Petronas > F1

3. Saudi > Malaysia > Mahathir Bagus > Malaysia Bole.

4. Beijing > Mahathir good

5. Singapore @ USA > Mr. Trouble Maker > Trouble to their "kiatsu" policies. It's a compliment (indirectly) to his capability actually.

Take good care of yourself SIR..and sir, can we rely on Mukhriz?

<http://telagi.blogspot.com>

By anakteja2 on July 28, 2008 1:46 PM

kami mencintai kepemimpinan, pandangan, wawasan dan arkitecture Tun, tapi kini bagaimana ngan suasana sekarang?

wasalam Tun

By kuthe2 on July 28, 2008 1:47 PM

Salams and May Peace Be Upon All Malaysians...

TUN - izinkan..

to T.. Yes T... and also DRZU.. Salute.! Mai sama2 menyanyi..?

All together NOW...!!! Aiiikk... BERDIRI LURUS dan TEGAK... lagi SEGAK....  
and 1 and 2 and

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NEGARAKU.....

TANAH tumpah nya Darah ku.....

RAKYAT hidup.. BERSATU dan MAJU.....

Rahmat Bahagia... TUHAN kurniakan.....

RAJA kita... SELAMAT ber Tahta.....

Rahmat Bahagia... TUHAN kurniakan.....

RAJA kita ...SELAMAT ber Tahta.....

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Tepuk...tepuk... tepuk... dan tepuk lagi sambil laung Allahuakhbar..! Tepuk lagi... Tepuk.....

Kalau tak da semangat MALAYSIA selepas nyanyi lagu ni.. taktaulaaaaaa...

Melayu Unite.!

TUN,

I pray for all to be filled with happiness and health.. MAY GOD BLESS US ALL..!

Salam and bowing...

Alif Ba Ta

By gohhoehoeAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 1:49 PM

Selamat sejahtera Tun Dr.Mahatir

100% setuju dengan ulasan yang berikut.

We have become very selfish and too materialistic. This country has given us much. Is it still the country we love? I wonder!

Konsep persyarikatan Malaysia yang diihamkan oleh Tun banyak memberi faedah kepada rakyat Malaysia. Salah satu contoh nya ia lah kejayaan petronas yang membawa kemakmuran kepada negara Malaysia.

Adalah baik nya kalau kita boleh belajar daripada Pengasas Lee

Foundation, Lee Rubber, Mr. Lee Kwong Chien yang menyumbangkan 1/3 daripada keuntungan

untuk kebajikan dan pembangunan pelajaran , 1/3 sebagai bonus untuk

pekerja nya , 1/3 untuk pembangunan syarikat nya.

yang ikhlas

HOHO

By Pointman on July 28, 2008 1:52 PM

Dear Tun,

Once again your thoughts are clear, concise and precise supported by tons of facts.

When I listen to Anwar, Badawi, Ku Li and almost everyone else I cannot help thinking : Alamak..depa punya bingong ni mai kut mana?

The PM babbles incoherently. Anwar still does not understand what he himself is saying. How does he expect others to understand him? Ku Li does not understand that living inside a copy of the White House cannot make him sound like a white man. Mu kecek, kawe susah nok pehe.

Then we have the Mercedes in Terengganu, UMNO liwat Pas, Anwar jadi calon Kulim (subject to a Court case pula) and so on. All endlessly wasting time.

The real news is that the price of palm oil has dropped 25% from RM4000 a ton to RM3000 a ton in just one month. That is billions lost from our earnings. The other news is TNB is screwing the consumers thru its billing. People are beginning to complain that TNB is not being fully honest.

Power rates are going up. Unemployment is increasing. The Govt says inflation is now at 7.7% (last quarter). This is either dishonest or flippant. Ikan Kurau at Bangsar sells at RM28 per kilo. Last month it was RM20 per kilo. That is almost 35% increase in price.

Tun we need to declare a state of economic emergency for say five years. For the next five years, we need to suspend completely any requirement for permits, APs, licenses, etc to own and run a taxi, stage buses, set up factories, open a business, hang up a signboard, set up a bank, finance company etc. In short we need to suspend the regulatory restrictions especially against the non bumiputras.

As a concerned citizen worried about the peace, security and harmony of this country I really fear that if this brain dead Govt continues its brain dead way of doing things in an increasingly more difficult economic situation then we are certainly screwed.

The bumis and the Malays are screwed because their capacity to earn an income will be severely tested. If we do not free up the economy now there will be not enough jobs, money and opportunities in the economy.

This is exactly what you have spoken about in your comment above. Its all about creating jobs and opportunities and creating wealth.

If we do not do this, then there will be trouble in the realm.

By Malaysian on July 28, 2008 1:52 PM

I remembered those years. I worked for many years before I left for overseas to fulfil my dreams as a pilot. Many attempts join the then only malayan airline was unsuccessful. At 55 years, I came back to Malaysia ( I still visited every year and is still Malaysian) to collect my EPF. I was told I don't exist and had no EPF savings. Based on my calculation, I should have about a little over Rm 100,000. That's alot of money for a retiree. I wrote a total of 35 emails and letters to EPF but no response. I visited EPF 15 times but no avail. I even wrote to you after getting info on how to reach you but no response. Either your aides blocked my mail or you just don't care about the average man who had been "CHEATED" by the GOVERNMENT. I renewed my passport as required and my IC whenever required but EPF says I still don't exist. Tun, all I am trying to say is many Malaysians had been and is still being cheated by the Government esp when the EPF uses our funds to invest in WASTEFUL Government projects and "BAIL out" failing Government investment. I am one of the hundreds of thousands who suddenly do not exists when we turned 55 years

old. Malaysian has come along way but the Government we elected are still like feudal lords. As PM and ex PM, every malaysian should have been important to you. I saw with my own eyes that you favoured only your cronies (many were my friends and school mates). Would you now stand up and fight for those of us who had lost our EPF (actual money and though bad government investments). Remember this money was and is still used to "HELP" Malaysia grow to what it is today. Do something for us average citizens for a change instead of attacking everyone. All you write in your blogs are just blames, self serving articles. Stand up and write in your blogs admitting all your mistakes and how it made things bad for Malaysia. THEN YOU CAN STAND UP AND CRITICISE all you want as you now have all the rights after coming clean. Something tells me that you took an attacking and offensive stand as you are headed towards a very defensive position. You have these high numbers visiting your blogs only because people love reading all the "cow dung" about politicians including yourself. Nothing in the blogs has in any way help Malaysians except entertaining themselves. Your time has come and gone even in UMNO. By the way I am back in Malaysia in retirement but Rm 100000 less fund for my retirement.  
By nacsoib on July 28, 2008 1:57 PM

We need capable leader and capable team member for malaysia.

Tun, in ur point of view what criteria should hv for leader? and what kind of criteria should hv for the member in the team? Who are them in our country now?  
By renaissance2013 on July 28, 2008 2:01 PM

Assalamualaikum dan salam warganegara..

Buat Tun sekeluarga, doa saya semoga berada dalam keadaan sihat walafiat.

Buat warga chedet.com, salam pertalian saya hулurkan, semoga kita sama-sama dapat mengoptimalkan impak chedet.com ini kepada sesuatu yang positif untuk negara.

Dan buat warganegara Malaysia, saya tujukan khas bait-bait senikata yang mewakili maruah, pusaka dan persamaan kita sebagai warganegara Malaysia.

Negaraku  
Tanah Tumpahnya Darahku  
Rakyat Hidup Bersatu dan Maju  
Rahmat Bahagia Tuhan Kurniakan  
Raja Kita Selamat Bertakhta

By hajiman ibrahimAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 2:06 PM

Ybgh Tun,  
Kejayaan dan kemajuan hingga ketahap mana pun Malaysia sapai, namun Melayu dah hilang (Hampir) tanah airnya. Kini kita menyanjung pula pemimpin yang begitu perihatin dan simpati dengankaum pendatang ini.

Dah hampir tiada maknanya lagi Tun. Kelak kita akan jadi Pelastine.

Doakan kebahagiaan Tun sekeluarga.  
By ramanphdAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 2:13 PM

salam Tun

1) Sejarah sebenarnya banyak mengajar kita untuk menjadi lebih matang, dewasa dan berpengetahuan. Sejarah bukan setakat mempelajari kisah silam saja, tetapi yang lebih utama ialah mendorong generasi kemudian memastikan sejarah itu (samaada peristiwa pahit atau manis) dijadikan teladan dan pedoman.

2) Sama ada kita setuju atau tidak, kebahagiaan dan keamanan yang kita kecapai sekarang, sebenarnya adalah hasil jerih perih dan titisan darah pejuang zaman dahulu. Bagaimanapun, apabila semakin diulit pelbagai kemewahan dan kesenangan, jasa-jasa pejuang lama terus dilupakan. Akhirnya, generasi baru sendiri akan menjadi 'buta sejarah' dan menjadi rakyat yang tidak mengenang budi.

3) Proses sejarah berlaku dalam semua bidang, sama ada ekonomi, sosial, mahupun politik. Untuk orang yang mahu berfikir, sejarah adalah 'guru' kepada mereka. Bagaimanapun, bagi mereka yang tidak menghargai sejarah, mereka kelak akan menjadi orang-orang yang rugi kerana banyak bertindak berasaskan kepada fakta dan logik semasa saja.

4) Sebagai contoh, DEB yang diperkenalkan oleh kerajaan selepas kejadian 13 Mei 1969 adalah untuk menangani ketidakseimbangan pembahagian ekonomi di antara kaum. Disebabkan kesan daripada dasar pemerintahan British terdahulu iaitu 'pecah dan perintah', ekonomi orang-orang Melayu ketika itu begitu jauh ketinggalan berbanding bangsa lain, walaupun mereka adalah tuan kepada negara ini. Justeru, DEB ini telah mendapat persetujuan daripada rakyat keturunan lain di negara ini.

5) Bagaimanapun, selepas hampir 40 tahun dilaksanakan, hak DEB ini dipolitikkan semula oleh pembangkang. Malah, yang mendukacitakan tindakan pembangkang ini sendiri mendapat sokongan daripada individu Melayu yang 'bercita-cita besar'. Inilah akibatnya jika segala tindakan berpanduan kepada logik dan fakta semasa (kononnya sebagai rakyat Malaysia, mereka mempunyai hak yang sama). Jika bertindak tanpa mengkaji sejarah (mengapa DEB itu diperkenalkan), perbuatan itu akan 'mencetuskan' semula peristiwa berdarah 13 Mei itu.

6) Begitu juga apa yang berlaku dalam politik Umno sekarang, berapa keratkah pemimpin mereka yang benar-benar menghayati perjuangan pemimpin Umno dahulu. Pemimpin dahulu sanggup bergolok-bergadai, bekerja sukarela siang dan malam untuk parti, dan apabila meninggal dunia, harta yang ditinggalkan hanyalah 'jasa dan nama'. Bagaimanapun, bagi pemimpin sekarang (rata-rata adalah pemimpin muda), kehidupan mereka begitu mewah sehingga kadang-kadang menimbulkan kesangsian bagaimana mereka boleh kaya dalam masa yang singkat. Pendek kata 'pemimpin dahulu berkorban harta dan nyawa demi parti, tetapi pemimpin sekarang sibuk pula mengumpul harta.'

7. Sekarang mesyuarat Umno cawangan sudah bermula dan bahagian pula akan dimulakan Oktober depan. Justeru, bagi mereka yang menghargai sejarah, pilihlah calon-calon yang dirasakan boleh membawa kebaikan dan keberkatan kepada parti. Jangan tersalah pilih atau mengikut arus semasa, kerana sejarah juga telah membuktikan bahawa kesilapan memilih pemimpin, akan membawa negara ke lembah kehancuran. Kita tidak mahu disebabkan pemimpin yang lemah dan menjadi kebencian masyarakat, sejarah kejatuhan empayar Kesultanan Melayu Melaka berulang kembali.

Fikir-fikirkanlah. Wassalam.

By blessnation on July 28, 2008 2:14 PM

Our beloved Tun,

I almost cried reading this article..

You always said it right and to the point..

Malaysia is still the country we love.. But it will never be the same like before when you were at the helm..

Many scenarios have changed & we rakyat suffered a lot now especially economically..

I wonder whether our kids will have the securities & the priviledge in future like we had.

There's nobody quite like you Tun!.

By kamimelayubaru on July 28, 2008 2:16 PM

Salam Tun,

It is the most saddest article from you...  
By drzu on July 28, 2008 2:17 PM

SALAM TUN,  
SAYA NAK TANYA, KENAPA KOMEN-KOMEN UNTUK BLOG MEI DAN JUN SUDAH TIDAK ADA?  
KALAU ADA PUN 1-10 KOMEN SAHAJA.

APA TERJADI?  
By dev on July 28, 2008 2:18 PM

Kepada Tun Dr.Mahathir,Selamat Sejahtera  
Tun, ini merupakan kali pertama saya menulis dalam Che Det setelah mendaftar.Tun saya amat berharap Tun akan membaca isi hati saya yang telah lama terpendam terhadap Tun.Saya seorang berbangsa India yang amat mengagumi serta sentiasa mengikut perkembangan politik Tun.Saya sering akan mengatakan pada anak-anak saya 'The One And Only Leader of Malaysia' is Tun Dr Mahathir Mohammad.Sebagai warganegara Malaysia, kami sekeluarga berasa amat bangga dengan segala kemajuan yang telah Tun membawa kepada negara.Setiap kali saya melihat Petronas Twin Tower ,saya akan berhenti sejenak untuk merenung kembali zaman kegemilangan Tun.Sekian Terima kasih.  
By warisanpang5Author Profile Page on July 28, 2008 2:25 PM

Slm YABhg Tun Dr. Mahathir "Bapa Kegemilangan Malaysia"...

Tun, tiada lagi perjuangan berteraskan kesejahteraan bangsa, agama & negara.Yg kaya bertambah kaya, yg sederhana menjadi papa, yg miskin bertambah miskin. Jangankan niat untuk membasmi kemiskinan malah untuk mengurangkannya pada kadar sekecil 0.5% pun mungkin "jauh panggang dari api" sekiranya para pemimpin 'rakus dan hipokrit' masih terus memegang tampuk pemerintahan negara.

Keperihatinan rakyat umumnya dan para penyokong UMNO khususnya menjadi penentu seandainya kita percaya bahawa masih belum terlambat untuk kita, tidak lagi 'Mudah Lupa' agar 'Perjuangan Yang Belum Selesai' berada pada landasan yang betul untuk memastikan 'Malay Dilema'...tidak lagi menghantui kita !!!

Takkan Melayu Hilang Di Dunia....

Wasalam..  
By AZIF on July 28, 2008 2:37 PM

Tun,

"The Country we love" - excellent and very touching from zero to where we are presently.Tun your vision for Malaysia to be a develop country by 2020.Bersih, Cekap & Amanah. The translation in english would be Clean,Efficient & Trustworthy.Tun this motto if one would look deeply and have the understanding of unselfishness and very applicable till presently.

How we wish this is follow through after you step down as our PM.

AAB has changed while being the PM. Chermelang, Germilang & Terbilang.The translation in english would be Sucessful,Outshines & Uncomparable.This motto correct me if I am wrong is more of personal and individualist and very selfish and more of being like self driven.AAB vision is 2057.

Tun please continue with the history lesson that was read by most.I admired the results and feedback received.What astonished me most was how the other countries leaders and people admired Tun and respected for Tun,example your cup that you had your tea in China was kept,placed in the displayed cabinet by those getting them.

Unfortunately this is very different in our country where you govern previously.Tun the way they treat you, as though you are no more existing in the country we love. Why ? Salam Tun. I'm one of Tun strong supporter.

By kaychin on July 28, 2008 2:38 PM

Dear Tun,

I love Malaysia, but why "UMNO-PAS" talk? It hurts our feeling.

The rakyat is unite but why some leader, who should be uniting us, is trying to ruin it?

Why separate while we should unite our strength for global challenge?

By zaidi suhaimi gilongAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 2:40 PM

Salam sejahtera Tun.

Of course we still love this country, Malaysia.

We in Sabah we also want to cooperate with the federation of the country.

It's a very complicated politics especially in Sabah and it's getting to a point where we cannot predict how would the 'MALAYSIAN' be in orderly systematically govern.

I fear that if we keep on progressing by maintaining the old fundamentalism that we should improvise to gain longitivity of becoming a dynamic communities according to the way of Islam policies.

It's in our RUKUNEGARA that kept us in balance as a multiracial country.

We want what the legacy doctrine in the first place from the beginning of the INDEPENDANCE OF MALAYSIA.

We have been forgotten because of the system that always undetermine and bias that comes to a point that only the 'fast slicer' can get thru the majestic of it all.

Nobody are perfect but we do it our way until we should be able to balance the economics situation so we sometimes modest but conservatively liberator in mannerly ordered according to various acts and policies that libers the choosen and balance the modests.

My plan is we must be very progressive but modest all the time so that our emotion can be conquered as professional as the way Islam did.

I thank you Dr.M for this very wonderful country, Malaysia and I hope that someday we Malaysians will find the breaking point to the mission of MALAYSIA FOR MALAYSIAN.

Salam sejahtera Tun.

By angelinajolie on July 28, 2008 2:41 PM

To Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad and all CheDet.Com bloggers,

Previously I revealed the truth about the Mission of the Unseen..."The Bilderberg Group"...today I am begining to realise why Anwar Ibrahim is so confident that he will be the next Prime Minister of Malaysia.....

Wolfowitz to head arms control panel

PAUL Wolfowitz, an architect of the war in Iraq in the Bush administration who became World Bank president only to resign in a pay scandal, has been named head of a US government advisory panel on arms control.

The State Department announced Mr Wolfowitz's appointment as Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's chairman of the International Security Advisory Board (ISAB).

The ISAB is "a source of independent insight, advice, and innovation on all aspects of arms control, disarmament, nonproliferation, political-military issues, and international security and related aspects of public diplomacy.

"The ISAB provides analysis and insight into current issues of interest for the secretary on a regular basis," the department said.

Mr Wolfowitz has been serving as a visiting scholar in foreign and defence policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute, where he studies development issues.

Mr Wolfowitz, widely credited with raising Africa's profile in the World Bank's lending activities, agreed to leave his post on June 30 in the face of accusations he violated bank rules in arranging a promotion for his girlfriend, a bank employee.

Mr Wolfowitz consistently argued that he had acted in good faith in the matter.

Under President George W. Bush, he served as deputy defence secretary where he was a proponent of the 2003 US-led invasion of Iraq.

In his decades of public service, he was also undersecretary of defence for policy, US ambassador to Indonesia, assistant secretary of state for East Asia and Pacific affairs and director of policy planning at the Department of State.

By beforedark on July 28, 2008 2:43 PM

Thank you Tun.

Your touching article.

My country my love my struggle.

By jeggy on July 28, 2008 3:01 PM

Dear Tun,

We are all proud of the Country we truly love. Most of the actions taken by the past leaders have been excellent and truly rewarding. The objectives of the New Economic Policy (NEP) were sincere and to a large extent already achieved.

However, Tun, please clarify as to why the NEP has been misconstrued amongst many Leaders as meant to eradicate poverty only for one race when actually it was meant to eradicate poverty amongst all Malaysians irrespective of race, creed and culture.

Tun, I hope with your sincerity, true sense of justice and being a elder most respected Statesman, you can put the picture right, so that everything is put in the right perspective. As it is right now the NEP is being abused to make the rich richer and that too at the expense of the poor Malaysians of all races, who are in dire need of basic necessities and amenities.

All poor people are looking forward to Tun's assistance on this issue. The poor are being deprived of "Roti, kepaada aur mekaan" or translated literally it means "bread, clothings or shelter"

We love the Country truly and the Country's Leaders too should love the citizens truly, irrespective of race creed and culture. Actions must speak louder than words and justice must prevail for all Malaysians irrespective of race, creed and culture.

By kuntaujatuh on July 28, 2008 3:09 PM

Dear Tun

Harap dapat ulas dan komen cadangan GABUNG UMNO DAN PAS DALAM SATU PARTI BARU.

I think it is a very interesting development.

Dah lama saya tunggu perkara ni, iaitu untuk menyatukan org Melayu dan Islam di Malaysia. Ini sesuai dgn cara Rasulullah S.A.W. mempersaudarakan kaum Aus dan Khazraj dan kemudian kaum Muhajirin dan Ansar sebelum tertubuhnya Negara Madinah.

Selama ini musuh Islam amat gembira dan tak perlu risau kerana sesama umat Islam pun bergaduh sesama sendiri. Dulu PAS kafirkan UMNO, sekarang Salafi kafirkan org lain, tak abis2. Itu belum kira grup2 lain yg kecil tapi bahaya seperti anti hadis, islam liberal, syiah, ajaran2 sesat, kumpulan jihad militan dsb. Gabungan PAS - UMNO akan jadi satu milestone penting bagi umat Islam.

Ideanya baik, cuma pelaksanaannya perlu dirancang dgn teliti. Baik untuk masa depan The Country We Loved.

Bagi saya, hanya agen2 barat dan golongan ta'assub saja yg takkan terima idea ini.

By nusams on July 28, 2008 3:13 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Brilliant, what else can I say.

In reply to the person by the pseudoname 'oversee'; well, I'm glad that you're happy in Australia. As for us Malaysian here, we still have lots of work to do, lots of sacrifices and contribution to give to this beloved land. So, we can't just pack and leave beloved Malaysia like you. After all Malaysia just gained its independence 50 years ago. How old was Australian independence? That's right, Australia has never been colonised, infact it was a European settlement back in the 18th century which has always benefited from of its 'mother' coutry, the UK colonial profits. So comparing Malaysia to Australia is like comparing a slave(who is now free) to its slave master. Thank God for independence.

Oh by the way, hows the aborigines doing? I hope they're doing as well as you and the rest of Australian are, especially when it comes to basic things like human rights. Well thats all, as we Malaysian have work to do, perjuangan belum selesai.

Back to you Tun; take care, may Allah bless you.

Wasalm

By Suffering RakyatAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 3:23 PM

Dearest Tun,

It cannot be denied that Malaysia is a much loved country. No other country is greater than Malaysia.

The people running the country currently only care about politics and nothing else. The country is in already bad shape yet they are only concern about bickering and back-stabbing other politicians.

If Terengganu excoms want the cars so much, let them have it but they must do their job SERVING THE PEOPLE!! Not joyriding in their new toys till kingdom come.

All the talks about improving rakyat's lives are only that....blank talks. I want to see some action being done to improve the economy and security on the streets.

Malaysia is a far too beautiful country to fall behind other neighboring countries in terms of development, but sadly we will be if this circus is allowed to go on.

By nuriman on July 28, 2008 3:26 PM

Salam Tun,

Ah, The Country We Love. How beautiful it sounds. But do we really love our country? The feeling was different then compared to now. Those days the love for the country was strong. Everyone was struggling towards a common goal and that is to develop the country.

Now, seems that the soul and spirit of yesteryears have vanished and the leaders of today are more concerned about fulfilling their personal agenda rather than thinking of the nations wellbeing. I remembered a quote that stated "Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely".

Good health to you, Tun.

By zaman on July 28, 2008 3:27 PM

Tun Salam sejahtera untuk TUN dan Keluarga.

PAK LAH UNDUR LAH TUN KEMBALI LAH MEMIMPIN KAMI.

Tun jaga kesihatan agar terus dapat berjuang.

By wayang kulit on July 28, 2008 3:36 PM

we malays, have given so much of our right to the other races yet still, they don't ever appreciate it & keep asking for more. i wonder why?

By sabahkiniAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 3:42 PM

Hai Raizul,

Tidak kira BN atau PKR yang meneraju kerajaan ketuanan Melayu tetap kuat. Dalam artikel baru ni saya terbaca sebenarnya selepas PRU12 kuasa Melayu bertambah kuat berbanding PRU11 dengan pertambahan 1 kerusi daripada 121 kepada 122 kerusi. Perlantikan MB Perak adalah satu contoh menarik bagi menyokong hujah ini.

UMNO lemah tidak bererti Melayu lemah oleh itu tidak semestinya setiap orang Melayu/Islam perlu menyokong UMNO. Masalah yang wujud sekarang adalah sesama Melayu menjatuhkan Melayu lain disebabkan ideologi politik dan kepentingan peribadi/kroni. Saya kira jika peristiwa 13 Mei berulang (nazubillah) orang Melayu pasti akan bersatu padu dengan mengenepikan fahaman politik dan kenegerian.

Walau bagaimanapun saya lebih suka pendekatan pentadbiran yang tidak mengenepikan soal hak individu sebagai warganegara Malaysia yang dimokratik (?). Kerajaan seharusnya menyelesaikan masalah kemiskinan di Malaysia tanpa mengira latar belakang keturunan dan agama. Golongan miskin ini seharusnya dibantu melalui peluang pendidikan (biasiswa), peluang perniagaan dan sebagainya. Kita sedar ada yang miskin dalam kaum India, kaum Cina, Melayu, di Sabah dan juga Sarawak.

Nota: Saya bukan ahli mana-mana parti politik di dunia.

"Jangan jadi seperti Hang Lekiu, Hang Kasturi atau Hang Lekir... Jadilah Hang Jebat atau Hang Tuah".

By Chuck68 on July 28, 2008 3:49 PM

Good day to you Honorable Tun,

God speeds Tun & Tun's family.

As a Malaysian, I feel proud, I feel wonderful, & I feel good. Malaysia's name now a day is well known, because all races worked together to make what is Malaysia is today.

Somehow, all the effort eventually will be going down to the drain because, the "Rakyat" leader is more worry of the "Status" being challenge. The leaders put their own thing priority prior to the "Rakyat". The leaders have forgotten "Rakyat Malaysia".

Untuk mahu mendapat pencapaian seperti hari ini adalah sangat susah. Permintaan kepada Peminpin pemimpin Negara Tercinta Malaysia, jadikanlah Malaysia satu tahap lebit tinggi daripada kini. Bersama-sama "Rakyat Malaysia", berjuang untuk Keamanan, Keadilan, & Kewangan. Perjuangan tidak saja di UMNO sahaja tetapi Perjuangan untuk semua kaum kaum Malaysia.

Terima kasih,  
Chuck68  
By ikhwan on July 28, 2008 3:58 PM

Dear Tun,

Please apologise me for using your blog to thank a comment by

By angelinajolie on July 28, 2008 9:50 AM  
Dear CheDet.com Bloggers this is what a Jew thinks about our FATHER OF THE NATION TUN DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD AND MY VOTE GOES TO OUR FATHER TUN DR. MAHATHIR.....I WILL STAND BY YOUR SIDE TUN, DON'T LET THEM TAKE OVER OUR COUNTRY THIS SEPTEMBER 2008.....

by Dr. Moshe Yegar  
Published October 2006 Jewish Political Studies Review 18:3-4 (Fall 2006)

Malaysia: Anti-Semitism without Jews\*

This is so obvious that Tun really helps Muslims and really fight for the Muslims. Unlike Anwar who work together with the Jews. As the write up is published in Israel, my conclusion is Anwar must be so important to Israel now. No wonder they are so against Tun and so pro Anwar. Orang Melayu lain especially PAS tak tahu ke. Nik Aziz tak ada orang yang tolong translate English pada dia ke? Tak tahu lagi ke orang Malaysia peranan Anwar .

By Maha on July 28, 2008 4:05 PM

Salam kepada Chedet dan pengikut fanatik Chedet,  
Aku berdoa supaya Mahathir Muhammad dipanjangkan umur supaya beliau sempat diheret ke mahkamah dan dibicarakan setelah kerajaan PR dibentuk tidak lama lagi. Aku yakin Mahathir terlibat dalam konspirasi BUSUK ini. Berikut adalah petikan dari Malaysiakini.

Doctor: No evidence of sodomy

There is no evidence that Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan was sodomised, according to the doctor who examined him four hours before he lodged a police report alleging he was sexually assaulted by PKR leader Anwar Ibrahim.

It is believed that Anwar's former aide Saiful (left) went to two different hospitals on June 28 - the day he lodged the police report claiming that he was sodomised by his ex-boss.

He first went to Hospital Pusrawi (Pusat Rawatan Islam) in Jalan Tun Razak - a government-linked Islamic medical institution - at about 2pm.

According to a copy of the two-page medical report obtained by malaysiakini yesterday, Saiful went to the hospital complaining of 'tenesmus' - a medical term for difficulty and pain in passing motion.

He was examined by Dr Mohamed Osman Abdul Hamid, the medical officer on duty.  
The doctor said that the patient had alleged he was assaulted by the intrusion of a piece of "plastic" in the anus.

Mohamed Osman, according to his medical report which was recorded at 2.14pm, found "zero active bleeding", "zero ulcer or pus", "zero tear and scar" in Saiful's anus.

He also stated that Saiful appeared “alert”, “comfortable”, “not pale” and did not show any fever symptoms.

A senior Pusrawi official told malaysiakini this morning that the hospital had launched an internal investigation on how Saiful's medical report was leaked, which is widely considered as a major infringement of patient privacy.

When malaysiakini showed him a copy of the report, he refused to return it saying, "It's our document."

A check at the emergency unit where Mohamed Osman is attached revealed that he has taken leave since last week.

Meanwhile, Pusrawi general manager Wan Mahmood Wan Yaacob refused to comment on the matter.

### Conflicting medical reports

Mohamed Osman, in his report's concluding remarks, advised Saiful to go to a government hospital so as "to rule out" assault and sodomy.

At 6pm on that day, Saiful went to Hospital Kuala Lumpur for his second medical examination. He subsequently lodged a report against Anwar at the police beat at the hospital.

According to an expert who has dealt with rape and sodomy cases, the victim must provide a second medical examination in a government hospital.

She said the court will only accept evidence from a government hospital but the first medical examination must collaborate with the second report, otherwise this could be challenged during the trial.

“From the report, the doctor had failed to find any evidence to support the patient’s complaint. That was why he asked the patient to go to a government hospital to conclusively rule out assault or sodomy,” said the expert who requested anonymity.

It is learnt that the police have recorded statements from Mohamed Osman after Saiful lodged the report against Anwar.

The doctor was said to be under tremendous stress as a result of the police interrogation and was advised by the hospital to take leave.

Mohamed Osman, a Burmese Muslim, has 20 years of experience as a doctor. He previously worked in government hospitals before joining Pusrawi about a year ago.

Efforts by malaysiakini to contact Saiful has not been successful.  
By Empangau on July 28, 2008 4:06 PM

Gudday Tun & fellow bloggers,

Pemimpin & para YB sekarang bak kata seperti MONYET DIBERI BUNGA... SEPERTI TIKUS MEMBAIKI LABU...hahahahah buat rosak MALAYSIA saja...

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Borneo Head Hunter.. OOOO HHAAAA!!!!  
By angelinajolie on July 28, 2008 4:24 PM

Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad.

Lies and more lies from Former US Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz.....

Wolfowitz: Iraq occupation ended in 2004  
Tue, 29 Apr 2008 22:08:10

Former US Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz  
Former US Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz has claimed that the occupation of Iraq by American forces 'ended in June 2004'.

"I'm afraid that the label occupation sticks to us even to this day, although the occupation ended in June of 2004," said the Iraq war architect at Hudson Institute Monday.

Wolfowitz said the Bush administration biggest mistake in Iraq was 'maintaining an occupation government for over a year'.

The former defense official was presumably referring to the June 2004 act of 'officially' transferring sovereignty to the Iraqi government.

Wolfowitz, however, refrained from acknowledging the presence of some 150,000 troops still stationed in the oil-rich Middle Eastern country.

The 64-year-old politician has been hailed as 'a major architect of President Bush's Iraq policy and, within the administration, its most passionate and compelling advocate'.

By Tengku Muzaffar on July 28, 2008 4:31 PM

Dear Tun,

It was an excellent piece of writing "The Country We Love". From this notion of saving Malaysia from utter destruction in the future, i felt it is my duty to put forward the desired essence that the people of Malaysia wished.

This country, currently and during this time in history, does not need 'leadership' or 'permimpin'. We need a clear and sound polical foundation in which Malaysians should have pride upon as we the people in this 21st century has created one of the progressive government system. Its a SYSTEM of governance not LEADERS of governance we need. Thus personalities such as Abdullah Badawi, Anwar Ibrahim should not be an issue. we should be a new civilization that can pick and choose the people who will manage this country and not lead it towards destrutrions.

I love Malaysia and most importantly the Malays. We should be a race that should show the world a new way and not follow the likes of American Imperialism. We should pick what is good for us and throw what is bad for us. Tun we the people of Malaysia is quite fedup with the way the country is being led. We are no fools and the government should not treat us like one. The government should not think they are 'teaching or leading' us, what they should think and feel priviledged is that they should 'SERVE' us. So start serving and not leading.

The Opinions of November 1968 if I may guess were writings of people who want to serve and not lead. Hope you will be able to understand the opinion of the Malaysian people today as for almost 40years the sense of freedom has not yet been felt by us especially 18 million Malays. We need to do something now as we only have 10- 20 years until Malaysia is economically colonised and lose our independance again but this time our civilization will be wiped out.

By entahlah on July 28, 2008 4:32 PM

Dearest Tun,

...really a very touching write-up on our history. Air mata keluar pun tak sedar. Thanks so much sir.

Warmest regards to you and your family. Wassalam.

P/s I do love my country, that's the reason why I've spent time to read your writings because I am damn sure your love for this country and her people is so great that you take time to write all this things to educate us, to make us a better people. Kalau org lain, bila dah pencen surely malas nak ambik pusing. Not you sir and for that I'm sure many of us are very thankful to you. Keep on writing...

By Benderbuzz on July 28, 2008 4:48 PM

Salam Tun.

Peranan utama kita sebagai rakyat Malaysia adalah untuk memastikan tanah air ini terus aman, makmur dan sejahtera. Walau apa keadaan sekalipun kita perlu mempertahankannya kerana itulah tanggungjawab kita.

Kegemilangan dan kemajuan negara terletak pada bahu kita bersama. Jika kita mahu dilihat sebagai patriot, maka kita perlu berani bertindak mematahkan apa jua cabaran, rintangan dan dugaan dari pelbagai aspek sama ada ekonomi, politik dan sosial.

Kita di ambang krisis. Dengan kelemahan pucuk pimpinan yang ada yang gagal mengenalpasti ancaman. Malaysia semakin tergugat dengan maruahnyanya bagai diinjak-injak.

Kenapa kita perlu merendah diri kepada negara yang cuba merendah-rendahkan kita. Kenapa perlu dilayan Singapura seolah-olah kita memerlukan mereka sedangkan apa yang nyata sebaliknya. Kalau tidak kerana kelemahan kepimpinan, masakan mereka begitu berani mengeluarkan kenyataan yang menyakitkan hati.

Kita perlu bertindak! Mulakan dengan pengambilalihan Rumah Api Pulau Pisang. Notis sebulan sudah memadai. Apakah tiada rakyat Malaysia yang mampu mengendalikan rumah api?

Hentikan segera dan batalkan kontrak penjualan pasir dan tanah kepada Singapura. Kerajaan mesti prihatin dengan situasi seperti dilaporkan di media baru-baru ini yang lori-lori bebas melintasi tambak atau Linkedua membawa bertan-tan pasir.

Batalkan saja projek Iskandar Malaysia. Kenapa perlu bersusah payah demi orang lain sedangkan mereka sudahpun memiliki aset-aset hartanah dengan banyaknya terutama sekali di Melaka dan Penang.

Pucuk pimpinan yang lemah akan hanya menyebabkan negara kita terus dilanda bermasalah. Yang pasti setiap ahli UMNO mesti dipertanggungjawabkan (accountable) di atas segala masalah yang berlaku. Kejahilan mereka memilih presiden UMNO akan mengakibatkan negara ini terus hancur. Jika anda seorang patriot, bertindaklah sekarang. Presiden dan Timbalan Presiden mesti dicabar.

Lihatlah pada sejarah.

SIAPA KITA HARI INI ADALAH HASIL KEPUTUSAN KITA PADA MASA LALU DAN SIAPA KITA NANTI ADALAH HASIL TINDAKAN KITA SEKARANG!

By bujangAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 4:49 PM

Tun,

Dengan izin;

SAN,

1. I am Malay, and I come from a working class family living in a kampong. At times, I had cursed myself for being Malay in this country, as I have to work doubly hard to attain recognition and acceptance from my non-Malay bosses, colleagues and/or collage mates, as we are known to be lazy, indisciplined, and stupid. I am not welcome to work with non-Malay companies because I am A MALAY as well as not welcome in Malay companies because I am not related or connected to either the owners of these companies or any of the Royalties, Ministers, VIPS, etc, etc. Where were those privileges/advantages you were referring to by being Malay? I believe being non-Malay in this country has more privileges/advantages than the Malays, as at least you could continue to complain about 'YOUR MISFORTUNE' on the NEP!

2. The "Affirmative Action" you were referring to was and is still necessary lest you would want "the Racial Tragedy 1969" to repeat, or "the Ethnic Cleansing in Indonesia" to occur here... I believe you are intelligent and mature enough to let this matter go! Let it be, as by the end of the day, it is all about pluses and minuses here and there... Let us be POSITIVE, AND BE THANKFUL that here, at least for the last 33 odd years, we have been blessed with a peaceful and economically sound country, as opposed to some of our neighbouring countries...

3. Compare this country to that of our immediate neighbour, you would realize that WE ARE SO BLESSED! An ideal world only occurs in your mind! Let us be realistic, and live within our means. However, if you still feel that "the grass is greener on the other side", I am sure that the majority of us here would not be missing you...

By sktan on July 28, 2008 4:53 PM

Salam Ayahanda Tun, Wish You And Entire Family Well.

neil , We are also chinese. We dont need you to 'BARK' for us.  
All we need is for you to SHUT UP. You stinks, and dont act hero.  
By the way, Which Breed of Chinese Does You Belong to?'Recalcitrant'

Ayahanda Tun, each time I read your marvellous comments, I've got this to express :

We Will Not Vote BN, Long As These Doll-Lah and Fools Are At Helm.

Take Care Ayahanda Tun. And dun get upset. Not worth it.

By kor korAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 4:55 PM

All of malaysian regardless of race or religion have contributed to the nation's development and success. But when Malaysia have become rich, the Barisan gov under Abdullah administration seems to only acknowledge certain race's contribution and undermine the others. The others including the pendatang' have been with Malaysia during good or bad times. But yet, they are not considered equal.

By ray77light on July 28, 2008 4:55 PM

Dearest Tun

It is clear that you still care.

We hope that the Umno members have a conscience and DO the right thing.

We pray you remain in the pink of health for us to continue to hear from you.

By inthemiddle on July 28, 2008 4:58 PM

it was reported that based on medical examine report from Pusrawi Hospital where Saiful has made medical check on sodomy against him, no evidence that Saiful has been sodomised..

Check it out the latest newss...pls refer to Raja Petra's blogs for immediate info..the scanned copy of the said medical report is attached..

By rakyatengah on July 28, 2008 5:00 PM

Assalamualaikum,

Dear Tun & All,

Tidak kita nafikan sumbangan yang telah dilakukan oleh orang-orang terdahulu. Malah sebagai hamba Allah yang bersyukur, saya amat-amat berterima kasih dengan apa yang telah dilakukan. Dan seharusnya mendapat pujian sebesar-besarnya dari seluruh rakyat.

Pemerhatian & Pengalaman Tun berkaitan ekonomi sebelum & selepas merdeka mungkin boleh di jadikan teladan dan sempadan buat semua rakyat. Rakyat akan bersetuju untuk mengiakan apa yang telah diperkatakan dari sudut logikal akal dan sekulariti. Tetapi negara yang rakyat terdiri dari majoriti muslim, akan menerimanya sebagai ketetapan Allah terhadap perancangan manusia. Rancanglah sehebat tamadun uthmaniah, sekali tuhan ingin menukar seseuatu kaum dgn kaum yang lebih baik pasti akan ditukarNya.

Bukan untuk menafikan kenyataan tapi hakikat yang berlaku pasti menunjukkan kekuasaan Allah. Kita boleh hanya berbicara logik akal, seperti yang disusun cantik oleh Tun, tetapi rancangan tetap rancangan bukan sesuatu ketentuan. Saya setuju dengan tun Dasar/polisi yang dibentuk digubal oleh orang orang terdahulu telah membuat kita pada hari ini. Tetapi persoalannya adakah dasar yang terlh di hasilkan berlandaskan akidah kepada Allah. Atau ia hanya sekadar hanya berlandaskan hanya rasa tanggung jawab terhadap negara dan rakyat, lebih memegang kepada logik akal berbanding ayat-ayat tuhan didalam kitab dan sunah-sunah Nabi Muhammad s.a.w..

Kita sering mempersoalkan rakyat yang sering tidak menghargai apa yang telah pemimpin lakukan. Tapi pernahkah kita menilai diri masing masing selaku pemimpin, pernahkah kita menghargai apa yang Allah swt anugerahkan melalui Nabi Muhammad s.a.w. untuk umat manusia. Logik ini tidak pula di ambil kira. Mungkin kiranya saya "point" kan disini lebih dari 34 isi dari sudut ekonomi. Pokoknya bukan dasar itu dibina atas "apa" org dahulu telah buat.

Ekonomi

Politik

Keselamatan

Hal ehwal luar

dan macam macam lagi.

Dasarnya punca dari mana.

Masih lagi berpegang kepada  $1+1=2$ ?

atau ia telah berubah kepada "Tiada tuhan melainkan Allah & Nabi Muhammad itu Pesuruh Allah"?

Apa-apa jalan untuk rakyat meniti semula kehidupan yang lebih baik bergantung sepenuhnya kepada kekuasaan Allah swt. Kalau keadaan sekarang lebih baik untuk org sekarang, kita berdoa ia dan diperbaiki. Tetapi sekiranya kerosakan dan kekacauan yang berlaku ini, satu ujian untuk kita semua berubah, kita doakan semoga kerajaan yang ada akan berubah kepada kerajaan yang halatujunya lebih lurus dan lebih baik. Sesungguhnya Engkau lebih Maha mengetahui.

Sekian, Terima Kasih.

By owlz on July 28, 2008 5:02 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun...

Besides the quote we love Malaysia, what's the point if the CURRENT government DONT love Malaysia, and if they have made really damned much profit, and profit again also getting much more profit for their own chronies and family (anak-beranak).

I give you the simple thing - Petronas has paid RM67.6 billion to the federal and state governments represented 63.1% of the group's profit. WOOHHOOEE!!! And Petronas will pay a special dividend of RM6 billion to the government this year, announced by Petronas president and chief executive officer Tan Sri Mohd Hassan Marican.

by: Tan Sri Mohd Hassan Marican

"We don't need that much to reinvest for the future, so, we are able to increase our dividend for the government," he said at a press conference.

Okay, that's the point - RM67.6 billion + RM6 billion .... That's the big point okay.... Where Did This Money Go? Isn't that they can take / use / pour that money to the rakyat for stabilize our oil price? At least the price is not going to reach RM2.70. For range of RM2.30-2.40, I think the rakyat is already happy enough. So, is anybody hold / play / keep / abuse that money? Who? To whom the Petronas handed that money? And why do we have to suffer even we are the petroleum producer? Even the oil price is hiking, isn't that Petronas also will be much much richer and generate more income? Then the Petronas also, sure from RM67.6 billion, can hands to government up to... might be RM72-75 billion. So then, the rakyat will be getting comfortable with the help from government based on Petronas.

That's all my posting. Salam from University of Malaya supporters of Tun. Take care Tun.  
By mizburma on July 28, 2008 5:04 PM

Salam Dearest Tun,

I wish you the best of health and may Allah protect you from any harm.

I hope that you will continue to write and your writings and wisdom are shared by all Malaysian who care about this beloved country.

I hope the current PM and his 'boys' listen to the messages you and many other Malaysians are trying to tell them (their skulls are soooo thick, that they could not care less what is happening to the country....!)

My advise to AAB, Najib, and all future leaders of the country -  
DO NOT 'SELL' YOUR COUNTRY. LOVE IT, PROTECT IT WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT.  
THINK OF ALL THE SACRIFICES OF OUR FOREFATHERS. DON'T LET IT BE WASTED....

Love you Tun, salam to dearest Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah. May Allah bless you both  
By kroolaznizam on July 28, 2008 5:08 PM

Salam TOkdet...

Kepada semua rakyat jelata, bersatulah demi negara kita yang tercinta Malaysia...

Demi bumi bertuah ini, tolak kepimpinan Abdullah Badawi (pengkhianat agama, bangsa dan negara)...

Kepada Kamal Ahmad,

Pendapat yang bagus! saya bersetuju dengan Hak asasi orang-orang Melayu....

Salam Tok  
By writerAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 5:10 PM

Salam Tun, saya ada terbaca artikel yang menyebut "There is no evidence that Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan was sodomised, according to the doctor who examined him four hours before he lodged a police report alleging he was sexually assaulted leader Anwar Ibrahim." Boleh tak Tun ulas. Boleh percaya ke laporan doktor tersebut.

There is no evidence that Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan was sodomised  
By jojo51 on July 28, 2008 5:11 PM

It will take another century to have a great leader like you. May God bless you.  
By TDM Admirer on July 28, 2008 5:26 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun yang disayangi,  
Kami semua, generasi muda kini amat2 lah perlu pengetahuan seperti yang Tun berikan ini..  
kenapa lah kerajaan sekarang seperti tak ambil pusing tentang hal ini,  
Hai..

Semoga Tun dan isteri sihat sentiasa.  
By acomAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 5:48 PM

Tun,  
Saya bersyukur kerana malaysia telah ditadbirkan dengan baik oleh orang2 yang memegang kuasa memerintah, terutama orang melayu yang berada dalam kerajaan sejak kita merdeka. kalau tidak ade segala perancangan yang jelas dan sungguh2 , orang melayu lagi teruk di himpit kesusahan . Bangsa lain yang tamak dan yang dah kaya dengan kuasa ekonomi tetap tidak mengakui kita orang melayu, tanah melayu, perlukan bantuan atau handicap(mcm main golf) yang banyak supaya boleh sama sama hidup dengan sempurna.  
kalau tidak dengan tawaran masuk sekolah asrama penuh tahun 60an saya rasa , hidup saya skang mungkin setakat kerani atau keje kg je. bapak saya toreh getah. Guru2 yang dikg tidak mengajar saya dengan sungguh2.Nasib saya baik sebab pemimpin melayu pada waktu itu sudah sedar perlu nya pendidikan yang baik untuk orang kita.  
Masa 1980an di tubuhkan asb dibawah era Tun untuk melayu merasa sedikit sebanyak keuntungan dalam ekonomi negara.Syukur.

Di Dunedin 1973 New Zealand ,ada 300 pelajar m"sia, hanya 10 pelajar melayu , sume anjuran mara , atau jpa dan colombo plan, 290 yang lain pelajar cina dan beberapa India. Depa sume amik Bachelor of com atau law dengan duit sendiri. Bertapa kaya nya mak bapak mereka. Tapi pada waktu tu sibuk kempen termasuk Paul Watson (kiwi) menentang kerajaan mesia kerana memberi bangsa melayu mcm2 keistimewaan. Mereka memang tamak, bangsa tak ada hati perut, walhal mereka jadi kaya datang ke tanah melayu.

Itu tahun 1973-1975 semasa anwar ibrahim sibuk wat hal , ini dah dekat 40 tahun , tetapi banyak lagi jurang perbezaan kemampuan orang kita apabila nak membeli hartanah, rata 2 melayu maseh belum berjaya. mereka dah estalish dulu rangkai agen dan sole agen susah nak ditebusi, buat lah fama, pernas ape ke. maseh melayu x leh tembus.Nasib baik lah skang ade Hypermarket yang dipelopori oleh syarikat2 di bursa saham ,  
Jadi rakyat sekarang , majoriti berbelanja dipasaraya, jadi apa juga perkembangan ekonomi yang melanda harga barang akan dirasai oleh rakyat jelata tanpa mengira bangsa.  
Kalau dulu lain lah sebab kedai 2 dipunyai oleh satu bangsa , disini tidak timbul perasaan perkauman. Oleh itu kerajaan sekarang mesti fikir dari sudut perasaan semua orang. Inilah yang BN/UMNO lupa. Kerajaan mesti laku sesuatu supaya rakyat tidak di himpit kesusahan dari kenaikan harga barang serata dunia.  
Rakyat dah tension oleh itu , kerajaan dan kaki tangan nya jangan lah buat rakyat lagi bengang dengan berbagai saman, tak habeh 2 dengan saman, tahan sana sini, sekat sana sini, membazir waktu orang , tenaga dan duit.  
contoh polis atau jppj kalau nak cek roadtax ke lesen ke apa2 , jangan lah menyusah kan orang lain. A Apalah salah nya tunggu kat tol ke atau trafik light ke dimana orang mesti berhenti tapi tak mengganggu orang lain dengan hal masing2. Tak payah la buat sekatan jalan raya nak tunjuk lagak.  
By MJ on July 28, 2008 5:50 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Below is the statement taken from Dr. Khir blog which I think need to make known to others especially to young generation.

UCAPAN PRESIDEN MIC merangkapMENTERI KERJAYA RAYA, POS DAN TELEKOM, TUN V.T. SAMBANTHAN DI DEWAN RAKYAT PADA 1 JUN 1965.

"Now, in 1955 we won the elections with a great majority. Then we obtained freedom in two years time. During this period, we had to discuss citizenship and various other things. Now what did the Malays do - since we are speaking on racial lines - what did the Malay leadership do? They had 88 percent of the electorate still with them. What did they do with citizenship?

If we look around in Asia and East Asia, particularly, you will find that my race the Indian race, is not welcomed in Ceylon, is not welcomed in Burma. Look at my brother Chinese race, it is not welcomed in Thailand, in Vietnam, in Cambodia, in all the other areas. What help do they get for citizenship in all these territories? In Burma, as we know, Indians have been sent packing, in Ceylon they refused them citizenship and in Burma it is likewise. I know it, you know it. And yet in Malaya what happened? Here we found that the Malay leadership said, "We shall take them unto ourselves as brothers, we shall give them full opportunity to live in this country, we shall give them every opportunity to become citizens." And so, in 1957, for the whole year, we waived language qualifications, and tens of thousands of Indians, Chinese, Ceylonese and others became citizens...

As I said, it has been my great good fortune to have been born in this country. Where else can you find a more charitable, a more polite, a more decent race than Malay race? Where else can you get such politically decent treatment for any immigrant race? Where else in the history of the world? I ask you. These are the facts. Who are you to safeguard us? I am 10 percent minority race here. But I am happy here."

By AnNisbah on July 28, 2008 6:01 PM

Salamun Alaikum Tun and all,

This is still my beloved country. I've been and lived overseas in some parts of the world (rich and poor) to witness how great this nation is. I wish all Malaysians could travel to see and believe it themselves. There is none at par with Malaysia. We have everything here.

To jalurgemilang57, I share your sentiments and rationale. The golden moments are now fast fading away after Tun stepped down and he seemed reluctant to step in. Are we being punished by him because of our ignorance and selfish attitude when many even from UMNO and BN elites had cursed him from calling Mr. Clean unclean and asked Tun to stay out of the way. "Hei Old man go back home and retire honourably says many. You are more of a cursed and father of all corrupters say some. You and your cronies are siphoning all the wealth for your family alone. Mega projects only benefitted your close aides and sons. Nepotism is your way of life. You even betrayed your anak mas by accusing him of sodomy because you are power crazed. Maha Firaun. Zalim. Kafir. You are not Malay but a Mamak. We all hate you!!". That was the actual words I heard in many news media and blogs. Insults and more insults. But little was there words of comfort and defense accorded to Tun. How many of us did give words of encouragement to him? How many of us give our thanks to the past leaders? Until today we still hear some says it's their job to do so. But we forget that they were doing a good job then. But now?

Maybe now we should be punished. Or maybe he is punishing UMNO. I had punished BN in the last election by not voting any party. I've sinned then. But then again knowing that Tun is a good Muslim who never forsake his people, he will forgive us and lead us the way. He doesn't have to be the PM again, nor does he have to set up another new party, but his presence and advice would be highly sought after now.

I believe that in his greatness, he is humble enough to meet Pak Lah and seeks peace. I believe that in his enlightened life he would recognise Nik Aziz's Islamic values no matter how the latter thinks of his status in the Islamic faith. I believe in his strong Malay nationalism that he will admit to Karpal and Kit Siang that the Malays needed more of the other races in this country to move forward more than the

Malays ever know it. I believe that although he is a cursed by many, he is loved and respected by many more.

So now the \$27million question is what are we going to do? The next PRU is too far away for us to use our individual power. Without Tun's unifying voice we are fragmented into many segments with differing perceptions. The enemy within lead by a drama king is closing in fast. The values we are proud of being humble but progressive and tolerant Malaysians are under threat by reformasi movements towards vulgar and offensive words being encouraged by the drama king. External forces are keen to see Malaysia failed as a multiracial country so that they can continue with their suppression of minorities within them by pointing fingers at Malaysia.

But there is this glimmer of hope because the unique tolerant Malay adat backed by Islamic fundamentals will ensure that this country will continue to be peaceful for all to live in. There is great strength in tolerance. Islam confirms this, as we should practice moderation and not extremism. The Malays must be united and strong. Malay culture prohibits the malays from being arrogant and intolerant. To Party Khianat Rakyat, the election has passed and we don't need another election fever and waste precious time politicking and dragged the masses into the fray.

Thank you Tun for the reminders, I've got your message. Many were involved in this great nation building including other races. You are just a part of them. But you are the most learned. I hope you will continue writing our past legacy and I am sure many of us will learn and pick up the pieces. We don't need another hero. We are all heroes. Many of us were borned after 1957 and were too young to know the events and struggles of the past. So, let's begin by telling it to our neighbours and friends. Spread the word.

Wassallam.

By DennyAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 6:13 PM

Dear Tun and readers,

The time of mono party(ruling party) could be quickly coming to an end. Is that good or bad for the rakyat?

However, as a famous person once said, "no matter whether it is a black or white cat, what's more important is that it catches mice"..

That being said, I am wondering whether under the current constitution of UMNO, it is possible for a non malay (and non Islam) individual to become a member?

Yours respectfully,

Denny

By nadzriAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 6:25 PM

Is it still the country we love?

Yes, it is.

The problem is with the current leadership.

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

By add on July 28, 2008 6:41 PM

Assalamualaikum,,, Yang Berbahagia Tun Dr Mahathir dan Tun Dr Hasmah...

Disini saya ada satu cadangan mengenai saranan Datuk Murshidul Am Pas,tentang penubuhan parti baru. Saya mencadangkan "why not" Tun Dr Mahathir yang akan menerajui gerakan dan reformasi parti

tersebut memandangkan Tun Bukan nya ahli UMNO sekarang, jadi saya rasa amat bertepatan sekali langkah ini didahului dengan Tun yang memulakan langkah keramat ini.. Ini kerana saya merasakan Tun sahaja akan boleh membuat satu rancangan jangka masa panjang untuk kestabilan negara demi anak cucu Tun serta rakyat yang berbaharapkan lanskap politik negara subur sebagai mana sesubur dan sesuci niat murni Tun semasa mentadbir negara...

Saya amat berharap kerana apa???? kerana setiap satu-satu tindakan yang akan diambil oleh Tun , Tun akan berfikir kesan -kesan kepada semua rakyat dalam negara,,,bukannya selepas cakap baru nak kaji dan nak maklum itu dan ini.... Skian wassalam semoga kehidupan TUN berdua diredhai dan di rahmati ALLAH...Amin....

By hamdanTeluk Intan on July 28, 2008 6:43 PM

Salam Tun,

Adakala saya juga akan mengeluarkan kenyataan racist..itu pun jika ada pihak yg persoalkan itu dan ini. Apapun saya menghargai bangsa2 lain yg sama membangunkan negara.

Setyiap kali menyanyikan lagu negara ku...hati teringatkan zaman kegemilangan malaysia di bawah Tun...hati ini menjadi sebak.

Rasanya telah bertahun kami tidak dijaga..terbiar dan bertelagah sesama sendiri..sesama bangsa malaysia.

Doa dan harapan agar Tun terus sihat dan berjuang hingga ke hembusan nafas terakhir....terima kasih Tun!!

By truth/benar on July 28, 2008 6:54 PM

sjankan bercakap seolah-olah beliau bersifat pendendam dan marah atas pentadbiran Tun sehingga ia melupakan jasa Tun dlm usaha memajukan negara. Bacalah mana-mana sejarah dunia, utk mencapai kejayaan dan kesatuan bangsa dan negara, sifat tegas dan sifat memberi keutamaan kepada rakyat perlulah diutamakan tanpa perlu menoleh ke belakang lagi. Lihatlah bgaimana emperor Cina terpaksa berperang menakluk wilayah-wilayah negara Cina bagi menyatukan empayar Cina yg bersatu. Begitu juga dgn The Great Elexander, Kublai Khan dll. Dlm konteks Malaysia sbg negara Asia yb baru 50 thaun merdeka, maka saya berpendapat apa yg Tun lakukan adalah betul dgn meltakkan kepentingan serta keselamatan dan kestabilan negara sebagi keutamaan. Soal kehakiman adalah salah satu aspek dlm pembentukan negara. Negara yg belum matang spt Malaysia perlukan seorang pemimpin yg dapat mengikat sistem kehakiman dan perundangan negara agar selari dgn polisi pentadbiran dan kemajuan kebanyakan rakyat, asalkan tidak menyimpang. Kuku besi mesti wujud bagi memastikan semua bangsa di Malaysia dapat hidup tenteram. Adakah saudara sjankan melihat ramai rakyat negara ini dibunuh dan dizalimi oleh pemerintahan negara spt yg dapat dilihat di kebanyakan negara lain. Pernahkan saudara tidak makan atau keluarga anda tidak menikmati kemudahan hospital & pendidikan kerajaan. Adakah saudara dan keluarga selamat berjalan dan melancong di negara ini? adakah saudara penganggur? Di zaman Tun, kadar pengangguran rendah, semua selamat. Sekarang ini, lihatlah...terlalu fleksibel, itu bebas ini bebas sampai undang-undang tak dihormati. Keadaan negarapun jadi cemas, pelabur dah makin tak yakin dan macam-macam lagi. Adakah ini yg dimahukan sjankan. Fikir-fikirkanlah..

By johndoe on July 28, 2008 7:05 PM

tun,

history is important to educate our citizen as many are uninformed. not many writers who would be able to do as tun does...

By Freddie KevinAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 7:17 PM

Dearest Tun,

We reminisce and we appreciate all that you've done. For all those kacang who have forgotten the kulit, well now they are getting the peanuts from monkeys. My late uncle Alfonso Soliano while driving one day thru Segambut many many years ago remarked. "see all the shops mostly Chinese not one Malay". What

he meant was that business were mostly altogether in the hands Chinese community. It was not a racist remark against the Chinese but to point out the lack of Malay traders at that time. He always said that the Malays were our bangsa as well. My views on the NEP are here  
<http://ffreeddiiee.blogspot.com/2008/07/ketuanan-melayu-and-nep.html>

Happy thoughts and wishes to you and your family  
By lian on July 28, 2008 7:28 PM

Dear Tun

A brief and concise outline of economic history. Your viewpoints as sharp as always. Hopefully I am able to find Dr Lim Chong Yah's "The Future of Malaysian Economy" to learn more.

Thanks to Zahar for providing the link to THE FINANCIAL CRISIS OF 1997 - 1998 By Nor Mohamed Yakcop. It makes us to love you more. Everyone should read.

Best wishes

By Ashar\_BabilahAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 7:43 PM

Terima Kasih Tun

Kita semua rakyat amat menyayangi Malaysia. Malaysia dijadikan negara yang serba boleh, sehingga jubur saiful dapat mengemparkan nama malaysia.

Kita rakyat amat menyayangi Malaysia. Ingin kan malaysia keluar dari belenggu Umno. mengikut jerjak langkah Tun.

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

By OrangLama on July 28, 2008 7:51 PM

A selfish and materialistic politician promotes the creation of an artificial environment in his drive for power and position. What we want is an honest, political visionary and stoical leader.

Oh. Jangan lupa tak semestinya orang politik saja. Kita semua serupa. Sistem persekolahan kita hanya hendakkan anak Melayu berjaya cemerlang dalam kerjaya, kurang tumpuan kepada pembinaan akhlak mulia. Tiap2 tahun cerita pelajar cemerlang tetapi tak tentu yang cemerlang ini sanggup berkorban untuk anak bangsa akan datang bila berjaya nanti. JPA boleh bagitahu kepada kita semua berapa ramai anak Melayu yang diberi biasiswa enggan pulang berkhidmat di Malaysia? lebih teruk lagi menentang dasar ekonomi baru yang telah memberi faedah kepada dia/anak2 dan kaum keluarga terdekat.

Berapa ramai siswazah Melayu yang terhasil DEB betul2 ikhlas nak bantu orang Melayu. Tengok cikgu sekolah, apa dah jadi dengan remaja lelaki Melayu. Tak minat mengajar jangan mengajar. Budak lelaki sekolah menengah memang nakal. Kalau tak tahan tekanan jangan kerja guru. Cikgu permepuan jadi surirumah lebih baik. Kita dah teramat kurang budak lelaki Melayu yang berkualiti.

Pensyarah2 Melayu, apa hangpa buat? Hasil didikan hang pa dah sampai world class ke? sekurang2nya boleh bersaing dengan bukan Melayu di Malaysia dah kira cukup baik.

belum cerita pegawai2 jabatan kerajaan lain., kebanyakannya Melayu. Apa semua ni? Dua kali lima macam ahli politik juga? Cuma barangkali duit sikit.

Sorry Tun, saya sekali sekala boleh naik angin tengok gelagat orang melayu. Saya harap saya masih perangai Melayu zaman aruah bapa saya. Kalau tidak terjun sama2 lah kita semua.

By dospenang on July 28, 2008 8:15 PM

SALAM,

1. Selepas 2 hari lamanya menunggu, saya rasa sangat berbaloi kerana tulisan TUN di atas adalah di antara terbaik yang ada setakat 3 bulan blog ini bermula.

[b]2. Satu yang pasti, betapa tajamnya pemikiran pemimpin terdahulu mengenai soal masa depan MALAYSIA.

3. PEMIMPIN TERDAHULU BEGITU BIJAK DAN SENSITIF DAPAT MENYATAKAN DAN MENYUMBANGKAN IDEA DAN BUAH FIKIRAN YANG BERNAS LAGI TEPAT BERSESUAIAN DENGAN EKONOMI, POLITIK DAN SOSIAL DI MALAYSIA UNTUK 20-30 TAHUN AKAN DATANG.

4. PEMIKIRAN STRATEGIK BAGI PERANCANGAN MASA DEPAN "MEMBUKTIKAN KEBENARAN KREDIBILITI DAN KALIBER SESEORANG INDIVIDU SEBAGAI PEMIMPIN"

5. Secara jujur, ADALAH AMAT RUMIT UNTUK Mencari 'A TRUE LEADER' ATAUPUN PEMIMPIN TERULUNG YANG DAPAT MEMBAWA KESEJAHTERAAN KEPADA NEGARA DAN RAKYAT.

6. Bijak pandai berkata PEMIMPIN TERULUNG HANYA WUJUD SEORANG DALAM MASA 100 TAHUN.

7. Tetapi terdapat ramai lagi pemimpin hebat lain yang dapat memimpin sesebuah negara menjadi maju dan terus bergerak ke hadapan.

AHMADINEJAD adalah contoh pemimpin yang hebat dari Timur Barat memimpin negara terus maju walaupun menghadapi tekanan sekatan ekonomi dan tidak bergantung dari negara besar US juga sekutu-sekutunya.

8. Begitupun kebergantungan kepada pemimpin yang membuat keputusan berdasarkan situasi semasa untuk 1-2 tahun akan datang tanpa melihat masa depan hanya bakal membawa padah dan kerugian kepada negara dan rakyat jelata.

9. Keadaan ini membuktikan PEMIMPIN TERSEBUT BUKANLAH PEMIMPIN SEBENAR TETAPI ADALAH HANYA LAYAK BERGELAR EKSEKUTIF KELAS DUA.

10. Rakyat bijak dapat membezakan PEMIMPIN SEBENAR dan EKSEKUTIF KELAS DUA yang saya maksudkan.

11. Jadi MENJADI TANGGUNGJAWAB RAKYAT MENOLAK MEREKA YANG DIGELAR EKSEKUTIF KELAS DUA UNTUK TERUS BERKUASA.

KEPADA TUN,

"SAYA MOHON TUN BINCANGKAN CALON2 PENGGANTI YANG ADA DAN UMNO EGM AKAN DATANG."[/b]

APA-APA PUN TERUSKAN MENGUNDI MENOLAK PAK LAH SUPAYA MELETAK JAWATAN:

<http://www.PetitionOnline.com/PakLah/>

VOTE SEGERA DEMI MALAYSIA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

WASALAM.....

By zaki\_77 on July 28, 2008 8:16 PM

Denny, I believe that a multi-party rule impedes development and is an obstacle in charting a unified

approach to development. If you take S'pore as an example, a single party rule since it's independence has done well. As the saying goes "too many cooks..." -

I agree that it is very plausible the opposition can shown better governance. The BN of today is a hodge-podge of incompetent and clueless leaders and it will take a fresh approach from the younger and more dynamic people to lead.

We know that "mr clean" AAB is now longer clean. Where Anwar was eager to become PM and openly prompting the sale of Malaysia to foreigners with his naive grasp of economics and foreign policy; here we have a sleep-walking PM who will sleep-walk the country into unmitigated disaster. We also have a deputy PM who is trying everything in his power to stop anyone else becoming PM but himself!

Anwar will not be charged, this is clear from the desperate attempts by UMNO to forge links with PAS as they see the latter as being the lynchpin that can make or break Pakatan. PAS will not be stung from the same hold twice (re: their past bitter experience with UMNO) - So we remain in uncertain times, blindly leading Malaysia into the unknown.

By WHY BEE BANGI on July 28, 2008 8:17 PM

Salam Tun,

Apa yang cuba Tun paparkan ialah manusia yang berfikiran jauh, menganalisa keadaan dan mencari jalan keluar. Kita sedang dilanda satu keadaan yang tidak menentu hingga ada yang seolah olah putus asa dan merayu agar Tun berbuat sesuatu. Tak kan Tun boleh berbuat semuanya, sampai bila???

All of us who love this country can and will do whatever it takes to survive. With or without power. With or without Tun. With or without NEP or whatever..

50 years have gone, 1968 (40 years ago).....that's history! Do we have to go through it again? YESSSSS and from zero.

Wassalam and good night.

By AjaQ on July 28, 2008 8:19 PM

Why can't Pak Lah say something like this?

By paizmyAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 8:28 PM

Salam Ayahanda Tun dan semua rakan

Permit me to share this on chedet.com. This is on Bloomberg.

What's so frustrating about Malaysia is the obvious potential. Its natural-resource-rich economy has achieved great things in the 50 years since independence from Britain. Twenty-five years ago, this was a tropical backwater. Today, Malaysia's modern, skyscraper-filled capital is home to the world's tallest twin buildings: the Petronas Towers.

Yet the world is moving ahead at a rapid pace, hastened by the rise of China and India. It won't wait for Malaysia, and the current scandals preoccupying the government are coming at the worst possible time. Malaysia should be acting boldly to increase its global competitiveness.

Nations as diverse as China, India, Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam are working to raise their global influence. Five years from now, any of these economies might harness specific advantages, from low costs to human capital to technology, to challenge Malaysia's growth prospects.

How true above said. PL failed! His SIL and the 4th floor goons are ruining the country. The country is in trouble. The economy is in shambles. What is to become of our future? During your time, this would not have happen!

Ayahanda, atleast it mentioned your achievement, The Petronas Twin Towers! And it mentioned the 50

years of 'great things'. That we all should be proud off.

Salam

paiz

By paizmyAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 8:38 PM

Salam Ayahanda Tun dan rakan-rakan

Sorry ayahanda. Off topic sikit. Permit me.

KUALA LUMPUR (AFP)--Malaysia's opposition figurehead Anwar Ibrahim said he aims to return to parliament for the first time in a decade this year, and will run in a by-election if a judge orders the seat contested.

A high court in Kedah state will hear a challenge on August 19 asking it to invalidate the result in a seat that was won by his Peoples' Justice Party in the March 8 general elections.

Anwar said Sunday if the court declares the result null and void he will contest the ensuing by-election. "My plan is to contest in the Kulim-Bandar Baharu seat. I am optimistic of victory," he said.

Is he planning to create a political dynasty in Malaysia? He's entire family in politics? He's wife is an MP and so is his daughter. Many thought that either his wife or daughter will vacate their seats and pave the way for 'The Honourable Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim' to contest in a by-election. His own party members said so that that was the plan. Now?

Now it seems that it is ok for him and his family to form a political dynasty in Malaysia. Talk about nepotism! All this while he's been claiming others of nepotism but yet he's doing it himself. He wants himself, his wife and daughter all in the same parliment? He's craze!

Sorry for the off topic ayahanda. Sorry all.

Salam

paiz

By melayu1946 on July 28, 2008 8:43 PM

assalamualaikum Tun..

Pertama,saya tertarik dgn kenyataan dalam buletin utama TV3 oleh bekas ketua pemuda PKR,Ezam,yg telah menyuarakan hasrat untuk bertanding dalam pilihanraya kecil di Kulim pada bulan Ogos nnt.Apa yang saya dpt lihat kemasukan beliau kedalam UMNO mempunyai niat tertentu yang mungkin membawa kebaikan kepada parti atau mungkin hanya akan merosakkan parti yang kita tak berapa cintai sekarang.Saya amat berharap Tun dapat memberikan pendapat kerana Tun lebih layak memandangkan pengalaman Tun yang lebih luas dalam bidang ini.

Kedua,saya ingin mengajak setiap orang melayu agar menghargai sejarah dan TIDAK MENGULANGI sejarah.Saya amat pasti jika ini tidak dititikberatkan,kita akan hancur seperti mana kehancuran zaman Kesultanan Melayu Melaka pada masa akan datang.Saya ingin berpantun sedikit Tun,

"Al-Quran,Sunnah dan Hadith pegangan umat Islam  
Buku orang melayu, sejarah silam"

Renung-renungkanlah!

By Harimau1900 on July 28, 2008 9:07 PM

Dear Tun,

Thank you.

Dear fellow bloggers,

We all know all the contribution done by Tun to Malaysia. There are a lot of you agree with Tun and there are some of you not. Please use Tun's Blog to send all our positive thoughts and inputs accross to all readers for better of our beloved country "Malaysia" and our lives and not to fight and kill each other. As I see a lot of you have congratulated Tun's blog for having pass almost 4 million readers and we should use Tun's blog to send good message to all so we can see changes in Malaysia for good. I believe the readers numbers in Tun's blog will increase and we can definitely see changes in Malaysia and our life once all the good messages received by all Malaysian.

Thank you/1900.

By azura sha on July 28, 2008 9:11 PM

Salam buat ayahanda tun sekeluarga

Like many others here I enjoy very much this article...

Let me comment first to aju baizura

it is good that you have a very strong principles, I salute you

My eldest sister is a doctor, older brother is an engineer and my other older sister is an architect and me the only who is grad locally, our parents make sure that we finished our studies (since my father was halfway study in oxford in 1960's because of my mom's health he never finished his studies) but let me tell you all these success never comes easy.....never.....but now we are doing ok

All I'm saying is that different ppl experienced different obstacles, but remember this, what goes around comes around.....if I may, my advice to you believe in your principles and may allah help you in this darkest hours, no one else can...be strong and one day your family will be doing just fine

For every Malaysians: things to ponder

Nowdays malaysia has become like this, because of too many corruptions/bribery/fraud etc, we tend to live with "duit haram" ahli keluarga makan "duit haram"

Pls read below with an open mind:

Imagine in china, where the malays who are doing well in china (economic-wise)

In china, they protect their own ppl (patriotism)

Imagine if we malays question on the "priorities" given to the Chinese community

Imagine how the Chinese ppl will feel

Imagine how the original ppl feel

"China" will become "Malaysia"

Or imagine in India where the Chinese are doing well in India (economic-wise)

In India, they protect their own ppl (patriotism)

Imagine if we chinese question on the priorities given to the India community

Imagine how the Indian ppl will feel

Imagine how the original ppl feel

"India" will become "China"

I do hope that the bloggers here will understand if we malays will always be the original ppl

But malays need to wake up and move forward

Pls do not blame us to maintain as the original ppl here

Yes we can live in harmony

Not many countries with many different races can live harmony like Malaysians

For 50 years we have been living together

Though there are may be ups and downs but mostly ups

(in siblings also we have disagreement)

RESPECT is the key word here

My mom met up her old chinese friend in Pahang for cny early this year, I joined her with my father, and

they make sure that the food is halal, they actually understands the word halal (haram penyembelihan yg salah, dogs, pigs, alcohol). Hearing their conversations between them I can see that they are very close just like almost a family and there is a genuine sincerity. Our senior citizens understand and practice RESPECT.

My generation, the x generation or yuppies generation or mtv generation and other so called "happening" generation, they are too much into entertainment and material world. (majority of them)

Anyway to end my comments, let me share the jokes as below, my 12 years old niece back then and this is from my eldest sister's blog

I have a twelve year old daughter. Her name is Myra . She takes after her mom, only more witty and prettier, oh do bear with me while I indulge in vanity. To express how witty she is, allow me to narrate to you her conversation with both her grandparents over the phone. The scenario was she needed her grandfather do something for her. I was driving when the conversation struck over the phone. It went something like this.

Myra : Tok, can you please send me to the Ice Skating Ring tomorrow?

Tok : I can't, I have some work to do tomorrow.

Myra : Tok, at your age, you shouldn't be working.

Tok : Then I shouldn't chauffer you around.

Myra : You made your point Tok. Good Nite.

Feeling dissatisfied after ending the call, Myra called up the house again and spoke to the grandmother. The conversation went like this.

Myra : Babah, can you get Tok to send me to the Ice Skating Ring tomorrow?

Babah : You have to ask Tok. He is the "kepala of the house".

Myra : I did, he said "No"

Babah : Then what you want me to do? He is the head. The head makes the decision. We all just have to follow.

Myra : Babah, we all know that men are the heads, but we women are the necks Babah. We can control where the head turns.

I almost ran into the divider trying not to laugh too much at this by the way.

Lastly, I'm looking forward to your writings daily.....pls keep on writing

may allah bless us all

By mohd6975 on July 28, 2008 9:24 PM

Assalamualaikum,

Terima kasih Tun kerana masih bersuara kerana saya amat rindu idea yang membuka minda seperti Tun. Malangnya jika tiada pemimpin yang berani dan tabah macam Tun, tak tau le. Saya terkilan kerana hanya berjumpa dgn orang yg memperlekehkan idea Tun , memang benar ada yang kurang memuaskan tetapi ianya ke arah ke cemerlangan kerana bagi saya Tun suka pada dasar yang idealistik tetapi jentera kekadangnya tersungkur malas contohnya dulu diceritakan warga putrajaya tak suka Tun kerana cerewet tetapi bagi saya Tun ada prinsip yang terpuji tetapi rakyat tak tau. Memang senang nak jadi glamour dengan taburan janji dan duit tetapi sukar nak jadi terpuji jika tiada prinsip diri. Kesal kerana di universiti kajian jati diri dan falsafah serta prinsip seperti Tun anak Malaysia tidak diperhalusi atau diperbincangkan agar sekurang-kurangnya maruah adalah lebih tinggi berbanding hidup kaya atas kesusahan orang lain. Tq, sori melalut tetapi seronok jika bersemuka dgn Tun tetapi mesti geram krn byk misi , visi Tun hanya mendengar cuma, maaf saya tun.

By humantohuman99 on July 28, 2008 9:39 PM

hi tun,

i now in a foreign country. i dunno whether i shd come back to msia to work and live.

i love msia very much but i dun like discrimination that gov has made so far.

most chinese msian left msia...they love msia but hate the way gov threatened

i still follow msia political issue thru internet. I hope we are chinese not threat as second class citizen anymore.

tear my eyes when racist issues still playing in current political...  
By nookvillage on July 28, 2008 9:42 PM

Tun,

Economic crises 1987/88, 1997/98 and 2007/08 basically having same polar with different causes. The 1987/88 and 1997/98 economic crises were more difficult to handle than the present one. Even so, due to your present, the crises emerged Malaysia into a better, and respectable place. Whilst awaiting for the outgoing PM, please assist Malaysia into proper economic footing again. I beg you, Tun, please help us all. Life is costly these days!  
By azlash on July 28, 2008 9:52 PM

Salam Tun

Nice and educative write up. It is very true indeed that during those days leaders are sincere and worked purely for the sake of the nations. As time goes by, leaders are merely called because they are heading and holding position in various categories. Be it in the government or in the private sectors. During those days, there were not many private sectors and we were not exposed to the unhealthy challenges. Our mind were not polluted, our stress are different we work for our the sake of our family and we face different challenges. Time passes by and everything changed, each and everyone of us play an important part in the development of our country. We now faces different challenges and stress. As an individual, we play our role to our country. Not many who are proud and claimed to be a Malaysian really care what they did or contributed, though they did. The awareness comes within. For a country to develop, we need to develop the nation. In the mid '70s the blue collar was always looked as a second class citizen and the perception went on until over a decade. Tun, you saw the need of skilled workers and technologies to develop Malaysia. You went into IT and Hi Tech, investors came to Malaysia and the transfer of technologies begun. If only that you are still our PM, whatever you have in mind will not go down the drain. There are many skilled, proactive, young and energetic Malaysian. Malaysian with full of new ideas that the present government failed to utilize, to formulate a plan for them to contribute to achieve our common goal towards 2020.

To the anti-establishment:

Let the 'cream' of the Malaysian served outside Malaysia. They don't deserve to be called a Malaysian. Don't blame the government if they don't want to serve for the Malaysian. A true Malaysian will always have Malaysia at heart. The government is not and never racist, the government is only protecting the Malays. Just look around who make the Chinese become millionaire, who supported their business? If not the Malays, i can guarantee that the Chinese will not prosper. As a multi racial nations, we have to compliments each other. We need the Chinese to do business and the Malays and Indians to support them.

With the performance of the present government, we see nothing but a second round Tsunami that will wipe out us once and for all (ALLAH forbids).

We miss you Tun, hope that you are in the pink of health and keep on writing.

Wassalam

By Tea DeanAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 9:58 PM

Your writings have really touch me, as i always think of only myself. Never anybody else. I would categorize myself as self-centered. I study hard, i work hard, i pray hard, everything that I do only for the better of me. I never give attention to this kind of writing before because I felt that it was someone's job to interpret and digest it before being poured into action.

After reading this article, I realize that you are not only thinking for yourself but also for our country. I need to re look at this life again now in a BIG picture. I get what you are trying to say, the responsibilities lie not only on your shoulder but also on me and all the Malaysians. And without knowledge you'll never knew your history, without history you'll never knew you/your country. thank you Tok Det for bringing me to life again.

By zamra69 on July 28, 2008 10:00 PM

Asmkm,

Kerjasama UMNO-PAS yang sedang heboh diperkatakan sekarang ini walaupun pada dasarnya memang baik dan merupakan kaedah yang boleh menyatukan kembali orang melayu yang mana keistimewaan mereka telah tergugat akibat dari keputusan PRU 12..

Tetapi pada pendapat saya, bentuk kerjasama yang terjalin bagi tujuan penyatuan orang melayu tersebut sebenarnya lebih kepada 'JALAN MUDAH' yang digunakan oleh PM yang mana memang telah sedia maklum beliau tidak mempunyai idea, kebolehan, keyakinan maupun kewibawaan tersendiri bagi mengatasi masalah perpecahan orang melayu yang diakibatkan oleh kelemahan kepimpinannya. PM ternyata agak terdesak sekarang. Berkerjasama dengan musuh politik bermakna UMNO terpaksa bergantung harap kepada pembangkang dalam perancangan serta perlaksanaan sesuatu perancangan tersebut..

Timbul pula idea beberapa pemimpin BN dan PAS supaya dibubarkan semua parti dan bergabung dibawah satu parti BN dan dibuka kepada semua bangsa. Jika berlaku maka tiada lagi parti yang akan mempertahankan hak-hak istimewa orang melayu. Selama ini UMNO adalah parti yang memperjuangkan keistimewaan tersebut. Saya sebagai rakyat biasa tidak setuju sama sekali. Padahalnya lebih banyak daripada faedah..jika nak disenaraikan 3 hari 3 malam pun tak habis..samalah seperti nasib yang diterima oleh Dato' Onn Jaafar dahulu.

Bernaung di bawah satu parti seperti yang dicadangkan, berkemungkinan terpaksa dibuka jawatan Perdana Menteri tersebut kepada bangsa lain. Perkara ini mungkin terjadi jikalau Presiden yang menang dalam Pemilihan Agung Parti telah dimenangi oleh bukan melayu. Jika orang melayu boleh menerima keadaan tersebut maka teruskanlah..tetapi pada pandangan saya majoriti tentu sekali tidak bersetuju.

Walaupun perkara tersebut masih terlalu jauh untuk berlaku, namun begitu dengan apa yang kita lihat sekarang iaitu kelemahan kepimpinan PM yang semakin ketara, mungkinkah perkara tersebut boleh berlaku ??? Tidak Mustahil...oleh itu tolaklah kepimpinan PAK LAH...

By cwrong on July 28, 2008 10:34 PM

Dear Tun,

The NEP has created a huge brain drain to the benefit of other countries like Spore, Australia, NZ, UK and the USA. Even your Dr Lim you quoted works and lives in Spore.

We are now experiencing the consequences of this policy which you have prolonged beyond its use-by date.

Chris

By truthseeker on July 28, 2008 10:34 PM

Salam kepada YAB Tun dan rakan2 bloggers,

1. Like I had said before,the CEOs / PMs are / were the main heroes. But I dare say Tun was and still the

greatest of all. For 22 years he put his personal life second compared to his passion in protecting the rakyat and this country.

2. Please read The Financial Crisis of 1997 - 98 written by Nor Mohamed Yakcop (NMY) and posted by our kind blogger mr k (27th,6.50pm). I read and I really feel deep inside me Tun is genuinely concern about us, about Msia. NMY detailed how Tun spent a lot of time, energy, cracked his brain in trying to solve our problems, because the consequences were very disastrous if Tun delayed or chose not to 'turun padang'. NMY reported about Tun's hands-on management style, making quick and timely decisions, meeting the experts 6 days a week! My god, how many PM do that? Most of them would leave to the so-called experts or consultants to do the thinking for the survival of our country, our sovereignty! Just look at the so-called experts/consultants hired by govt (under Dollah) to make that decision to sell MV Augusta for one euro. They were paid a lot to destroy us! Tun loves this country and its rakyat very much...he delivered and we have results right?

3. From all of his actions (which are not congruent to his words)Dollah demonstrated to us someone who don't give a damn about us, about Msia. From what I heard, he is not at the office but 'works' from home..how can u run a country and know our miseries if u stay at home on working days? Has Dollah tried his best to get to know the challenges coming? Looking at most of the complaints bout him; being late, last minute cancellation, flip-flop decisions, procrastination, etc...it shows his character. Not fit to be called a muslim! He lied, broke promises, corrupted, etc. When reading NMY's report I can easily say Tun and Dollah is like langit dan bumi..Dollah the idiotic bumi who use us, this country for his own agendas. His supporters especially his advisers are the main culprits too. They're not patriotic at all and should be banished from this land.

Tun, I still remember what my late father told me. He was the police officer responsible to tape your ceramah (I guess your first after coming back to UMNO) at Kubang Pasu, stronghold for PAS. You came alone, gave ceramah to maybe less than 50 people but you were very motivated. My late father asked you for a ride home in your volkswagen and in the conversation, you said, 'saya tak berapa...tapi Tun Razak yang mahu..' But Tun Razak could see that shining star in you. He knew you could lead us. Oh ya, my fahter also said 'Dr.Mahathir wished he could deliver speech like Tunku..if only he could talk more than 5 minutes would be great..' That was Tun then, a scientist who was more an introvert, but after a lot of reading, socialising, learning, Tun become what he is now. Very passionate about our wellbeing, Msia's sovereignty..no denying, Tun really love Msia. We love you too.  
By abu sayab on July 28, 2008 11:00 PM

Doktor: TIADA KESAN SAIFUL DILIWAT:

Tiada bukti Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan, yang mengadu diliwat Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, pernah mengalami hubungan seks luar tabie seperti itu - demikian hasil pemeriksaan seorang doktor di sebuah hospital swasta, kira-kira empat jam sebelum membuat laporan polis sebulan lalu.

Menurut salinan laporan perubatan terhadap bekas pembantu Anwar itu, Mohd Saiful ke Hospital Pusrawi mengadu mengalami "tenesmus" - kesukaran dan kesakitan membuang air besar.

Dipercayai pemuda 23 tahun itu mendapatkan rawatan di hospital di Jalan Tun Razak itu kira-kira jam 2 petang pada 28 Jun sebelum diminta ke sebuah hospital kerajaan dan kemudian membuat laporan polis.

Ketika di Hospital Pusrawi, pemuda itu diperiksa oleh Dr Mohamed Osman Abdul Hamid.

Dalam laporannya itu, doktor tersebut menyatakan pesakit itu mendakwa diserang dengan dijolok bahan "plastik" di bahagian duburnya.

Mohamed Osman, seperti tercatat dalam laporannya yang direkodkan pada jam 2.14 petang, mendapati

dubur Mohd Saiful "tidak mengalami pendarahan aktif", "tiada kesan ulser atau nanah", dan "tiada kesan koyak atau calar".

Beliau juga menyatakan pemuda itu kelihatan "jaga", "selesa", "tidak pucat" dan tidak menunjukkan sebarang tanda demam. - Malaysiakini

By MDB on July 28, 2008 11:01 PM

Salam Tun ,

Hope all is well. I was going through some of the responses you posted and came across the below post by angelinajolie. Very interesting. When i read the bit about what the author wrote about Israel knowing that Malaysia would not change its stance on Israel as long as you were PM, - "....The view regarding Malaysia was that Mahathir was an anti-Semite and there was no chance of changing his country's hostile policy so long as he was prime minister....." - I started to see the connection and understand what I have heard so many times, about how Anwar could probably (either knowingly or unknowingly) be manipulated by the Jews/Mossad!

Actually, I once read a book on Jewish strategies written by an ex-Mossad agent. It tells about how Mossad would do anything and everything to champion Israel's and its people's and it's economic cause.

What I am trying to say here is that if someone says that the Jews/Mossad are behind and manuevering the current Malaysian political scene (Najib and Altantuya, Anwar and everything about Anwar, Abdullah and how UMNO is losing it, Hindraf and Samy, Khairy Jamaludin, etc etc) I won't be the first to shout out loud that it is a far fetch theory. I would say that nothing is impossible when the Jews/Mossad is concern.

The thing is, now I am thinking, previously, your were there to protect Malaysia from any Jewish conspiracy, coz you are so sharp and smart and you can see it coming from 10 miles away, but now, would current PM be smart and alert enough to realize it if the Mossad/Jews tried to manipulate us?

Rgds, MDB

By angelinajolie on July 28, 2008 9:50 AM

Dear CheDet.com Bloggers this is what a Jew thinks about our FATHER OF THE NATION TUN DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD AND MY VOTE GOES TO OUR FATHER TUN DR. MAHATHIR.....I WILL STAND BY YOUR SIDE TUN, DON'T LET THEM TAKE OVER OUR COUNTRY THIS SEPTEMBER 2008.....

by Dr. Moshe Yegar

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Malaysia: Anti-Semitism without Jews\*

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Since its establishment (initially as Malaya) in 1957, Malaysia has rejected formal diplomatic relations with Israel and has kept contacts on a low flame at best. Reasons include Malaysia's desire to cultivate ties with the Arab countries and the power of domestic Islamic trends. Malaysian animus toward Israel grew during the 1960s, although a certain level of commercial activity between the two countries was tolerated. In 1981 the openly anti-Semitic Dato Mahathir bin Muhamad was elected Malaysia's prime minister, and he continued his public condemnations of Israel and Jews while strengthening Malaysia's support for the PLO. Although during the Oslo era he somewhat moderated his statements, he ended his tenure in October 2003 with an anti-Semitic diatribe at a meeting of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. Since then Malaysia has remained cool toward Israel, claiming that relations depend on a solution of the Palestinian problem.

Asia's Muslim countries constitute a considerable portion of its total population. Indonesia is the world's largest Muslim nation, and its population at the end of the twentieth century stood at 210 million and surpassed that of all the Arab countries combined. Pakistan and Bangladesh each number 120-130 million people. Malaysia has eighteen million inhabitants, and there are smaller Muslim countries such as Brunei and the Maldives. Some Asian Muslim countries have taken an intensely hostile stance toward Israel and been full partners in the Arab diplomatic campaign against it.

To one extent or another, all the Asian Muslim countries share the loathing of Israel and refusal to establish diplomatic relations with it. This stems from the sense of Islamic solidarity with the Arab countries and, more broadly, of being part of the Islamic ummah or nation.<sup>1</sup> Over the past few decades, almost every Muslim country has undergone a trend of geopolitical radicalization. This is partly because of the belief that Jews, Zionism, and Israel are anti-Islamic, anti-Arab, and pro-American agents. Asian Islamist groups pressure their governments to get involved in world Islamic affairs, such as the Palestinian problem and the general Arab struggle against Israel.<sup>2</sup>

Malaysia has been exceptional in being not only malignantly anti-Israeli but also openly anti-Semitic by all accepted definitions. The factor behind this was former prime minister Dr. Dato Mahathir bin Muhamad.

#### From Malaya to Malaysia

The Federation of Malaya was established in 1957. It combined nine sultanates of the Malay Peninsula that had been under British protection since the last quarter of the nineteenth century, and two crown colonies, Penang and Malacca. It had a population of 6.2 million, about half of whom were Malay-Muslims, 37 percent Chinese, 11 percent Indians, and the remainder Europeans or others. The Malays, who began gradually accepting Islam five hundred years ago, mostly live in villages. Over the past hundred years their relations with Arab countries have grown, resulting especially from the pilgrimage to Mecca and the flow of young people to Egypt and Saudi Arabia for religious studies. Religious leaders have great influence over the Malay population.

Large-scale Chinese immigration to Malaya began in the last quarter of the nineteenth century with the discovery and subsequent development of tin mines by the British. Many workers were also brought from India to the rubber plantations. This is the source of Malaysia's difficult problems of ethnicity, religion, and culture.

With the granting of independence in 1957, representatives of all the groups, including the non-Muslim ones, agreed that Islam would be Malaya's established religion, Malay its official language, and that constitutional clauses would favor the Malays in the government, army, police, economy, and education.

The Federation of Malaysia, established on 16 September 1963, included two additional territories, Sabah and Sarawak. The founder and first prime minister of Malaya and afterward Malaysia was Tunku Abdul Rahman. He was the country's dominant political figure until his retirement as prime minister in 1971.

#### Early Attempts at Diplomatic Relations

The hostility of Indonesia, which characterized Malaysia as a neocolonialist creation dependent on British bayonets, prompted Malaysia's leaders to take steps to improve its image, especially in the Afro-Asian world. Approaches to the Arab countries came at the expense of relations with Israel. To win Arab and especially Egyptian sympathy, Malaysia developed a policy of "Muslim solidarity" and made every effort to appear as a Muslim country, especially from 1965 onward. Meanwhile, various Malaysian figures made anti-Israeli declarations and opposed Israel in both bilateral and international contexts.

The first Israeli-Malayan political contact came when Moshe Sharett visited Kuala Lumpur in 1956 as part of his trip to Asia. Sharett had been Israel's first foreign minister and also prime minister for a time, and he toured Asia under the sponsorship of the Foreign Ministry. "The Tunku" (Abdul Rahman's princely title)

was then chief minister and was expected to serve as prime minister after the granting of independence, which was scheduled for the following year.

Sharett met with the Tunku on 14 October 1956. Sharett suggested that an Israeli consul be appointed in Kuala Lumpur and, after independence, be elevated to ambassadorial level. According to Sharett, the Tunku's response was "favorable without hesitation" and he said he "welcomes the proposal with pleasure." The Tunku also said, however, that the idea had to be approved by the British Foreign Office, which was responsible for foreign relations until independence. Before their parting, the Tunku reiterated his own approval and said, "It will be considered an honor for us to have a diplomatic representative from Israel."<sup>3</sup>

Only on 13 February 1957 did the Asian and African Division of the Israeli Foreign Ministry instruct Israel's ambassador in London to approach the British Foreign Office for approval to open a consulate in Malaya. When the British asked the Malays about it, they did not reply promptly but apparently were negatively inclined.

On 13 August, the British Foreign Office advised the Israeli ambassador to wait until Malaya's independence on 31 August and directly ask the new government. On 26 August, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion sent a congratulatory letter to the Tunku and told him Israel was ready to establish "appropriate representation" in Kuala Lumpur. Israel also voted to accept Malaya in the United Nations. On 23 December, a member of Malaya's UN delegation told a member of the Israeli delegation that Malaya recognized Israel but had no intention of establishing diplomatic ties with it.

On 10 November 1959 the Israeli envoy to Australia, Moshe Yuval, reported that he had met the day before with the Tunku during the latter's visit to Australia. Among other things, the Tunku told him: "I remember my conversation with Mr. Sharett. The leadership of Malaya knows the character of Israel very well, but the Muslim masses in our country are opposed to you. Therefore, we cannot establish diplomatic relations with you." Concurrently, the Tunku promised Arab governments that Malaya would not open formal ties with Israel, and this was reported in Jordanian newspapers.<sup>4</sup>

In August 1960, a new opportunity arose to convey a message to the Malayan government. Because of expense, the Israel Football Association was unable to send a representative to a conference of the Asian Football Federation in Kuala Lumpur, of which Israel was a member and the Tunku was president. The Israel Football Association requested that the Foreign Ministry dispatch someone to Kuala Lumpur from a nearby embassy. The Foreign Ministry decided to send this author, then serving as the second secretary in Rangoon, Burma (now Myanmar).

In the course of a conversation with the Tunku, he explained that establishing diplomatic relations with Israel would give the opposition radical-Islamic political party ammunition to weaken the government.<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, the warm hospitality and expression of goodwill by the Tunku and other major Malay figures raised the Israeli Foreign Ministry's hope that Malaya would not rebuff various Israeli attempts at contacts, eventually laying the groundwork for diplomatic ties. One idea was to open a consulate in Singapore, then a separate British Crown Colony, that would handle affairs concerning nearby Malaya.<sup>6</sup>

In November 1961, the Tunku visited London. Israeli ambassador Arthur Lurie met with him on 25 November. Lurie expressed Israel's disappointment at the lack of diplomatic ties and suggested beginning by appointing a lower-level representative such as a consul. The Tunku responded that pro-Arab groups strongly opposed Malaya recognizing Israel, and that the Arab countries, especially Egypt, pressured Malaya in this regard. He said he would welcome, however, the development of commercial relations and suggested opening a consulate in Singapore, which was then the center of Malayan commercial activity.

The Israeli commercial company Astraco, which had branches in other Asian countries, had earlier opened an office in Singapore. In March 1963, the Malayan Foreign Ministry granted it a license to open a branch, known as Interasia, in Kuala Lumpur.<sup>7</sup>

The Federation of Malaysia was formally established on 16 September 1963. Israeli foreign minister

Golda Meir sent the Tunku a congratulatory telegram.<sup>8</sup>

Early in 1964, less than a year after opening the office in Kuala Lumpur, Astraco decided that it had no economic justification and the Singapore office could handle commerce with Malaya. The head of the company conveyed this to the director of the Asian and African Division of the Foreign Ministry. The question arose as to whether it was worth continuing the office in any way possible so as to maintain an Israeli presence in Kuala Lumpur. A Foreign Ministry official could be sent to manage the Interasia branch and attempt to promote relations between the two countries. The present author volunteered for this assignment.

#### Continued Rebuffs

At the end of May 1964, the Tunku's closest friend and football entrepreneur Lim Kee Siong arrived in Israel as the Asian football tournament was being held there. This author presented him with a letter to the Tunku stating, among other things, this author's intention to come to Malaysia. Lim Kee Siong also met with Foreign Minister Meir. He told her that the Tunku and the Malaysians in general felt friendship toward Israel, but Arab pressure and the need for support in Malaysia's conflict with Indonesia, which opposed Malaysia's creation, prevented setting up diplomatic ties with Israel.

Meir replied that Malaysia being a Muslim country did not justify the lack of diplomatic relations with Israel and mentioned the examples of Nigeria, Chad, and other African Muslim countries. She asked Lim Kee Siong to convey to the Tunku that Israel was interested in full diplomatic relations or, at least, the gradual development of ties between the two countries.

On 18 July 1964, the director-general of the Malaysian Foreign Ministry, Zaitun Ibrahim, visited the Israeli ambassador in Bangkok, Yehiel Ilzar, who was an old acquaintance. Zaitun Ibrahim, too, said there was great friendliness toward Israel in Malaysia but also opposition because of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The Tunku had to take into account the hostility toward Malaysian-Israeli ties in the opposition parties, and in his own party as well. Malaysia, furthermore, needed all the support it could garner from Islamic and Arab countries.

At the start of August 1964, the Tunku gave a lecture to the Foreign Affairs Council in New York. When a listener asked about Malaysian-Israeli relations, the Tunku responded that Malaysia was involved in a bitter struggle with Muslim Indonesia and could not expose itself to the criticism and pressure that would result from improving ties with Israel. Nevertheless, Malaysia maintained a favorable attitude toward Israel and he himself had made special efforts to clarify this to Israeli representatives in various countries.

This author was in Kuala Lumpur from November 1964 to January 1966-outwardly, as head of an Israeli commercial concern and not as a diplomat. However, the Malaysian government understood the real nature of the mission. During this period the author met with the Tunku, the interior minister, the permanent secretary of the Foreign Ministry, and with the secretary of the Department of Culture, Youth and Sport, all of whom were Muslims, and with other ministers who were Chinese and Indian.

At this time Israel made concerted efforts to further relations with Malaysia, which failed for two main reasons. First, it was too late; Malaysia, as noted, was already trying to marshal Arab support in its struggle with Indonesia and wanted to strengthen ties with the Arab world. Second, the Israeli Foreign Ministry dealt with the matter carelessly and sporadically.<sup>9</sup> Three forces pressured the Malaysian government to expel this author from Kuala Lumpur and terminate the Israeli presence in Malaysia: the Islamic opposition party, the Egyptian embassy, and the British High Commission. The Foreign Office in London and the High Commission in Kuala Lumpur took pains to conceal their attitude from Israel.<sup>10</sup>

#### Malaysia's Growing Antagonism

In the wake of the Conference of Nonaligned Nations in October 1964, Malaysia wanted all the more to be accepted among the Afro-Asian countries. By 1965, its attitude toward Israel was increasingly antagonistic. Its diplomats avoided Israeli counterparts, and it refused to grant entry permits to Israelis,

engaged in anti-Israeli initiatives at the United Nations, and made belligerently anti-Israeli, sometimes even anti-Semitic, declarations in the United Nations, international agencies, and so on. In 1965, four Malaysians participated in courses at the Afro-Asian Institute in Israel, and another came to Israel for an advanced course on education. From 1966, no more Malaysians came to Israel for studies.

In the parliament in Kuala Lumpur on 23 August 1966, the Tunku stated that Malaysia did not recognize Israel. He even berated Singapore, which by then was independent, for having Israeli advisers, and compared Singapore's status in Southeast Asia as an enclave surrounded by Muslim Malaysia and Indonesia to that of Israel surrounded by Arab countries. As of January 1968, Israeli seamen arriving at Malaysian ports were forbidden to disembark from their ships. In 1974, trade with Israel and the granting of entry permits to Israelis were completely prohibited.

Five years after Malaya's independence, it had diplomatic relations only with Egypt and Saudi Arabia among the Arab countries. After 1967 this increased, and by 1991 Malaysia had relations with all of them.<sup>11</sup>

Nevertheless, impromptu interactions with Israel continued. In August 1968 Abd al-Rahman, a businessman and son of the Tunku, came to Israel on the initiative of and accompanied by the Israeli entrepreneur Shaul Eisenberg. Abd al-Rahman represented a Malaysian lumber company and met with people in that field during his visit. In November 1969, Malaysian representatives of the Asian Sports Federation asked their Israeli colleagues to support Malaysia's bid to host the Asia Games in 1974. They claimed that the Tunku was obligated to prevent discrimination of the kind that occurred when Israel was not invited to the Asian Games in Jakarta in 1962.<sup>12</sup>

The Tunku retired as prime minister in 1971 and was appointed the head secretary-general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC). From 1971 to 1981, two Malaysian prime ministers continued the policy toward Israel but took no particular interest in the Jewish state. The situation changed when Dr. Dato Mahathir bin Muhamad was elected prime minister on 1 July 1981. Mahathir introduced a different style. His book *The Malay Dilemma*, written in 1969 in the wake of Malay-Chinese riots, manifests his racist outlook. In this generally anti-Chinese work, Mahathir maintained that races are distinguished not only by ethnic origin but also by many other characteristics. The Jews, for example, not only have hooked noses but also an instinctive understanding of finances. Sale of the book was banned in Malaysia, and Mahathir was temporarily expelled from the ruling Malay political party.

A short time later, he was reinstated and intensified his political activity, eventually becoming education minister and later prime minister. A radical Muslim, Mahathir was severely anti-Israeli and anti-Semitic and gave Malaysia's foreign policy a new tone toward Israel and in general.<sup>13</sup>

#### An Anti-Semitic Prime Minister

During Mahathir's years as prime minister he made extreme anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic statements, some of which achieved wide resonance. Mahathir nurtured anti-Semitism in a Malaysia that was without Jews. On 27 January 1981, in a speech in Saudi Arabia, he urged regaining the Palestinian lands by force since Israel was not invincible. He also, as will be discussed, vilified Israel at major venues.

In June 1983, Mahathir issued a statement attacking Israel for its incursion into Lebanon and calling it "the most immoral country in the world." In October 1983, at the OIC's Sixth Conference on Palestine held in New York, Malaysia expressed concern about Israel's renewed activities in Africa and called for their immediate halt. Malaysia opposed establishing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and supported the resolution at the Jerusalem Conference of the OIC (New York, April 1984) to sever ties with any country that moved its ambassador to Jerusalem.

Malaysia supported the PLO more strongly than did any other Southeast Asian country. In 1969, Malaysia was the first Asian country to permit Fatah to open an office in its capital, which in 1974 became a PLO office. In August 1982, under Mahathir, this office was given full diplomatic recognition. Malaysia's foreign minister claimed that Israel should recognize the PLO before demanding that it recognize Israel. In May

1983, Malaysia hosted a conference on the Palestine question with UN funding and expressed anti-Israeli propaganda in its media. Yasser Arafat, paying an official visit to Malaysia in July 1984, was received by the king and spoke to a large audience.<sup>14</sup>

In August 1984, a visit to Kuala Lumpur by the New York Philharmonic was canceled because of the Malaysian information minister's demand that a work by the Swiss Jewish composer Ernst Bloch be removed from the program. The minister's statement on the matter included anti-Semitic expressions.

From 1983 onward, The Protocols of the Elders of Zion was published and disseminated in Malaysia. On 12 August 1983, Mahathir asserted in a speech to the Malaysian Press Club that Jews and Zionists controlled the international media. He repeated this charge four days later and added that the journalists working for foreign newspapers under Jewish control were trying to destabilize Malaysia through distorted reports. He called the Wall Street Journal a Jewish tool.

In a speech in September 1986 at the summit of the Nonaligned Nations in Zimbabwe's capital, Harare, Mahathir complained that the Jews' exile two thousand years ago and their persecution under the Nazis had not taught them anything. On the contrary, these persecutions had turned them into the very monsters they vilified in their own propaganda; they had become the gifted students of Goebbels.

In another speech to the Malaysian parliament on 10 October 1986, Mahathir referred to attempts by Zionists to use Malaysian individuals and groups to damage the country's economy. He also blamed the "Zionist press" in Western countries for the low level of American investment in Malaysia. He often attacked the New York Times and the Asian Wall Street Journal as Zionist publications.<sup>15</sup>

Israeli president Chaim Herzog's visit to Singapore in November 1986 evoked harsh Malaysian reactions including bitter condemnations of Israel and Zionism. There were calls to cut off Singapore's water supply and burn its flag.<sup>16</sup>

Mahathir and Malaysian diplomatic representatives made constant belligerent speeches about Israel, often condemning it for causing suffering to the Palestinians. In 1992, Malaysia denied entry to a delegate from Israel's El Al airlines for the International Flight Conference in Kuala Lumpur. In December that year, it denied entry to an Israeli football player on the Liverpool team, and the team canceled its visit to Malaysia.

In March 1994, Mahathir prohibited the screening of Steven Spielberg's movie Schindler's List on the ground that it was an anti-German propaganda film aimed at winning support for Jews and contained too much violence. When this evoked protests in the United States and Australia, the Malaysia cabinet canceled the prohibition against the film but required that seven scenes with violence or sex be cut. Spielberg, however, insisted that the film be shown in its entirety or not at all. In the end, it was decided to remove all his films from Malaysia.<sup>17</sup>

Early in 1992, Israel began normalizing its relations with China, India, and other Asian countries. This drew its Foreign Ministry's attention to the Muslim countries in Asia. The view regarding Malaysia was that Mahathir was an anti-Semite and there was no chance of changing his country's hostile policy so long as he was prime minister.

#### The Oslo Era

The signing of the Israeli-PLO Declaration of Principles on 20 August 1993 brought Mahathir to lower his tone. Malaysia's deputy foreign minister announced in parliament that Malaysia welcomed the Israeli-PLO agreement. Mahathir, on a different occasion, said Malaysia would consider diplomatic relations with Israel, but first Israel had to do more to bring peace to the Middle East. He expressed hope that Israelis and Palestinians could now live in peace and that all Palestinian land would be returned, and pointed out that the future status of Jerusalem remained unresolved.

The deputy minister of international trade and industry said Malaysia aimed to penetrate the Israeli

market as soon as the two countries set up diplomatic relations; meanwhile, the trade and economic sanctions against Israel would continue. The foreign minister said Malaysia would pledge \$5 million to help the Palestinians govern Gaza and Jericho, would help them develop the infrastructure in areas evacuated by Israel, and would provide technical assistance in the administrative and police domains. The PLO ambassador to Malaysia claimed it was the first country to offer assistance to the PLO after the signing of the agreement with Israel.

On 28 December 1993, however, Mahathir announced at a press conference that Malaysia was not yet ready to establish diplomatic relations with Israel. By then several Gulf states had done so, but Malaysia's stance was that Israel still had much to do. For example, Israel had not announced its acceptance of a Palestinian state or that it would cease "terrorist activities" even as the Palestinians were asked to end their own terror tactics.<sup>18</sup>

On 14 July 1994, the brother of the king of Malaysia, Tunku Abdallah bin Tunku abd Al-Rahman, paid a private visit to Israel. He was the chairman of a consortium of commercial and investment companies. Among others, Tunku Abdallah met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. When the visit was made known in Malaysia, Mahathir denied that the government had arranged it or that Tunku Abdallah was on a diplomatic mission. He said he did not know about the trip and believed it was strictly for business.

On returning to Kuala Lumpur on 16 July, Tunku Abdallah said his visit was entirely private and aimed at checking the feasibility of opening commercial relations in tourism and technology, and this was in the framework of his trip to Europe. He claimed Israel had exploited his visit for political advantage since he was the king's brother, and that his meetings with Rabin and Peres were of a social nature only. He apologized to all those who were offended by the visit. Nevertheless, the justice minister threatened that the police would investigate Tunku Abdallah and confiscate his passport for breaking the law by visiting Israel.<sup>19</sup>

While the Malaysia government and media were occupied with Tunku Abdallah's visit, Mahathir announced that Rabin had written to him to suggest establishing diplomatic relations in light of the improved Israeli-PLO ties. Mahathir had replied, he said, that Malaysia opposed such relations until Israel and the PLO resolved all the remaining issues between them. He told the press, moreover, that he was not convinced of Israel's sincerity in its peace talks with the PLO, since "Israel continues to humiliate the Palestinians and has no intention of returning Jerusalem to them." Although Rabin believed this was the right time to advance relations with the Asian Muslim countries, his overture to Mahathir was merely tentative.

Meanwhile, Malaysia had no intention to revoke its trade embargo with Israel. In a visit to Jordan on 9 October 1994, Mahathir explained at a press conference that Malaysia would decide whether to recognize Israel only after it signed peace treaties with all the Arab countries and fulfilled all the Arab demands including with respect to Jerusalem.<sup>20</sup>

At that time there were indications that Malaysia had changed its approach to Israel in some areas relating to economics. During 1994, a small number of Israelis were allowed to enter Malaysia to attend international conferences on various topics. Specifically, in December that year Malaysia granted entry permits to eight Israelis who came to participate in a conference on fertilizers.<sup>21</sup>

On 24 October that year, Malaysia permitted Malaysian Muslims to make pilgrimages to Jerusalem but not to visit other places in Israel. The pilgrims could enter Israel only through Jordan and stay no longer than two weeks. In announcing this, the deputy foreign minister said there was no change in Malaysia's policy toward Israel despite its attempts to make peace with Arab countries and the PLO.

When this was made public, Christian groups in Malaysia asked for a similar arrangement. The foreign minister approved their request on 10 November. Shortly thereafter, the president of Malaysia's travel-agent association met with the commerce and tourism attachés at the Israeli embassy in Singapore to work out details for Malaysian tourism to Jerusalem. During 1-5 January 1995, a delegation of

Malaysian travel agents visited Israel.<sup>22</sup> In that year, a Malaysian delegation took part in an economic conference in Casablanca in which Israel also participated, and in a continuation of the conference in Amman, and El Al and the Malaysian national airline signed an air-traffic agreement.

Furthermore, in late May 1995 a Malaysian television crew visited Israel. On 18 June, the program it filmed there was broadcast on Malaysian television. It included an interview with, among others, the then Jerusalem mayor Ehud Olmert. Israeli songs were heard in the background.<sup>23</sup>

The picture was more complex regarding commercial relations. On 17 September 1994, Malaysian customs authorities impounded a shipment of 24,000 tons of fertilizer on the suspicion that it originated in Israel, from which imports were illegal. However, Malaysia began to suspect that there was a counterboycott on selling Malaysian products by Jewish businessmen in various countries. In mid-January 1996, Malaysia's minister of international trade and industry announced that his ministry was exploring the possibility of gradually instituting commercial relations with Israel. He added, however, that such trade would have no political significance. "It will be like with Taiwan. We do not have diplomatic relations with her but there are numerous commercial relations."

In a visit to New Delhi in January 1996, Israel's then finance minister Avraham Shochat said he looked forward to diplomatic relations with Malaysia and Indonesia in the near future. The director-general of Malaysia's Foreign Ministry responded by saying Malaysia was in no hurry to have diplomatic ties with Israel, repeating what Mahathir had said a few days earlier.<sup>24</sup>

#### An Ongoing Coolness

Revealing misplaced enthusiasm, the director-general of Israel's Ministry of Industry and Trade, Yosi Snir, requested clarification from Malaysia on the issue of permitting economic relations with Israel. Only upon receiving a response, he explained, would his ministry remove Malaysia from the list of countries from which imports were forbidden. In addition, the spokesperson for the Israel embassy in Singapore said Israel looked forward to Malaysia taking steps to normalize commercial and diplomatic relations with Israel.<sup>25</sup>

Apparently, Malaysia did not respond to the Israeli feelers. In mid-February 1996, however, a Malaysian businessman visited Israel to discuss cooperation between Israeli and Malaysian companies. In late March a delegation of Malaysian businessmen came to Israel and held talks with heads of chambers of commerce. Although Malaysia's official boycott of Israeli products still stood, the head of the Malaysian delegation said he had been authorized by the minister of industry and trade. In early May the Israeli Port Authority sponsored an international conference, and a sixteen-member Malaysian delegation attended with government approval.

These developments, along with Malaysia's change of policy in granting entry permits to Israelis, created an expectation that Malaysia was about to open an economic interest office in Tel Aviv.<sup>26</sup> In June 1996, the parliamentary secretary of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry announced in parliament that his ministry was considering sending an official commercial mission to Israel. The Malaysian foreign minister added that future commercial relations with Israel depended on the efforts of the new Israeli government, headed by Benjamin Netanyahu, to achieve peace. In October 1996, the Malaysian bank Public Bank Bhd. established direct relations with Israel's Bank Hapoalim to enable commercial firms in both countries to make direct financial transactions. Malaysia's deputy finance minister announced that Israeli businessmen would be permitted to invest in Malaysia.<sup>27</sup>

In light of these developments, the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) in New York decided to urge Malaysian leaders to speed up establishing diplomatic relations with Israel. Several meetings were held with Malaysian representatives to the United Nations and with Malaysia's deputy prime minister, but these did not lead to any positive outcomes.

In 1997, Malaysia took two small steps in the area of youth and sports. During 3-16 March, an Israeli youth delegation made up of fourteen high school students of both sexes visited Malaysia. It was said that

Mahathir himself was behind the initiative. The students visited two schools and met with the education minister and other senior government officials. This visit did not arouse public interest.

Yet when an Israeli cricket team arrived a few days later to take part in an international tournament, demonstrations by Muslims and students erupted in which Israeli flags were burned. To achieve calm, the foreign minister quickly declared in parliament that Malaysia had no intention to establish diplomatic relations with Israel "until Tel Aviv honors its obligations according to the peace treaty it signed with the Palestinians."<sup>28</sup>

Mahathir had made the same point at a press conference in New York late in September 1996. Moreover, in reaction to the violence that had erupted over Israel's opening of a tunnel at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, he accused the new Netanyahu government of trying to retreat from the agreements signed by the Rabin government. Mahathir said the opening of the tunnel was a provocation and an assault on the sanctity of the Al-Aksa Mosque. Speaking at the UN General Assembly at that time, Malaysia's foreign minister said Israel's attempt to make Jerusalem its capital was illegal, and that Malaysia supported the Palestinians' aspirations for self-determination in their own state.<sup>29</sup>

#### Protesting Mahathir

In July 1997, when Malaysia faced a severe economic crisis, Mahathir was convinced it was caused by the Jewish financier George Soros. It seems Soros's dealing in Malaysian currency harmed the country's economy, and the reports in Malaysian newspapers were full of anti-Semitic innuendos. Mahathir tried to explain this: "We are not anti-Semites. The Arabs are also Semites. Just as people make a connection between Islam, Muslims and terrorism, there are people in this country who are inclined to connect [dealing in foreign currency] with Jews. . . . I think that most Jews are innocent, but the impression is that the Jews have a lot of money. They know how to manipulate money. . . . "

In October 1997 when the crisis worsened, Mahathir continued his anti-Semitic rhetoric. He referred in a speech to the "international Jewish conspiracy" and to his government's fears that the Jews planned to destroy Malaysia's and other Muslim countries' economies.<sup>30</sup>

American Jewish organizations reacted. The JCRC sent a letter of protest on Mahathir's comments to Malaysia's UN representatives. Jewish leaders in New York met with Malaysian diplomats and with the Malaysian deputy prime minister and finance minister, Anwar Ibrahim, who was visiting the city. The Malaysians tried to explain that Mahathir was prone to outbursts and did not heed advice from anyone, but was not an anti-Semite. Anwar Ibrahim, however, said Mahathir sincerely believed in the "international Jewish plot." Shortly thereafter Mahathir fired Anwar Ibrahim, who was tried for corruption and sexual offenses and given a long sentence.

The Jewish leaders demanded that Malaysia establish full diplomatic relations with Israel. The Malaysian UN ambassador and Anwar Ibrahim explained that Malaysia supported Palestinian rights and censured the Netanyahu government. The time was not right to continue working to improve relations, and Malaysia was not ready for normalization.

Additional Jewish organizations condemned Mahathir as an anti-Semite, as did the U.S. State Department. The World Jewish Congress announced that it would file a complaint with the UN Council on Human Rights in Geneva. The U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution condemning Mahathir for his anti-Semitic remarks.

Mahathir, however, rejected all criticism and did not apologize. The only step taken was an official Malaysian letter, not from Mahathir himself, to the UN Council on Human Rights claiming that Mahathir was incorrectly quoted in the media and "never intended to insult Jews or cause them distress." Whereas the World Jewish Congress praised the letter and considered the incident closed, Israel did not see it as an adequate apology.

On 21 June 2003, officials of Mahathir's political party distributed copies of Henry Ford's anti-Semitic book

The International Jew to delegates at their annual assembly, where Mahathir delivered a speech. On 16 October that year at a meeting of the OIC in Kuala Lumpur, two weeks before stepping down as prime minister, Mahathir delivered an anti-Semitic diatribe, saying among other things that "the Jews rule the world." Although many countries outside the OIC objected, he did not retract. The Egyptian foreign minister and other Muslim figures praised his remarks and supported him.<sup>31</sup>

Nevertheless, during these years the signs of a thaw continued. In 1998 a Malaysian, for the first time since 1965, took a course on community development in Israel.<sup>32</sup> In February 2000 two Israeli teams, male and female, participated in a ping pong tournament in Malaysia. The opposition Muslim political party warned the government of "undesirable consequences" and claimed Israel was an "illegal country." The minister of sport responded that Malaysia could not discriminate against any country if it wished to hold international sport competitions and especially if it wanted to host the Asia Games in 2006. He affirmed that Malaysia's view of Israel as oppressor of the Palestinians remained in force.

Since succeeding Mahathir as prime minister in October 2003, Dato Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi has reiterated Malaysia's total support for the Palestinians and severely criticized Israel, though in a style less crude than Mahathir's. He accused Israel of state terrorism and of inflicting evils on the Palestinians that were starting to resemble the atrocities undergone by the Jews themselves. He said in a speech on 14 September 2005, "We must maintain a distinction between acts of terrorism and the right of people fighting for self-determination," implying that Palestinian terrorism was justified. He criticized suicide bombings as inexpedient but not as immoral.<sup>33</sup>

#### Conclusion

Despite Malaysia's many provocations regarding Israel, especially during Mahathir's tenure, the country has not generally been of great interest to Israeli policymakers or to Asia specialists in its Foreign Ministry. Sharett was an exception, and Meir in the 1960s and Rabin in the 1990s also showed some interest. Otherwise prime ministers and foreign ministers have been indifferent, even though Mahathir's pronouncements in particular could have prompted Israeli countermeasures in the United States.

Malaysian politicians state from time to time state that they will not open diplomatic relations with Israel so long as the Palestinian problem is not solved.

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on July 28, 2008 11:06 PM

Dear Tun,

The new generation of Malaysians is now becoming more arrogant and too materialistic especially the elite few within our society who are really the culprit, trying to be champion of their own community and thought that they are now more knowledgeable and can demand what they thought to be their rights. They are hypocrite people and I don't think they are loyal to this country. These so-called elite few will be the first one who will "cabut" with their families if this country is in trouble. Make no mistake about it.

By ABI on July 28, 2008 11:11 PM

We see a lot of greensticks these days on Tun M's blog commenting on matters they have no knowledge whatsoever. Such is the calibre of the new breed of our younger generation. They lack information, skills, general knowledge and proficiency in both Bahasa Malaysia and English. A less intelligent human capital cannot be of any pride to a country that we love so much. Please buck up and take immediate action to enhance your skills, thinking and knowledge.

ABI

By michaelooi on July 28, 2008 11:16 PM

Dear Tun

Seems to be so much talk about a leader we do not want. Why only talk? If Philippines, Indonesia and Thailand can change their leader with "people's power", I do not see why we can't? I can also talk, but talking alone bring us nowhere.

If we truly love our country, let's do something, anything and not only lip service.

By OMK on July 28, 2008 11:21 PM

Dear Tun

I am living in North America now but I feel sad with the way our country is administered by current government. I am not familiar with Malaysian political system but I wonder how the normal Malaysians (forget about politicians - most of them are self-serving individuals) could replace the dysfunctional and corrupted government. Please explain.

To San

Your mind is one-tracked - everything is about racial discrimination. Do you think that the whites would treat us equally? Why it took hundreds of years for a black to be a presidential candidate in USA?

To Kamal Hassan

I agreed with you that there are no special Bumi rights. As minorities in economic sector, Bumi human rights should be established. I couldn't get a good job in corporations dominated by Chinese management even though I was trained overseas.

One correction - Obama is not from slavery background. His father was an immigrant from Kenya and his mother is a white American.

By johorchinese on July 28, 2008 11:39 PM

Tun

SALAM SEJAHTERA

Terlebih dahulu ingin saya ucapkan terima kasih atas jasa Tun yg tidak ternilai kepada negara yg tercinta. Tun disini ingin saya beri sedikit pendapat walaupun tajuk dan comment tidak mengena.

Dibawah pimpinan Tun negara kita mantap dari segi politik mahupun dari segi ekonomi. semua rakyat sokong dan percaya pada Tun walaupun ada yang berpendapat Tun bersifat DITEKTOR. kalau dilihat pada zaman pemerintahan Tun... kebanyakan rakyat boleh dikatakan hidup dalam keadaan yang serba ada. golongan sederhana rendah mampu untuk memiliki kereta walaupun dibayar secara ansuran. ini berikutan daripada ekonomi yang stabil dimana semua barangan keperluan boleh didapati dalam harga yang berpatutan. Tapi kini rakyat telah pun dibebani dengan harga minyak dimana secara langsung menyebabkan kenaikan semua barangan serta pekhidmatan.. ini bukan sahaja membebankan rakyat malah ianya akan menyebabkan kadar jenayah akan bertambah secara exponential (melonjak). contoh jenayah yang paling ketara ialah rasuah, pecah rumah, ragut, curi, kes cerai bertambah, dan sebagainya. Saya rasa banyak lagi perkara yang mungkin akan berlaku berikutan daripada cara pemerintahan kerajaan masa kini yang tidak disenangi oleh rakyat.

Berbalik pada masa kini era pemerintahan Pak lah... Pak lah mungkin seorang yang baik tetapi beliau kurang bijak sebagai seorang Ketua (hanya sesuai jadi 2nd man). Secara kesimpulannya.. Kini politik malaysia telah pun menjadi tidak stabil.. seterusnya menyebabkan ekonomi menjadi tenat... seterusnya kadar pengangguran bertambah.. dan kadar jenayah bertambah (dimana polis sendiri juga turut terlibat). Asalnya MALAYSIA MERUPAKAN SEBUAH NEGARA MEMBANGUN... MUNGKIN AKAN BERALIH MENJADI SEBUAH NEGARA MISKIN) saya selaku rakyat malaysia amat sedih.... dan bimbang akan masa depan anak anak kita.. sekian..

By boz on July 28, 2008 11:47 PM

Many Malaysians love Malaysia. In their own ways, they are contributing something to the country. They work hard. They still stay in this country when they could have moved somewhere else or when people wish them to move away. They try their best to live in harmony with the others. They keep quiet so that there will be less troubles. They should be given the credit but instead the credit goes to others and they just keep this to themselves. They embrace the other culture willingly and unwillingly. They obey every order. If this is not love for Malaysia, then what should it be ?

Next question. Why are people without the caliber be allowed to hold the rein of power ? Or why are

people with the caliber not be allowed to hold the rein of power ? Of course. The simple answer will be because of power itself. See the situation of the politicians today. Does today's politicians love Malaysia ? Few characteristics if they love Malaysia. They will frown corruption. They will not misuse their power. They will not be immoral. They will distribute the country's wealth equally among all the people. They will love every Malaysian. They will not spoil any one group. They will not be unfair to another group. And the list goes on.

By johorchinese on July 28, 2008 11:47 PM

Salam Sejahtera Tun yang dihormati selalu

Apakah NEGARA KITA AKAN BERUBAH MENJADI SEBUAH NEGARA MUNDUR.... dan segala usaha tun selama ini disia - siakan.....

By Melayu Riyadh on July 28, 2008 11:50 PM

Dear Neil,

Do not kid yourself. Chinese only left the country whenever they have better opportunities outside. And it is always to a developed countries. Otherwise they will stay in Malaysia, till such opportune time comes - talk about loyalty ?! What a bunch of crap!

Now you can see the trends for Malays (thanks to the education opportunities provided by Tun) to work overseas in numbers, as well. But they will always return home, one day. There are never talks of settling or retiring overseas. The fact remains, for Malays, no matter what, Malaysia is home. And here you are talking about leaving the country because the country so damn bad, as if the other developing countries are so much better. Please look around first la.

(I am making general statements here, if you can, so can I).

So please lah. Do not make general accusations to Tun who has toiled to build the country. You? What you do? Sikit sikit complain nak lari dari Malaysia, larilah. You want to be like Zimbabwe, is it? Believe me you, if Tun wants to do that he can, long time ago.

By Onlooker on July 29, 2008 12:05 AM

Dear Tun,

I believe a lot of your fans have treated you like a movie star. Some of them have already bet on you with the stake of their gatepass to heaven for their next life by declaring that you are their idol. (Idolatry is a big sin in some religions including Islam). They have been trying to look up a magic word from your blog that will effectively turn them rich in just a few minute like what you have done in the past to make rich of such gentlemen as Tun Daim, Halim Saat, Mirzan and Mokhzani. These naive men who have idolized you are hoping to get some inspirational encouragement that may cheer them up in their everyday life!

However, do you really give your worshippers any encouragement in this blog?

By saying that "we have become very selfish and too materialistic.", you are indeed directing a false accusation to all Malaysians by making an unqualified generalization. Please do not use "we" in this sentence when you want to address your talk to all Malaysians. I think it would be a much better qualified statement if you rephrase it into this:

"Several sons of mine and the son-in-law of mine have become very selfish and too materialistic."

I believe the above rephrased statement will bring you more empathy from all your worshippers before they truly feel like crying out to you such ungrateful words as "No matter what and no matter how, this is still the country we love, but we don't love Tun anymore because you like to talk nonsense sometimes."

Onlooker

Tun's last statement is listed below for reference:

"34. We are all the beneficiaries of the policies of those early people who lead this country. The systems and policies they initiated were excellent. If they seem not to work today it is not because they were bad but it is because we do not have their caliber. We have become very selfish and too materialistic. This country has given us much. Is it still the country we love? I wonder!"

By amidcha on July 29, 2008 12:05 AM

askum honoured beloved and respected TUN DrM. Tun, pls do not be angry, but i just want to say that Tun had remedies for all the problems of the world and for each and every single problem in Malaysia, BUT.....BUT.....Again I say BUT all your prescription to remove Pak Lah from office is not working... WHY?????. i dont know whatelse does PakLah wants you to do.. coz bcoz of him you have even resigned from UMNO, the party that you love even more than your family..... PAK LAH, PLEASE tell us whatelse should our beloved Mahathir do, to atone for the SIN, Tun has committed in appointing you as PM, we like you Paklah, but we do not your styl of goverment, and we feel sad that Mahathir has to endure such emotional trauma in your being stubborn, Be afraid PakLah, coz ALLAH will judge the leader first,as says the Quran. May ALAH BLES tUN AND hIS fAMILY. aMEN

By abuzarAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 12:14 AM

"Certainly, a man like Dr. Mahathir Mohamad is not born everyday."

- Nor Mohamed Yacop dalam

<http://jebatmustdie.wordpress.com/2008/06/05/oh-my-god-is-this-pm-stupid/>

Menangis airmata darah sekali pun kami tidak akan dapat pemimpin yang seperti Tun. Semoga Tun sentiasa sihat dan kuat untuk terus memberikan pandangan dan pedoman. We love you, Tun.

By sitinur on July 29, 2008 12:17 AM

salam bapak n all kuarga chedet.com...

1 minyak dunia naik aab terus naikkan rega minyak...

2 minyak dunia turun sharir samad kata tunggu rega stabil baru bole turunkan rega minyak.....naik lajuuuuuuuu..turun jgn harappppp...

3 nasib baik tak percaya cakap2 pemimpin nih..idak sakit ati/sakit jiwa.....

4 pemimpin umno tidak ada setia kawan...buat perancangan ikut sukasuka ati sendrik jer...tak berbincang dgn parti komponen tu pasai lingkup duk tak sedaq diri lagik....celaru harubiru raplahjingga...

5 kiter singkir pemimpin yg tak sayang n hormat negara m'sia..

go2..singkirrrrrrrrrrrr.....

6 muga bapak n mami hasmah sihat2 selalu.....go2..go...

By mr\_ijal on July 29, 2008 12:38 AM

salam tun.

semoga sihat selalu.saya tertarik dgn idea2 yg tun berikan dan ianya telah membuka satu lembaran baru di dalam kotak fikiran saya. terima kasih atas idea2 dan buah fikiran yg tun berikan. apa yang paling penting dan saya percaya yg tun telah pun membuka fikiran org2 mcm saya.terima kasih dan saya ni bukanlah seorang pembodek sekiranya ada yg berfikiran sedemikian.

tun, saya ada pertanyaan. bagaimanakah kita hendak menghilangkan perasaan hasad dengki yg ada dlam diri org2 UMNO itu sendiri? tak payah lah kita fikirkan apa yang difikirkan oleh org2 di luar UMNO sbb mereka ini memang nak menjatuhkan kita. ini kerana pada pemilihan cawangan yg sedang berjalan sekarang ini, dapat kita lihat yang menang jadi abu yang kalah jadi arang. tidak ini akan merugikan ahli2 itu sendiri.

harap2 tun dapat memberi tunjuk ajar dan idea2 yg bernas.

terima kasih tun. take care.

By alimran on July 29, 2008 12:51 AM

Tun,

Anak Tun Mukriz tidak boleh tandangi Tun walaupun sedikit. Saya dah beberapa kali telefon dan sms pada dia untuk berjuang bersama dia, namun dia tidak mengendahkan langsung sms dan panggilan saya. Saya telah memperjuangkan Tun sejak tahun 1987 lagi. Saya dan kawan-kawan telah menubuhkan AMAN (Angkatan Mahasiswa Negara) bagi menyatakan sokongan terhadap Tun, UMNO dan BN kerana pada masa itu PBS keluar dari BN untuk menyokong Semangat 46. Sehingga sekarang saya masih menyokong TUN walaupun TUN telah keluar dari UMNO buat sementara. Saya sangat kecewa terhadap Mukriz dengan dasar perjuangannya. Saya rasa anak Tun, Mukriz ini tidak akan ke mana-mana sekiranya bersikap tidak melayani masyarakat yang nak menghulurkan bantuan kepadanya.

Bekas Mahasiswa 1987

By elcdreamer on July 29, 2008 12:56 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun...

I agree, as we know Malaysia 50 years back is different from what it is today  
Neither will Malaysia be 50 years in the future, be it bad or good, we all hope for the best with great dreams and expectation.

Foretelling the future is all that we can do know in hope for a better future for our children and their children.

That is why we need to put the cards right so that it is easier to see and to conduct later on like RMK strategy which has put Malaysia plan into becoming a modern country, not a third world country.

But we must also put into consideration on the impact that we will face like right now the unstabilize price for crude oil that has mark up almost all of the prices in the world

Global warming also plays a major role as a lot of crops dwindle as the temperature rises, we too will effect from this like our neighbours

Problems will always arises as we go on with our life's as to effect from the competition from other country, that is why we need to plan carefully even through when the water is still, we do not know when the ripples will come

We just have to be ready for it

That is why we must not take for granted the things that we still enjoy now

So AAB, please, think about the future and your children future, for they to want to prosper, don't waste what our ancestor put a lot of effort and dream into making this into a reality for you just to spoil it out on your self or on the good of a few so that they will enjoy, for we Malaysian are about a community, not just family. Like "Gotong – royong" and "Bersatu teguh, bercerai roboh".

ONLY HISTORY WILL JUDGE

My best wishes to our good hearted Tun.

By threesixtynine on July 29, 2008 1:03 AM

i'm sure, if a made it as a pm, k will have the chances too. he's using a to fulfill his dream to become no 1, after realising to many no 1 dreamers existed in umno at this moment...

By TechTitan on July 29, 2008 1:32 AM

Cikgu Det,

'Dimana bumi dipijak disitu langgit dijunjung'. It's nice of you to write an excellent article that steered away from controversial issues. I feel very patriotic today after reading your recent post. You did a brilliant job

during your tenure as Prime Minister of Malaysia. Nowadays you are sharing your knowledge with the rest of the world especially we youngsters. I hope you don't mind if I address you as Cikgu Chedet or Cikgu Det or better still Cikgu Tun.

Yes, you are our best lecturer. Your blog become the online class and your students are the readers. Everybody from anywhere can enroll into your class for free and the size is unlimited. Class attendance is not compulsory because your lectures are posted as online notes and are archived. Students are able to read the lecture notes at their own time. Similar to a real classroom, you'd have active students who took part to comment your lecture and passive students who came only to read. Occassionally you have to deal with some naughty students who came to disrupt your lecture.

Cikgu, regarding your recent history lesson, do you have any comparative statistical data from 1957 - 2000? It will be interesting to compare the projected growth versus the real result that we achieved. Apart from that Cikgu, can you please give more lesson on leadership? I understand you have been doing talks in many international leadership forums / seminars including some local events like International Centre for Leadership in Finance (ICLIF).

Terima Kasih..... Cikgu. Selamat Pulang Cikgu.....  
By Abdul HayeeAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 1:39 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Selama Tun memimpin negara ini pada tahun 1981 hingga 2003 (22 tahun)Tun sentiasa mendapat petunjuk dan hidayah dari Allah bagi mengatasi kemlut yang menimpa dirinya dan negara kita kerana beliau memiliki sifat jujur dan ikhlas dalam perjuangannya bagi memajukan serta memertabatkan negara demi agama bangsa dan tanahair.

Pada tahun 1986 TMH telah meletakkan jawatan sebagai Timbalan Presiden UMNO dan Timbalan Perdana Menteri tetapi setelah dipujuk beliau mengekalkan jawatannya dalam parti sebagai TP UMNO sahaja. Tun telah melantik En Ghafar Baba sebagai Timbalan Perdana Menteri.

Pada tahun 1987 Tun telah dicabar oleh Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah yang disokong oleh beberapa orang menteri kabinetnya termasuk PakLah dan TMH sebagai Presiden UMNO tetapi dengan izin Allah beliau berjaya mempertahankan jawatannya dengan kelebihan 43 undi sahaja. Akibat dari pertandingan itu, UMNO telah diharamkan dan beliau berjaya menubuhkan UMNO Baru tetapi TRH dan pengikutnya telah menubuhkan parti Semangat 46.

Pada tahun 1988 Tun telah diserang sakit jantung dan telah menjalani pembedahan jantung di HBKL di negaranya. Beliau telah merelakan dirinya dibedah dinegara sendiri menunjukkan semangat patriotismanya yang tinggi walaupun sebagai PM beliau boleh memilih untuk mendapat rawatan di mana-mana juga negara yang dia pilih. Tak lama kemudian IJN telah ditubuhkan dan telah menjadi begitu terkenal sehingga pesakit jantung dari luar negara pun memilih untuk mendapatkan rawatan dinegara ini.

Pada tahun 1997 krisis ekonomi melanda Malaysia tetapi Tun telah berjaya mengatasinya dengan pendekatan seperti yang ditulis oleh Nor Mohamed Yakcop tahun 2003 bertajuk "The Financial Crisis of 1997 - 1998. Sila layari: [Http: //jebatmustdie.wordpress.com/2008/06/05/ah-my-god-is-this-pm-stupid/](http://jebatmustdie.wordpress.com/2008/06/05/ah-my-god-is-this-pm-stupid/) posted by Zahar on July 2008 3.51pm. tk En Zahar.  
Saya sebak dan amat tersentuh apabila membacanya.

Pada tahun 1998 Anwar Ibrahim telah dipecat daripada UMNO dan jawatan Timbalan Perdana Menteri. Sebab pemecatan telah diketahui umum dan tidak perlu disebut disini. Negara menjadi kecoh. Pada tahun yang sama negara telah menjadi tuan rumah kepada Commonwealth Games yang sangat berjaya.PakLah telah dilantik sebagai Timbalan Perdana Menteri dan memangku Timbalan Presiden UMNO.

Pada tahun 2002 Tun telah mengejutkan ahli-ahli UMNO apabila beliau mengumumkan perletakan jawatannya sebagai PM dan Presiden UMNO serta merta didalam ucapan penggulungan didalam persidangan Agong UMNO dan telah menggemparkan seluruh negara. Ramai ahli-ahli UMNO lelaki dan wanita telah menangis teresak-esak. Rafidah Aziz yang pertama menerkam Tun sehingga tercabut tumit kasutnya dan bertanya Tun "Kenapa, Kenapa? Kemudian diikuti oleh Hishamudin Husain. PakLah telah membuat pengumuman supaya Tun tarik balik perletakan jawatannya. Setelah puas dipujuk akhirnya Tun telah bersetuju untuk menangguhkan perletakan jawatannya sehingga 31 Oktober, 2003.

Pada tanggal 31 Oktober 2003 di hari yang paling mulia iaitu hari Jumaat dan di bulan yang paling mulia iaitu bulan Ramadhan Tun telah menyerahkan jawatannya kepada PakLah.

Selepas itu Tun mula dipinggirkan sedikit demi sedikit secara sistematik daripada pemimpin2 UMNO.

Pada tahun 2008 Tun keluar daripada UMNO. Bukannya Melayu mudah lupa tetapi Pemimpin Melayu mudah lupa. Ramai rakyat yang masih sayangkan Tun. Blognya telah dikunjungi oleh 4.4 juta orang dalam tempoh 2 bulan 29 hari.

Saya mengajak rakyat negara Malaysia yang sayangkan Tun dan tahu mengenang budi marilah kita menadah tangan berdoa 'YA ALLAH YA TUHAN KAMI, KAMI MEMOHON PADA MU YA ALLAH SELAMATKANLAH TUN DR.MAHATHIR DAN ISTERINYA TUN DR.SITI HASMAH. BERILAH MEREKA KESEJAHTERAAN DIDUNIA INI. YA ALLAH YA TUHAN KAMI, KAU PANJANGKANLAH UMUR MEREKA DALAM KESIHATAN YANG BAIK. DAN APABILA SAMPAI MASA UNTUK MEREKA MENEMUI MU YA ALLAH, TERLEBIH DAHULU KAU AMPUNKANLAH SEGALA DOSA-DOSA MEREKA DAN TEMPATKANLAH ROH ROH MEREKA DIDALAM SYURGA MU BERSAMA ORANG-ORANG YANG BERIMAN DAN BERTAKWA. AMIN! AMIN! AMIN!

Terima kasih Tun kerana menjadi pemimpin kami selama 22 tahun dan terus memberi buah fikiran didalam blog chedet.com.

By bkz on July 29, 2008 2:08 AM

askum tun,  
fenomena terkini mengenai muzakarah umno-pas. boleh tak, tun memberi sedikit komen mengenai perkara ini.

By matbinggung on July 29, 2008 3:07 AM

matbinggung said,

**BERI PELUANG KEPADA DATUK NAJIB**

Maaf Mat tak berapa mahir tulis Inggeris, tapi faham bila baca tulisan Tun sebab guna bahasa mudah. Memang binggung memikirkan masalah negara sekarang sebab itu Mat tak pasal-pasal dari waras jadi binggung..binggung. Tapi Mat rasa, Datuk Najib boleh membetulkan mengembalikan kegemilangan UMNO tapi berilah beliau peluang.

Cuba kita lihat bagaimana Najib membela nasib para peneroka dan askar-askar kita. Dalam TV, kita lebih yakin bila Tuk Najib memberi penjelasan termasuk dalam hal ekonomi. Itu baru duduk kerusi Timbalan.

Saya rasa jika dah jadi PM, Najib akan lebih fokus dalam menyelesaikan masalah negara.

SATU LAGI PERKARA TUN, saya pernah terbaca satu artikel dalam majalah agama bahawa SESEORANG PEMIMPIN YANG DAPAT 'BERTAHAN LAMA' sebenarnya mendapat 'RESTU' daripada YANG MAHA ESA.

- Saya percaya TUN juga mendapat restu daripada Tuhan sehingga pelbagai dugaan dan cubaan nak gulingkan Tun tapi tak berjaya. sebaliknya alih-alih Tun makin diterima rakyat jelata sehingga ke era bersara.

SEBAB itu, bagi saya soal kepimpinan ini adalah ketentuan Tuhan. Tapi sejarah Melayu mencatatkan bahawa sebarang kecuai pemimpin Melayu akan membawa AKIBAT TERLALU BESAR seperti menimpa empayar Majapahit, Melaka dan Singapura.

Melaka dan Singapura sendiri HILANG KESULTANAN kerana kecuaiannya pemimpin masa itu. BAGI saya, berilah peluang kepada Datuk Najib untuk membuktikan kemampuan dan mungkin beliau juga pemimpin berwawasan seperti Ayahanda Tun.

Dan saya juga percaya Najib akan melantik Tun sebagai penasihat dan memilih Muhyiddin sebagai Timbalan iaitu satu gandingan mantap, selain bekerjasama dengan PAS UNTUK MEMIMPIN NEGARA. WASALAM.

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 3:07 AM

Dear Tun,

Some people are damn arrogant as if they are more knowledgeable than others. These are the type of elite few who feel that they stand above all others. Your blog is meant not only for the elite few to express their intellectual skills and knowledge but it is also to give opportunity for others to participate in the topic discussed irrespective whether their language skills is HP6 or lack of knowledge. That is immaterial. What is important is at least they are brave enough to write something and express their true feelings. If these elite few feel that it is rather disgusting to read some of the comments written in a horrible language then just tolerate it. When Tun is not bothered at all about the language written why are they so concern about it.

By pocong on July 29, 2008 3:35 AM

Assalamualaikum,

I want to comment on the feedback by homantohuman99 below;

"i now in a foreign country. i dunno whether i shd come back to msia to work and live.

i love msia very much but i dun like discrimination that gov has made so far.

most chinese msian left msia...they love msia but hate the way gov threatened

i still follow msia political issue thru internet. I hope we are chinese not threat as second class citizen anymore.

tear my eyes when racist issues still playing in current political..."

I wonder,

1. Why many Chinese felt that they are being discriminated?
2. Why Chinese always felt that they have been threatened like 2nd class citizen?
3. Why Chinese felt racist sentiments is still at large?

Answer:

1. A discriminated people/community/races will never able to control 72% of Malaysia's wealth as what Malaysian Chinese are now. The one has been discriminated are Melayu, Indian and other bumiputras. When a Melayu/India want to work with mostly Chinese companies, the pre-requirement is able to speak Mandarin. Remember, our Perlembagaan says, Bahasa Melayu adalah bahasa kebangsaan and yet most Chinese can not speak Bahasa very well (yet they are Malaysian). Chinese companies will only trust other Chinese people/companies. Therefore our chance to work and better our life is limited. Chinese will always has a stereotype that Melayu/India are mostly bad people involve in crimes, lazy, violent, stupid etc.

2. 2nd class citizen? Most Chinese send their children to private Chinese school bcoz Sekolah Kebangsaan is not good enough. Does Govt close down Chinese school? No, it will become big political issue by MCA, DAP, Gerakan, Fu Chow Assc, Hokkein Asc and others Chinese dominantly group.

3. Our Msia politic is toying with racist sentiment/element? Who? UMNO? DAP? MCA? MIC? PAS? PKR? C'mon, a politic is always a politic. The racist ranting will never be solved until every each of Msia's races and individual understand to respect each other. The Chinese and Indian, whoever you are, wether he/she is a lawyer, doctor, manager, politician, housewife, schoolboy, teenager etc willingly and deeply understand and accept ALL those things mention in Perlembagaan Malaysia and Rukunegara. If dont understand, please learn/know abt it. Malaysia Constitutions are unique, unlike Indonesia with thier

Pancasila, British with their Common Laws, USA with their Constitutions. As I said, Our Perlembagaan is very truly unique so just accept it without conditions. In Malaysia as our Tun said before, Everybody can get what they want but everybody can not get ALL they want.

We allow Chinese to vote in our Pilihanraya and they can vote who they like; usually Chinese candidate Ia. Chinese candidate can win in a majority Melayu/Indian voters but a Melayu candidate will almost 90% LOST in majority Chinese voters. A Apek and Nyonya traders can still make lot of profits selling fish, vegetable, chilies, meat etc at Melayu's villages but a Melayu trader will 98% lost if trying to sell at Chinese villages. Or worst he will be warned or harassed by some Chinese quarters there. In this situation, is Melayu racist or the Chinese racist? Everybody got brain and insane eventually know the exact answer.

By paizmyAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 3:41 AM

Salam Ayahanda Tun,

Dear Tun and readers,

The time of mono party(ruling party) could be quickly coming to an end. Is that good or bad for the rakyat?

However, as a famous person once said, "no matter whether it is a black or white cat, what's more important is that it catches mice"..

That being said, I am wondering whether under the current constitution of UMNO, it is possible for a non malay (and non Islam) individual to become a member?

Yours respectfully,

Denny

I think in future UMNO can accept non malay and non Islam. But the meaning of the word has to change as well. UMNO= United Malays National Organization. Change it to UMNO= United Malaysian Nationalist Organization. Making UMNO a 'Malaysian' party, would be difficult cause we the malays will never support it. Unless,

- 1.Bumiputra UMNO (to cater to Bumiputra's needs)
- 2.Chinese UMNO (to cater to chinese needs)
- 3.Indian UMNO. (to cater to indian needs)

Combined all 3 above to make BNN=Barisan Nasionalis dan Negarawan. The word UMNO will still be used and remain relevant.It shall be a Malaysian Political Organization. But still it would be practised on racial lines due to the complex composition of Malaysia.

It's a farfetch idea but the possibilities are somewhat good. Maybe 2020 perhaps? Now maybe 2057?

Sorry ayahanda. Just a thought i had spinning in my head when i saw danny's comments.

Doa ayahanda dan bonda siti sihat walafiat selalu.

Salam

paiz

By wan roselan on July 29, 2008 3:49 AM

KEHADAPAN AYAHANDA TUN

UNTUK TATAPAN KUSERU KEINSAFAN DARI SEORANG NEGARAWAN

PERCAYALAH KAMI MASIH MENYAYANGI MU KERANA SUMBANGANMU MASIH DIPERLUKAN,  
CARILAH DAMAI ABADI BUKANNYA PERJUANGAN PERIBADI DAN KRONI

KEBERANIAN YANG SEBENAR IALAH YANG SANGGUP MENGAKUI KESILAPAN MENGGUNAKAN  
KEBIJAKSAAN KURNIAAN TUHAN UNTUK KEBAIKAN  
TERBUKA LAPORAN PERUBATAN MENDEDAHKAN TUDUHAN PENUH KEPALSUAN  
APAKAH LAGI YANG INGIN DIBUKTIKAN CUKUPLAH FITNAH DIBERHENTIKAN

KUSELITKAN GURISAN PERASAAN DARI INSAN Kerdil BERNAMA WAN ROSELAN YANG  
DIPOSKAN KE BLOG ANWARIBRAHIM

wan roselan mustapha Jul 29th, 2008 at 3:30 am

PEJUANG DSAI

BUAT PEJUANG KAU TIDAK KESEORANGAN  
DOA RAKYAT DIMAKBULKAN TUHAN  
MUNCUL DR MOHAMED MENUNJUKKAN KEBERANIAN  
RUPANYA MELAYU TIDAK KEKURANGAN PAHLAWAN

KALAU DULU MELAYU KUANGGAP SANGAT MURAHAN  
SAIFUL DIRASUAH UNTUK MENGEMUKAKAN TUDUHAN  
SEKARANG TERBUKA SEGALA KEBENARAN  
SEMUANYA TERKANDUNG DI DALAM LAPORAN

KALAU BALA KEBERANIAN DITUNJUKKAN  
AKUAN BERSUMPAH PERTAMA ITULAH KEBENARAN  
YANG KEDUA DIBUAT KERANA PAKSAAN  
AKIBAT APARAT YANG SEPERTI CACING KEPANASAN

KEPADA NAJIB & PAKLAH KUSERU KEINSAFAN  
JAWATAN DUNIA BUAT APA DIREBUTKAN  
SEMUANYA ITU PERMAINAN SYAITAN  
MENGODA NAFSU SUPAYA KERAKUSAN

LIHATLAH DIRI APAKAH UMUR  
HARUS MENGHISAB DIRI UNTUK BERUNDUR  
BIARLAH RAKYAT DAN NEGARA MAKMUR  
BERTAUBATLAH KALI INI SECARA JUJUR

KEPADA PEJUANG KEAMPUNAN BERLAH TAWARAN  
SUPAYA MUSUH TIDAK KETAKUTAN  
WALAU DISERAH KUASA PEMERINTAHAN  
JANGAN GUSAR TIADA HUKUMAN

MUSUH SUDAH HILANG MARUAH  
ITULAH HUKUMAN YANG PALING PARAH  
KERANA HINAAN DIMAKAN SUMPAH  
DIPANDANG RAKYAT SEPERTI SAMPAH

PEJUANG DIPENJARA TANPA ALASAN  
KERANA MENENTANG ITULAH HUKUMAN  
SEKARANG TUHAN MENUNJUKKAN KEKUASAAN  
KERANA BERJUANG PENUH KEIKHLASAN

TUHAN TIDAK PERNAH MEMUNGKIRI

YANG TAAT DI BERI RAHMAT YANG DERHAKA DIKEJI  
KALAU ISTIQAMAH JATI DIRI  
NESCAYA PERJUANGAN KEJAYAAN MENANTI

JANGAN DILUPA KETUANAN MELAYU  
KETUANAN RAKYAT SEMUA BANGSA BERSATU  
SECARA IKHLAS HASRAT DIPADU  
LUPAKAN PERMUSUHAN UNTUK MATLAMAT YANG SATU

ORANG MELAYU BERADAT BERBUDAYA  
BERKONGSI NEGERI MENJADI PAYUNG NEGARA  
TEMPAT BERNAUNG SEMUA BANGSA  
JANGANLAH PENGORBANAN KAMI HENDAK DILUPA

KUSERU PADA LAIN-LAIN BANGSA  
JANGANLAH DIUNGKIT MELAYU LEBIH ISTIMEWA  
SEDANGKAN MELAYU BERKORBAN WARGANEGARA  
MEMINTA SEDIKIT KEKAYAAN SAMA RATA

TIDAKKU HARAP SIMPATI LAWAN  
KERANA DIRI SENDIRI PERLU BUKTIKAN  
TETAPI MASIH MEMERLUKAN KERAJAAN  
SUPAYA SEIMBANG DAYA PERSAINGAN

KUPERHATIKAN LAYANAN NEGARA LAIN KEPADA ORANG ASING  
TIADA DIBERIKAN SEDIKITPUN PELUANG BERSAING  
WUJUD PENINDASAN HAK PERIBUMI BUKAN UNTUK DIRUNDING  
MEREMPAT IMIGRAN HIDUP MERUNCING

BERTERIMAOKSIHLAH KEPADA KEPIMPINAN MELAYU  
MALAYSIA DIMERDEKAKAN BRITISH DIRAYU  
SETELAH MERDEKA SEMUA BANGSA BERSATU  
WAWASAN MENUJU NEGARA MAJU

KUSERU PAKATAN RAKYAT DEB DITERUSKAN  
BERUBAH PIMPINAN POLISI DIPERKEMASKAN  
BUKAN DIJADIKAN KEMELUT PERTENGLINGKAHAN  
TETAPI UNTUK MENGHAPUSKAN KEMISKINAN

SEMUA YANG MISKIN PERLU DITOLONG  
TAK KIRA BANGSA BANTUAN DIDORONG  
YANG KAYA YANG MISKIN SEMUA BERGABUNG  
BERARAK AWAN HILANGLAH MENDUNG

HANYA PEJUANG KUNAMPAK KELINCAHAN  
DIPENTAS DUNIA RAMAINYA RAKAN  
DIGUNAKAN UNTUK BERBUAT KEBAIKAN  
AGAR MAKMUR RAKYAT TEMPATAN

PEJUANG LULUS UJIAN PEPERANGAN  
KETIKA SENANG PERJUANGAN DITERUSKAN  
BILA DITIMPA MUSIBAH BERTERUSAN  
TIDAK SEDIKITPUN SEMANGATNYA HILANG

KUINGIN JUGA PERJUANGAN DISERTAI  
APAKAN DAYA BERADA DI LUAR NEGERI

KUTINGGALKAN KELUARGA ANAK DAN ISTERI  
BERLINANG AIRMATA TANAH AIR KURINDUI

KUPASRAH KEPADA KETENTUAN ILLAHI  
DITANGANNYA AJAL MAUT PINTU REZEKI  
MASIH BERDOA TETAP IMAN DIHATI  
SEPERTI PEJUANG YANG KEWIBAWAANMU KU KAGUMI

KEPADA PEJUANG NASIHAT TDM DIPERLUKAN LAGI  
KERANA PENDAPATNYA MASIH BERNAS PENUH BERISI  
WALAUPUN PERNAH DIRIMU DIKHIANATI  
BERMAAFAN KEDUA-DUANYA YANG KAMI NANTI

BIARLAH PEMBALASAN DITENTUKAN TUHAN  
KALAU DIBIARKAN KE NERAKA JAHANAMLAH JAWAPAN  
MELAINKAN DIMAAF DAN DIBERI KEAMPUNAN  
ITULAH SIKAP PEJUANG PENUH KEMULIAAN

ENTAH MENGAPA HATIKU BERKATA  
PEJUANG SUNGGUH BERPERIBADI MULIA  
TIDAK BERDENDAM WALAU DIHINA  
MENCARI KEREDHAAN ALLAH ITU YANG UTAMA

SEKIAN

WRM - KALAU PEJUANG ADA TERBACA BUATLAH TIDUR SUPAYA BANGKIT LEGA PERASAAN  
HILANG KERUAN

By cajuara on July 29, 2008 3:49 AM

asalamualaikum TUN,dulu saya tak pernah ikut perkembangan politik masa TUN jadi PM.tapi skrg baru saya tau pentingnya dalam membuat pilihan.teruk-teruk dulu rakyat taklah terasa beban tapi skrg hampeh...everything naik..beras,petrol..alangkah baiknya kalau masa boleh diputarakan...baru kita menghargai....

TUN,u are my MENTOR..bintang sama lah SAGITARIUS

By musang berjanggut on July 29, 2008 4:00 AM

tun; minta maaf jika saya lari dr topik

saya menghormati tun sebagai seorang bekas pemimpin disegani

tetapi

saya merasakan tun tidak mementingkan aspek keagamaan dlm mendidik ahli keluarga tun

isteri tun lebih selesa memakai rambut palsu berbanding memakai hijab yang menjadi perintah ALLah, termaktub dalam al-Quran. dosa tu tun.

tun plak menanggungnya...

tun sebelum terlambat, sebelum malaikat izrail datang memanggil, sebelum tertutup pintu taubat.....

apalah kiranya nilai sehelai tudung berbanding rambut palsu yang harganya lebih mahal...

By malaysiananban on July 29, 2008 4:52 AM

To all,

First time commenting. Watching you all the way since taking oath to lead the country. Never argue your every decisions b'cos surely those decisions made with full care and seriousness. For you country comes

first others next.

Adalah menjadi suatu anugerah kepada kita kerana segala kebaikan TUN terhadap negara dan rakyat, dapat kita ketahui di masa ini. Dan bukannya bila beliau sudah tidak bersama kita lagi. Adalah menjadi harapan agar banyak lagi jasa Tun boleh diketengahkan oleh pihak-pihak yang rapat dengan TUN supaya warga kini dapat menilai betapa besarnya penglibatan TUN dalam MEMBINA MALAYSIA.

M = Boleh

Malaysia = Boleh

Mahathir = Boleh

Malaysian = Boleh

Mesti Boleh

By samuraimelayu on July 29, 2008 6:14 AM

Salam AYAHANDA RAKYAT Tun Dr. Mahathir

Salam BONDA RAKYAT Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah

Tiada kata secantik bahasa hendak ditujukan hanya

puisi hadiah kami untuk tatapan anakanda2 bloggers yang baru berjinak dengan chedet.com,

#### TUTUR PENGHARGAAN BANGSA

MEI 13, 1969 IA BERMULA

MELEDAH BANJARAN PEMISAH

MENGALIR DEBU DAN LAHAR

DIANTARA DARAH DAN NANAH

MERESAP DICECAIRAN BUMI BANGSA

KEKAYAAN PUSAKA BANGSA DIMILIKI SEMUA

NAFSU HAIWAN MENGUASAI JIWA RAGA

DENYUT NADI HASAT DENGKI

MERAH, MEMBAHANG, MENYALA

SLOGAN MELAYU BERDILEMA

MERANGSANG PEJUANGAN BANGSA

BANGUN TEGAK BERDIRI

MEROBOH, MENCANAI

WALAUPUN MULANYA KERINGAT DAN AIRMATA

PERIT, PEDIH, RINTIHAN

DALAM PENENTU BELUM PENGHUJUNG

MENGORAK LANGKAH, MENGATUR CARA

MENITI PERMATANG, PENENTU JUANG

KINI, BANGSA MU MULA MENGANGKAT MUKA

TIADA EJEKAN KATA HINA

TETAPI SAMPAI DETIK BILA BERTAHAN LAMA

DASAR EKONOMI BARU, PANDANG KETIMUR

WAWASAN 2020 BUKAN TITIK PENYUDAH

BAGI GENERASI MENDATANG IA BERMULA

MELAYU TAK HILANG DIDUNIA BUKAN DENDANGAN

TETAPI LANDASAN PERJUANGAN

DEMIKIAN SURATAN ILMU ALLAH

BANGSA MELAYU MELANGKAH MEGAH

MENJULANG PANJI PANJI BUMI BERTUAH  
ANAK WATAN PUSAKA BANGSA

MAHATHIR, NAMA MU MEKAR SEGAR  
SEPERTI MAWAR DITITIS EMBUN PAGI  
MANIS DIKATA  
HILANG MU KU CARI  
PERGI MU KU NANTI  
PULANG MU KU TUNGGU

KAU LAYAK MENERIMA ANUGERAH  
RIMBUN PELINDUNG UNTUK SEMUA  
AYAHANDA, TUTUR PENGHARGAAN BANGSA  
BONDA, UNTUK ISTERI TERCINTA

DEMIKIAN KELUHAN RINDU  
DARI RAKYAT BANGSA MU  
YANG PUNYA PERASAAN  
DARAH, DAGING, TULANG, URAT SARAF  
YANG MENJUNJUNG FALSFAH PERJUANGAN BANGSA MU  
UNTUK BANGSA MU MELAYU, SELAGI IANYA BERGELAR MELAYU.  
SALAM KASIH KAMI  
AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD  
SALAM KASIH KAMI  
BONDA RAKYAT TUN DR. SITI HASMAH ALI  
M.M (MELAYU MALAYSIA)  
Kelip, Kelip 13.9.1999  
By GOMO on July 29, 2008 6:53 AM

WE ALL LOVE MALAYSIA!!!  
By truthseeker on July 29, 2008 7:22 AM

Salam kepada YAB Tun dan rakan bloggers,

1. Ramai yang mohon Tun masuk semula arena politik atau buat sesuatu untuk keluaran Dollah sebelum Dollah dan kuncu2nya merosakkan lagi negara kita cintai ini. Tetapi saya pula mohon kita janganlah mengganggu Tun. Tun sudah menyatakan pendiriannya, memberikan fakta, berkongsi pengalaman pun sudah memadai. Sekarang tiba masanya kita do something!

2. Saya masih teringat peristiwa semasa berlangsungnya sesi Select Committee berkenaan Perpaduan dan Khidmat Negara. Seorang pemuda Cina telah menyatakan dia malu mengaku anak Malaysia semasa belajar di luar negara kerana tidak setuju garisan bumi dan bukan bumi. Selepas itu giliran seorang gadis Cina bekas pelatih program latihan khidmat negara pula menceritakan tentang kebaikan program itu dan gadis ini menempelak lelaki tadi dengan berkata 'jangan tanya apa negara boleh buat pada kamu, tapi tanyalah apa kamu boleh buat untuk negara...JADI APA KITA BOLEH BUAT UNTUK NEGARA?

- boikot semua upacara/majlis yang dihadiri PM dan menteri2nya
- semua pensyarah IPTA/S memberikan berita yang benar tentang keadaan negara yang semakin menjunam kepada pelajar. Biar student power bagi tekanan kepada Dollah.
- semua ahli UMNO buat kecoh (tapi tidak melanggar undang2) melalui perjumpaan cawangan, bahagian. Ceritakan kepada orang kampung apa yang boleh berlaku jika Dollah berterusan memerintah. Tak payah orang kampung, mereka yang bergantung kepada media massa kerajaan memang dibuai mimpi indah Dollah. Banyak cerita indah tapi bohong semata-mata. Calonkan mereka yang layak untuk bertanding lawan dollah, lawan menteri2 tu.
- semua tenaga penggerak BTN berhenti membohong, menegak benang basah Dollah. Anda menipu rakyat jika berterusan memperjuangkan Dollah. Jangan kerana sedikit elaun menjadi tenaga penggerak,

anda turut serta menolong Dollah yang menelan berbilion2. Dia buat taik, anda tukang cuci dan tipu kami dengan cerita indah tentang Dollah dan dasar2nya.

e. pegawai ATM, polis, bpr, dan lain2 hentikan usaha menjadikan Dollah a bigger monster. Apabila tuan2 semua menindas mereka yang melawan Dollah, anda semua bersubahat merosakkan negara ini. Polis Israel, polis Singapura menyokong penuh PM mereka kerana PM mereka membuat perkara yang menguntungkan negara mereka. Jadi kalau Dollah membuat penindasan ke atas rakyat, adakah tuan2 mahu dikenang anak cucu nanti sebagai pelindung Dollah semasa Dollah merosakkan Malaysia? Waah hebat, macam kaki pukul ahmad nisfu dalam pendekar bujang lapok. Itukah imej yang tuan2 mahu anak cucu kenang?

f. penjawat awam yang tahu tentang permohonan kontrak yang bersangkutan dengan Dollah, sekutunya, menteri dan sekutunya, anda tolak, kecuali jika ianya sah sah menepati syarat dan layak. Adakala mereka menggunakan proksi, atas nama syarikat lain. Just give these idiots a hard time, supaya mereka tak anggap tuan2 lembu mereka yang pasti memberi mereka bisnes kerana takut dengan connections mereka. Anda jangan takut, rezeki di tangan tuhan. Cuba lihat, berapa ramai yang tidak perlu bodek, tidak perlu bermuka2 dapat ganjaran dan naik pangkat? Kalau penjawat awam bersatu menolak permohonan sekutu2 setan ni, anda telah menjimatkan duit rakyat...itu pun semangat patriotisma. Itupun pahala. Selalunya yang ada kabel ni buat kerja tak senonoh kerana tahu tidak ada yang berani komplek terhadap mereka, betul tak?

g. Minta bantuan kawan2 yang tahu undang2 untuk kita gunakan supaya tindakan kita lebih bermakna. Dulu saya ingat lagi bagaimana penyokong si Anwar yang tahu undang2 mendidik orang ramai melalui internet how to question the authority. Dia bagi jalan macamana nak soal balik polis yang menahan mereka. Jadi kawan2 yang pandai undang2, ajarlah kami dan orang lain jalan yang tidak melanggar undang2 tapi dapat menurunkan Dollah dan kuncu2nya.

Saya benar2 mengharapkan komitmen dari semua pihak, kerana kita tidak ada wakil rakyat lagi, kitalah jadi wakil rakyat yang ditindas. Kita boleh turunkan Dollah sebelum keadaan negara benar2 menjadi parah.

Terima kasih Tun, terima kasih kepada bloggers yang sama2 akan berjuang menurunkan Dollah.  
By mantoba on July 29, 2008 7:42 AM

Tun dan bloggers sekalian.

Saya sepeti juga jeng3 ingin memanjangkan rasa terima kasih kepada Mr.K kerana memaparkan article TSNMY dalam krisis mata wang 1997/1998.

Pada bloggers sekalian harap dapat membaca article ini. Dan pada pengeritik Tun juga dapat meluangkan masa untuk merenung dan fikir2 kan lah kebenaran dan hakikat nya.

Tak perlu saya nak jelaskan apa kah kesimpulan dan pengajaran yang dapat kita pelajari dan ketahui perkara sebenar nya dalam issue ini.

Saya pasti pengeritik Tun bukan lah dari golongan orang2 yang kurang permikiran atau pun tak pergi kesekolah. Tapi sifat dendam, cemburu, dengki dan berniat jahat membuatkan mereka2 ini menjadi buta hati.

Saya percaya Tun tidak pun hirau segelintir kecil kumpulan ini, SIAPA mereka ini? Cuma insan kerdil nak tunjuk lagak jer....

Bukan taraf TUN pun nak berhujah dengan mereka2 ini. Standard TUN taraf global. Mereka2 ini hanya melihat perkara2 yang remeh temeh sahaja. Itu pun tanpa fakta yang jelas.

Pada TUN ,ibarat ular menyusup akar tak akan hilang bisa nya.

Walau pun dah tak ada dalam UMNO, TUN maseh menjadi pemimpin rakyat.

Tun, teruskan usaha Tun memberi maklumat2 untuk tatapan rakyat Malaysia, agar kami faham apa yang sebenar berlaku, dalam politik, ekonomi, sosial dan sebagainya.

HIDUP TUN.....

"A weak mind like a microscope, which magnifies trifling things, but cannot receive great one"

Lord Chesterfield.

By Godfather on July 29, 2008 7:47 AM

Tun:

This is the country we love, and this is the country you destroyed. Singlehandedly.  
By Che Din on July 29, 2008 7:55 AM

YBhg. Tuns,

Selamat menyambut hari ulangtahun perkahwinan ke 52. Semoga terus berbahagia bersama bersama keluarga dan terus mendapat sokongan dari keluarga dalam perjuangan.

Salam.  
By paizmyAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 8:03 AM

Salam Ayahanda dan rakan,

It came to my surprise when i read an article written by your former political adviser, Matthais Chang. Permit me to share with other colleagues here..

WHY DID THE LATE TAN SRI MEGAT JUNID CRIED TWICE BEFORE ME?  
Matthias Chang  
Future FastForward, Sunday, 27 July 2008 13:24

A great leader never claims glory all to himself and ducks behind subordinates when ghastly mistakes are committed.

It came as no surprise to me when Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad in his recent posting in his Blog – [www.chedet.com](http://www.chedet.com) - assumed total responsibility for the ghastly mistake of appointing Abdullah Badawi as the Deputy Prime Minister, following the disgraceful exit by Anwar Ibrahim upon his conviction. Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad had on a previous occasion, in his interview by BBC's HARDTalk, admitted that he had made a mistake in choosing Badawi as his successor.

But on this occasion Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad was more explicit.

Notwithstanding the admission, the events leading to the appointment of Badawi as Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad's successor is not as simple as Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad unilaterally picking Badawi as the next prime minister.

The Greatest Political Mistake

I have decided to make this exposé for two reasons, namely: (i) I want to dispel the myth that Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad was solely responsible for the ghastly mistake of appointing Badawi as the Deputy Prime Minister and therefore his successor and (ii) I believe that the late Tan Sri Megat Junid had entrusted the responsibility to me to reveal the truth regarding the circumstances of the appointment of Badawi as Deputy Prime Minister.

Tan Sri Megat Junid confided in me that the greatest political mistake in his entire career was his pivotal recommendation that Badawi be appointed as Tun's successor.

I was stunned by his revelation as the purpose of my meeting Tan Sri had nothing to do with that issue but to get Tan Sri's perspective and further background information on the Anwar Ibrahim episode in the history of UMNO's internal struggles in my research work for Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad.

In the course of our conversation, he interjected and asked, "Matthias, as a former political secretary to one another, and having served the same boss, would you like to know what was my greatest political mistake?"

I was dumbfounded by the question! In the history of Prime Minister's political secretaries, he was a giant and a superb political craftsman. I was embarrassed by the question as I was not his confidante and tried to evade the question.

But Tan Sri repeated the question and with tears welling in his eyes, said, "My greatest mistake in my political career is to recommend Badawi as successor to Mahathir. Pak Lah was not his first choice. I was told by those who wanted Badawi as successor that if anyone could convince Mahathir, it would be me. At that time, I believe Pak Lah was the correct choice. So I recommended Pak Lah to Mahathir."

Tan Sri then exhorted me to be "loyal to Mahathir and defend his legacy" as there were ongoing efforts to destroy that legacy. His voice breaking, Tan Sri said that he cannot do very much in the circumstances, as he is getting old and had "retired from politics".

Seeing the pain and the anguish, I sought Tan Sri's indulgence to be excused from continuing with the meeting and hastily departed.

The second occasion was equally painful, if not more so. Tan Sri was suffering from cancer and was at the Perdana Leadership Foundation for one of its events. While waiting for Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad to officiate the event, Tan Sri took me away from the crowd and unashamedly said:

"I just don't know what to say to Tun. I am having treatment for my cancer and God willing I will recover. But right now I can't do much. I never expect such attacks on Tun. I regret asking him to appoint Pak Lah...."

Again, tears were welling in his eyes and rolling down his cheeks. His lips quivering, and voice breaking Tan Sri said, "Take care of Tun. We are the front lines. You take care and be vigilant."

I clasped Tan Sri's hands and could not help the tears welling in my eyes as well and in that one special moment, sealed a promise – to fight together to the very end, come hell or high water!

This is the Tan Sri Megat Junid that I want everyone in UMNO to remember. Tan Sri could not right the wrong that he had committed but he has entrusted us that duty and responsibility. Although Tan Sri is no longer with us, it is his wish that you go down to the trenches to fight and restore the true glory of UMNO.

UMNO is being destroyed from within and only members of UMNO can restore UMNO and this can only come about if the present leadership of UMNO is changed right now, not in 2010.

Ayahanda, when i read the above article i was sadden. More saddening is the attempt to destroy your legacy. Yes i've noticed that there have been several attempts. This was colloborated by UMNO's 'priveledge elites'. I feel disgusted looking at this people.

I pray to Allah that you will be protected and their attempts fail!

Like Mr.Matthais said, come hell or high water, we'll fight till the end.

By anakteja2 on July 29, 2008 8:54 AM

Assalam Tun and all Bloggers;

Please read comment from blogger

--> By MDB on July 28, 2008 11:01 PM which is firm and full of point positively, wht our TUN is so alert

Wasalam

Anakteja- keep on memerhati

By Tengku AzmanAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 9:10 AM

Dear Tun,

Thank you for mentioning my late father, Tengku Zaid of PMIP. I am very much a supporter of many of your policies but not necessary UMNO.

By Tengku AzmanAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 9:16 AM

Dear Tun,

Who do you think are the crop of leaders that we have now to stabilise and help our country move forward?

By jmangghah on July 29, 2008 9:41 AM

Tun DM,

Saya tertarik dengan artikel dalam "Borneo Post" bertarikh 29 Julai 2008 bertajuk "Is he just plain KANANG?". Menurut artikel tersebut, penerima pingat "Seri Pahlawan Gagah Perkasa" (SP) adalah lebih tinggi ranking pingatnya daripada Seri Maharaja Mangku Negara (SMN, bahkan Darjah Kerabat Diraja Malaysia ataupun Darjah Utama Seri Mahkota.

Yang menarik perhatian saya adalah, penerima-penerima pingat SMN dianugerahi panggilan TUN tetapi SP tiada (no offence)... sedangkan penerima pingat SP diperakui selaku individu yang sanggup mengorbankan diri demi maruah negara (bezanya mereka tidak berpolitik), sama seperti penerima pingat yang lain.

Mungkin TDM boleh memberikan ulasan tentang perkara ini terutamanya dari aspek kontrak sosial.

By terongpipit on July 29, 2008 9:51 AM

Sorry to say...

Bagi saya, semua pemimpin-pemimpin sekarang seperti pemimpin-pemimpin kerajaan Melaka dizaman keruntuhannya.

Yang berbezaanya dizaman Melaka, Tun Perak sudah meninggal TETAPI dizaman sekarang 'Tun Perak' masih ada bersama kita.

Kenapa begitu malang bangsaku.. walaupun mereka sudah menerima Islam.

By atan on July 29, 2008 10:04 AM

Salam tun..

Ini luar tajuk.

Dengar cerita Nik Aziz cadangkan Pas dan UMNO dibubarkan..

Elok la tu...

Dan parti baru yang dicadangkan adalah:-

1. Pertubuhan Kebangsaan Muslim Bersatu (United Muslim National Organisation) atau Ringkasnya UMNO.

he he

By ABI on July 29, 2008 10:20 AM

My analysis of the overall content of Tun M's blog shows that most of the blokes commenting on the national situation are not peace-loving. They do not love our great nation and for what it stands for. They

pay blind homage and obeisance to one man without knowing his true colours or the "stuff he is made of," to quote a Shakespearean expression.

Pakbelalang ("Lalang") and others like him seem to think that they are rational beings and better-informed than others. Their arguments are far from cogent and logical. In fact, they suffer from intellectual penury and convoluted logic. Unfortunately, there is no remedy for such a malady.

ABI

By Iffie.Che.IdrisAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 10:24 AM

Assalamualaikum Dr. Mahathir,

Hari ini di dalam akhbar Utusan Malaysia, terdapat laporan yang menyebut bahawa Malaysia akan membuka pemilikan asing ke atas bank-bank tempatan yang membenarkan mereka menguasai lebih daripada 30% equity dan juga mereka boleh bergabung sesama mereka untuk beroperasi di sini. Saya ingin memohon agar Tun dapat membuat ulasan serba sedikit tentang perkembangan perkara ini di mana kerajaan nampaknya semakin membuka pasaran dan pemilikan asing ke dalam ekonomi Malaysia. Sebelum ini, Bursa Malaysia pun akan dibuka pemilikannya kepada orang luar, GLC-GLC utama negara pun sudah dimiliki oleh orang asing seperti Telekom Malaysia (5%), Proton (lebih 5%) dan Malaysia Plantation Berhad (Lebih 5%) - (untuk makluman Tun, kesemua saham GLC itu tadi dimiliki oleh Temasik Holding).

Saya amat risau dengan perkembangan ini Tun, jika kita terlalu membuka ekonomi kita, apa yang akan kita tinggalkan untuk generasi akan datang? Kita hilang kawalan ke atas ekonomi kita sekarang, habislah generasi akan datang.....

Harap Tun dapat mengulas tentang ini dan juga pesanan buat kita semua agar seandainya di antara kita satu hari nanti sebahagian dari kita di sini menjadi pemimpin, dapatlah kita mengambil pengajaran dan nasihat yang berguna yang diperolehi daripada pemikiran Tun.

Sekian,

salam Hormat

By Kimtaei on July 29, 2008 10:35 AM

this is my first comment.

thank you for enlighten us with your writings and truly grateful.

a hearty thank you for bringing Malaysia as what as today but very heartache to see all your efforts were going to ruin...what we can do about it??? they just continue eat and sleep until next election and they already very full by the time. when the time comes they just scratch their buttock and say bye-bye and leave the skeleton for their successor to settle...we rakyat will continue suffer, going backward, all sir's efforts will be going down to drain and wash away like that...

we all malaysian future will in grieves...

By sktan on July 29, 2008 11:14 AM

A Very Good Day To Ayahanda Tun and his 99.6% (Sane)Bloggers.

We always admire you for whatever you have decided for us during your 22 years as our MOST LOVED PRIME MINISTER.

YOUR FAR-SIGHTED VISION, WILLINGNESS AND ACCOMODATIVE ACT IS BEYOND COMPARE.

Today as where we are, all your good DEEDS has gone to waste simply because of A FAMILY (doll-lah, and family and khairi).

We Moved Backwards 51years.

At times I really wonder what doll-lah head(septic tank)consists of. A simple decision of 'the impact' of patrol increase will bring to the Rakyat, he does'nt know. (mind you all,78sen).

Just looked at todays paper,through the EPU,they are still IN DOUBT as to how BAD the situation is. AND ONLY TODAY? AND THEY MEAN HARI INI? That they are forming A STUPID COMMITTEE to look into it. Oh God Please Help Us.

Simple comparison: During Tun's Tenure, when petrol increase by a very minimal 5 sen, a bowl of ordinary 'laksa' up by 10 sen.  
And when this STUPID, CLOWN JOKER DOLL-LAH increases 30 sen, up by 40 sen. And 78 sen a further increase of 1RM and yes SATU RINGGIT.  
STILL THEY PRETEND AND BUAT TAK TAHU.

ALAMAK APA DAH TERJADI INI? BILA-KAH SI JAHANAM INI AKAN PERGI.(jangan harap 2010) Ini, seperti yang Ayahanda 'TANDA', adalah salah satu, dari pelbagai sandiwara si-BODOH doll-lah.

Salam Tun,Dan Semoga Allah Panjangkan Umur Serta Beri Kesihatan kepada (2) Tun Yang Disayangi Majority Rakyat.  
By mod on July 29, 2008 11:27 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Tulisan Tun kali ini agak 'sinis'. Barangkali Tun ingin mengingatkan atau memberi tahu rakyat Malaysia betapa bernilainya usaha para pemimpin serta pemikir yang lalu memakmurkan bumi yang kita dikasihi. Daripada negara yang membekalkan bahan mentah kepada negara industri teknologi tinggi. Terima Kasih.

Harapan saya agar para pemimpin masakini atau yang sedang berlumba mengintai peluang untuk menjadi pemimpin, supaya mencipta sesuatu peluang untuk kebahagiaan negara dimasa hadapan dan bukannya mencipta peluang-peluang untuk diri dan keluarga sendiri.

Tugas rakyat memakmurkan negara bukannya negara yang memakmurkan rakyat. Kebanyakan orang inginkan pertubuhan menyumbang kepada diri mereka dan bukannya mereka menyumbang untuk pertubuhan. ( hakikat sebenar )

Orang/pemimpin yang berfikiran sedemikian tak ubah seperti 'kucing' peliharaan di zaman sekarang.

Wassalam  
By sktan on July 29, 2008 11:27 AM

Salam Ayahanda Tun,

'IS IT STILL THE COUNTRY WE LOVE'.

I DONT KNOW HOW TO LOVE THIS COUNTRY, THAT I LOVED 5 YEARS AGO.

CAN SOMEONE TEACH ME HOW ? INTELLIGENT UMNO MEMBERS, MAY BE?  
By Ir. Syahrizan on July 29, 2008 11:44 AM

Asalamualaikum (and Hello) to Tun and the rest of the bloggers,

Somehow, I can feel a hate-based and backstabbing fellowship within UMNO. Not to mention the 'hypocrites' (munafik) within the UMNO itself. I believe whatever that had transpired within UMNO and BN are actually a disguise in blessing (hikmah), now The Rakyat can see who're the Good, the Bad and the Ugly personalities in UMNO and BN.

Saya masih teringat akan salah satu tanda-tanda dunia kiamat, Rasulullah telah mengatakan ada beberapa peringkat akan dilalui oleh orang Islam sebelum berlaku Perang Besar diantara Kebaikan dan Kebathilan diantaranya yakni, akan berlaku Perang Saudara (sesama Islam). Hikmahnya Allah nak asingkan golongan Munafik dan golongan yang Beriman supaya dapat dizahirkan siapa yang Jahat dan siapa yang Baik.

My Prayers to you Tun that Allah is actually showing to the rest of the world that you've lead Malaysia at the best of your capabilities as a capable leader and a Good Muslim, consider this as a Test of your Faith by Allah himself.

Seperti kata Nabi kita, "Berani kerana Benar, Takut kerana Salah". Apa yang nak ditakutkan dengan ugutan dan fitnah daripada orang-orang munafik ini, sesungguhnya semuaNya bersifat sementara dan kepadaNya kita akan kembali. Allahu Akbar.  
By Empangau on July 29, 2008 11:46 AM

jeng3, u said on July 27, 2008 4:24 PM

"Just take a look at the 10 richest people in Malaysia. 8 of them are of Chinese descent, and one each Indian and Malay. Now what does that tell you?"

Sorry sir, i'm not trying to against u on yur statements.. but if look at our top country leaders & thier kaki bodek including thier 'dogs' ...ask them to declare thier asset including 'hidden' assets (most of it are hidden) ..after that, then u will see who are the top 10... Do they dare to declare??.... neyhh!! I don't think so... too cowards to do so... Hahahahaha nanti pecah periuk!!

Malaysia Boleh!!! Rakyat tak boleh!!! boleh kena tipu ada lerr...

Wake up Malaysian.. time to do something...

Borneo Head Hunters  
By armz on July 29, 2008 11:47 AM

assalamualaikum Tun,,semoga sihat selalu....  
Sedih la Tun,,bila dengar berita2 politik skrg,,sbb politik negara jadi kacau-bilau,,dan sbb ni gak,,ekonomi negara kita makin merosot sbb pelabur tak berminat dan dah tak nak melabur kt negara kita...  
Lg sedih sbb dua org yg paling disegani di negara kita iaitu Tun dan TG Nik Aziz sudah dihujung usia,,mcmana mana la keadaannya pada masa tu,,tak dapat nak bygkan...  
Saya harap pemimpin selepas ni adalah pemimpin 2in1,pakar ekonomi dan kuat agamanya..  
jom kita pakat2 berdoa supaya kita dikurniakan seorg pemimpin 2in1 ini...  
By masaklomak on July 29, 2008 12:00 PM

Yes, all is well in your eyes. And all is well when compared to less developed countries. And all is well when the manipulative, rich and complecent minority are willing and able to silent the poor and hardworking majority.

This is not a blame game and it is certainly not finger pointing. But the majority of us are not better off economically, pshycolgically, mentally, educationally, or even physically. Off course we have enough to eat but only a minority is able or can afford to travel abroad (Asean countries not considered abroad).

And the love for the country..... there is no effort made for the residents to love the country more than anything else. Its all about money and wealth creation...individually!!! it seemed very difficult to get anything moving without money and power.

Malaysia is very rich, but only a few or a small percentage fo the population are enjoying the benefits. The educational system are also in shambles. The management (and I dont dare call it politicians) is very bad, and can do alot better.

Just look at the quality level for sports, education, medical and mental in Malaysians. Too much has been spend for too little benefits and too little is spendt on the necessities.

The people should be educated and informed. Start with the language because it is the communication

that starts everything.

By JuneAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 12:03 PM

Here In My Home

A non-profit project brought together star musicians, indie musicians, dancers, filmmakers, arts curators, actors, poets, painters, art students, models, entrepreneurs and more from all parts of Malaysia's multi-racial society to produce a song about unity.

<http://sembang-kopitiam.blogspot.com/2008/05/here-in-my-home.html>

By dospenang on July 29, 2008 12:17 PM

KEPADA TUN,

"SAYA MOHON TUN BINCANGKAN CALON2 PENGGANTI YANG ADA DAN UMNO EGM AKAN DATANG."

APA-APA PUN TERUSKAN MENGUNDI MENDESAK PAK LAH SUPAYA MELETAK JAWATAN:

<http://www.PetitionOnline.com/PakLah/>

VOTE SEGERA DEMI MALAYSIA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

WASALAM.....

By laroheguy on July 29, 2008 12:19 PM

Ybhg TDM,

How many non-bumi were make poorer coz of "bumi" policy....How many billionaire in Malaysia and how many are from non bumi? Don't we feel great full?? Im not racist...or anti any race....just be rational.....If Lim Kit Siang and Karpal really believe and true fighter for Bangsa Malaysian ....Why they never fight for One language? Just use Bahasa Malaysia!It stated in constitution as National language....Don't divide and rule.....Why question and prevent your state Assemblymen from wearing songkok? Isn't it a part of National Costume? Have anyone ever see Lim Kit Siang Or Karpal Singh wear National Costume.....Is it a sin for them to wear national costumes.....

I always tell my children when people ask your race answer Your Malaysian....

At first I believe DAP fight for true spirit of Bangsa Malaysia...but than I realize they are playing with word and emotional.....they are fighting against Malay and for them if any Chinese vote for Barisan that mean they vote for UMNO (Malay) and that why Chinese voted them....so that Malay get weak and DAP can demand more pro Chinese policy.....by using the name of equality....which sound so good...

Im so disappointed with this "drama" it like fighting between Malay(Barisan)and Non-Malay (Pakatan Rakyat)....we will see the effect in next 10 years...everyone will try to make popular decision for sake of getting popularity....

Is anyone having problem when Malay is stronger? I don't really understand why DAP so suspicious and question when UMNO and PAS have a talk....do Malay have to ask permission from DAP or non-Malay if we want to unite. Is that meaning it a sin if Malay unites and stands together?

That what DAP afraid most....Malay unite together...so they Divide and rule...as long DAP can make sure PAS not have any understanding with UMNO that mean DAP can continue controlling Selangor and Perak...even in both state assemble Malay are the majority..but with the concept of divide and rule DAP actually in power....so DAP anyhow have to make sure Malay are not unite and stand together...any move by DAP will get silent support within other non-Malay BN component members....In order to gain more

support UMNO will give up more to non-Malay and the end the loser is a Malay...

When Malay unite and fight for independence isn't other non-bumi also get the benefit...when ever Malay stand for it right non-bumi and even some Bumi accused that is racist statement...but when non-bumi make ask for equality that consider as their right.....

Remember this equal doesn't mean fair.

By ahmaad albab on July 29, 2008 12:30 PM

salam again tun,  
as for the youth in present days, we are very thankful to all the leader back then, without their sacrifice, we will have nothing nowadays.  
i grow in your time tun, the time was very challenging but u, tun, able to solve every problem arise patient n wisely. congratulate tu u tun coz teach us to be real brave malaysian, especially we malays learn a lot on how to live in our own land

tun, really sad to see u step down so early, if not there still be lot of new things that u create for us, your always came with new things, that what make u special,  
but for me, i really admire your leadership, i adore it, your decision making really firm, solid, and respectable. n unfortunate that the new pm dont have that. not all leader have it.

well tun, if time can turn back, im sure, you will never let this happen, right?

anyway tun, your time will always be missed by me

till then, salam tun

By inthemiddle on July 29, 2008 12:38 PM

put it this way, da ada bapa kemerdekaan, bapa pembangunan, bapa pemodenan, and now Pak Lah, bapa modal ihsan..give credit to him as well, during the good time, he still able to give peace to the country, he also managed to put our economy on track 3-4 years back..KLSE point had reached above the expected level..but the contribution to this was not becoz of him alone, becoz of the global economy environment, which beyond control, same which what happening now..its a matter good and bad time..

He contributes towards focusing on "bribe issue", integrity, irregularity in jurisdiction system and improper conducts and ethics during past time. But none of these contribute towards strengthening our economic fundamental, when economic crisis happen, he seems panic and unable to cope with the situation..he has no good business sense..look at his background..what we can see rite now is that our strong economic fundamental since Tun's reign further shrinking day-to-day..

what happen next? i would say 70% becoz of global economy 30% due to internal environment..so long its within our control let maximize it..

By acomAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 12:51 PM

Tun,  
Saya bersyukur pada Tun dengan ada nya blog ini sekurang2 nya apa yang terbuku di hati saya dapat saya luah kan disini.  
Tun telah nampak betapa penting nya IT.Tun telah membuat berbagai insentif sampai skang supaya rakyat jadi celek IT. Itu lah yang membuahkan Blog possible. saya turut sedar walaupun dah tua.cepat 2 cepet blaja wordstar lotus pada tahun 1993 dan memasti anak2 di bekalkan PC.  
Saya cuba buat bisnes dengan harapan bangsa lain turut menyokong nya tetapi , ada kah TUN percaya kalau saya katakan .Bangsa lain tidak datang ke klinik orang melayu untuk dapatkan rawatan perubatan

atau gigi dan lain bisnes professional. Padahal orang kite berpusu2 pi kat klinik depa , kat bisnes mereka.Saya dah bukak banyak tempat mengikut ramai penduduk berbilang bangsa. Sebenar nya mereka itu yang lebih memilih bulu dan tak mau bantu bisnes melayu.Melayu sedarlah dari mindamu,kita harus berjuang untuk membela bangsa kita, nasib masa depan anak cucu kita. Nasib baik lah sekarang kebanyakan bisnes dibawah pegangan syarikat besar2 yang tak tahu sape tuannya, dan juga konsep franchis.Itu lah pentingnya peranan syarikat glc menentukan nasib negara. Syarikat 2 ini practically can cause economic hardship or otherwise to people if it is not manage properly by brilliant ceo and influent by irresponsile politician.  
By Subra1965 on July 29, 2008 1:17 PM

Good afternoon our beloved Tun.

Looks like all the effort put in by the previous leaders wiil go to drain by one such leader as AAB.

One day not seeing your comment nowadays seems to be something missing in our daily routine.

Keep up your effort we are all behind you.  
By Malik Malbari on July 29, 2008 1:36 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Apa pendapat tun tentang cadangan pinjaman RM 50,000 utk pekerja kerajaan. Bukankah ia mengalakkan pekerja kerajaan berhutang.  
Saya rasa budget utk di bagi pijam tu eleok di gunakan utk menurun kan harga minyak.  
By muschemunAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 1:48 PM

Assalamu'alaikum Tun serta keluarga  
Assalamu'alaikum kepada pembaca blog in yang cintakan tanahair ini

Sama2lah ita berdoa agar Anwar tidak jadi PM Malaysia. Tun telah melakukan yang terbaik dengan menyingkirkan Anwar. Jika ada yang tak percayakan Tun, buatlah sembahyang istikharah/hajat!! Dengan kebesaran Allah swt dan tanpa disedarinya, Anwar telah memilih bendera PKR yang mempunyai lambang seperti tercatit ini;

MATA SATU - lambang mata Dajjal  
WARNA BIRU - sama warna dengan warna biru bendera Israel  
WARNA MERAH - sanggup bermandian darah untuk menegakkan Zionisme diMalaysia

Sedangkan lembu jantan pun tau memilih yang betina saja!!

Dan diakhbar pada 25Julai08 kita dapat lihat bagaimana bekas PM Kanada Paul Martin, bekas ketua Bank Dunia James Wolfensohn, bekas ketua IMF Michel Camdessus & S/U negara Amerika Condoleezza Rice cuba mmenerobos masuk kedalam hal ehwal politik negara kita. Kenapa mereka ini amat berminat dengan Anwar @ siLiwat

Anwar nak bela orang2 Islam?? Jauh panggang dari api.....  
Selain dikenali sebagai Anwar & siLiwat, siapakah Anwar yang sebenarnya ??

Wassalam  
By crazyidiot on July 29, 2008 2:13 PM

Dearest Tun,

I respect your "love" for the country and appreciate your very well said post about previous leaders prior to your time. We would very much like to know, whether does this "love" affair include the bailout of a shipping company owned 51% by Mirzan Mahathir worth a transaction of RM 2.34 billion by using the

income from Petronas? I speak for myself and as a Malaysian, I think we all deserve to know.

<http://www.businessweek.com/1998/45/b3603032.htm>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rw1EI2laEsE>

If Mr Clean isn't clean, what does it make you?

By Lahm on July 29, 2008 2:36 PM

Your country should've just been a tourism destination of the east, period. Any other ambitious plan will falter since the country is not capable of becoming a "World ICT hub" or "world bio Hub".

Question now is can the World live without Malaysia? take the rubber, palm oil and petroleum out of the equation. What is Malaysia's value added proposition to the world?

By armz on July 29, 2008 2:36 PM

assalamualaikum Tun,,semoga sihat selalu....

Sedih la Tun,,bila dengar berita2 politik skrg,,sbb politik negara jadi kacau-bilau,,dan sbb ni gak,,ekonomi negara kita makin merosot sbb pelabur tak berminat dan dah tak nak melabur kt negara kita...

Lg sedih sbb dua org yg paling disegani di negara kita iaitu Tun dan TG Nik Aziz sudah dihujung usia,,mcmmana mana la keadaannya pada masa tu,,tak dapat nak bygkan...

Saya harap pemimpin selepas ni adalah pemimpin 2in1,pakar ekonomi dan kuat agamanya..

jom kita pakat2 berdoa supaya kita dikurniakan seorg pemimpin 2in1 ini...

By angelinajolie on July 29, 2008 2:47 PM

Maha,

Do not trust the issue that you are not so certain about. Besides, Freddie Mercury refuse to admit that he was gay. Only one day before his death he reveals the truth to the world that, "Today I would like to inform all of my fans from around the world regarding the faith of my illness," You see the truth will prevail all by itself.

By d'soul on July 29, 2008 3:10 PM

Salam Tun and chedet.com fan

Right now...the country we love...is going down...

Pak Lah & cronies bring our country down...

Sedih dengan kerajaan sekarang... Hampeh!!!

What can we do right now Tun???

Please tell us.

B4 it's too late....

4 d country we love!!!

By ck on July 29, 2008 3:14 PM

///KAMI RAKYAT MALAYSIA HANYA INGINKAN KEHARMONIAN,KEDAMAIAN YANG BERTERUSAN.....WAHAI AYAHANDA TUN YANG KAMI SAYA SAYANGI,BANTULAH DENGAN APA JUA CARA AGAR KEHARMONIAN DAN KEDAMAIAN NEGARA MALAYSIA TERCINTA INI KEMBALI PULIH.DENGARLAH RINTIHAN KAMI SEBAGAI RAKYAT YANG HANYA MAMPU BERSUARA TAPI TIDAK DAPAT MENGUBAH SEGALANYA.SEMOGA ALLAH PANJANGKAN UMUR AYAHANDA TUN SEKELUARGA.

By julee on July 29, 2008 3:22 PM

I really cannot understand why the malays, after given so much privileges, can still have so much to complain. It seems that you guys complain about everything.

You complain that the non-malays are insensitive but here I can see so many articles that are not just insensitive but totally rude and arrogant to the non-malays.

You malays should try to understand how people (non-malays) feel before criticizing others. If you are unhappy with others, please remember that there are many others who are also unhappy with you.

But I believe everything is mutual - so if you want respect from others, you should first respect others and also yourself.

If you always think that the non-malays are lucky to be in Malaysia, the non-malays would also have the same thinking that the malays are so lucky as all their needs - mosques, schools, university fees, are subsidized mostly by taxes collected from the non-malays.

I think Malaysia is the only country where its people keep on talking about "special rights" while other countries keep moving on.

This is a very sad situation in Malaysia. 50 years after independence, the state of mentality of the Malaysians is still racially polarized.

Based on the postings made by a lot of people here, the feeling of animosity between the races could be worse than the situation before independence.

Each race is questioning the loyalty of the others. Chinese running back to China. Indians running back to India. Malays running back to Indonesia. Ask yourself this question - can anyone of you go back to these countries where your ancestors came from?

There is nothing wrong and to be too proud of multiracial in our country, and look at Australia - they have their own bumi, Chinese, English, German, Greek, Indian, Italian, South American, Vietnamese, etc, they people have more racial in their country, why do they live so peacefully? Because of equality, I wonder why our country is still so.....blah.

We can't afford to give BN a big majority again. It will be a suicidal move towards destroying the future for Malaysia. Very disappointed indeed!

By yoy on July 29, 2008 3:26 PM

Got NEP, you complain! Abolish NEP, you make noise!

Become Ali Baba, you lament! Ask you to work hard, you don't want!

And you keep on blaming other communities for everything!

"Pathetic" is the word my malay friends!

By vesewe on July 29, 2008 3:31 PM

(1) Some malays will say:

- Without Mahathir, who is going to fight for us?
- Without Mahathir, where can Malaysia go?
- Without Mahathir, we will all die?!.

(2) Independence malays will say:

- I don't need Mahathir to make a living.

- I don't need Mahathir to fight for my respect and dignity.
- I don't need Mahathir so that I can gain recognition on my own two feet.

But sadly to say, most Umno malays fall into category (1). The malays mindset, when are they going to change!

Umno malays mentality:

They want money but they don't want to work for it. They want investment but at the same time, they are afraid of being taken advantage by foreigners. The real fact is, nobody is taking advantage of them.

The fact is, Umno malay leader has spoil their own malays.

The fact is, Umno malay leader has never think about the malays.

The fact is, Umno malay leader in the name of "fighting for the rights of malays" has abuse their power to enrich themselves.

The fact is, Umno government has destroy their own reputation by being unfair to their own citizens include their own malays.

The fact is, Umno government has display no respect for international rules, no fair play, don't play by international rules, being a recalcitrant like Mahathir, and hence no respect from anybody on earth.

The fact is, Umno government is corrupted to the core and always wants something in return by just giving speech and signing a few documents.

The fact is, Umno government does not get much recognition from other nations except for third world countries like Zimbabwe, Somalia and Cuba.

The fact is, Umno government can never provide high skills job to the malays. MNC company can provide high skills job to the malays.

The fact is, there is no substantiate fact to justify that Umno malay leader has improve the education levels of their own malays.

The fact is, so many malays can't get high skills job is because Umno malay leader has fail to emphasize education as much as Chinese parents onto their children.

The fact is, Proton is failing. The fact is, MAS is failing. The fact is, Malaysia is failing.

The fact is, malay land will never be develop, unless Malaysian Chinese, Singaporeans or MNC company invest and create value out of it.

The fact is, Mahathir has brainwash malays into believing that Umno will be their free welfare system, insurance system, and also provides money and food for all malays as long as they can.

By SmartMalaysian on July 29, 2008 3:38 PM

Salam kepada Tun,

Ikhtisarkan saya katakan bahawa AAB adalah pemimpin terbaik setakat ini,byk sumbangan beliau kepada rakyat. Dlm tempoh 5 tahun ini..AAB bekerja keras menaikkan nama Malaysia. Saya yakin AAB akan lebih berjasa dalam tempoh 10 thn akan datang....

Lihat sahaja kemakmuran yg kita kecapi...ekonomi yang stabil...keamanan yang tidak ternilai...makmur...tiada sengketa...  
Ini semua kerja AAB...beliau juga byk menyumbangkan idea2 bernas yang tidak terfikir oleh sesiapun...Beliau adalah Super Genius Leader di dunia !!!!!

Wahai AAB...teruskan perjuangan mu.....  
By anak malaysia on July 29, 2008 3:50 PM

Dear Tun,

I really salute as a prime minister. Until today, I don't think there is any candidate that can replace your place. You are the best.  
By kancil putih on July 29, 2008 3:53 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Great writting as always. Can you comment about muzakarah umno and pas. is it relevan or not? what is the impact of it and is there any other solution to strenghten malays seeing that pak lah failed to do that?

~ La Motion C'Est La Vie ~

Wassalam...  
By penukul on July 29, 2008 3:55 PM

dear all,

to know malaysia is to love malaysia.  
By vovo on July 29, 2008 3:56 PM

People like you make me sick.

You can't differentiate between right from wrong, sacrifice from theft, short-term betterment from long-term disaster.

People like you are the reason why the clowns at BN continue to pillage and rape, and why you are happy to drive a Proton when certain Umno malays have their private helicopters and jets!

You can go on supporting the BN, the rest of us will press for regime change.

There are Malaysia A and Malaysia B.

One is the rich people A and the other is the poor people B.

Where is the fairness and justice for B irrespective of race?

It seems the capability of a leader is based on what the leader could bring for the supporters, legally or morally right or wrong is secondary.

No wonders there are plenty of immoral, undesirable and unscrupulous people holding position of influence, power and trust.

The society is really sick.  
By konek on July 29, 2008 4:05 PM

This is the politics of finding blame for own weakness or laziness.

What I hate most is when those racist and jealous malays see a well developed township populated and owned by Chinese, and start rambling that the Chinese grabbed the wealth from the malays.

The NEP was abused to enrich only a small portion of the malay population. Now, the pie is shrinking due to global factors and the political elite is looking for scapegoats - and guess what - the Chinese are always blamed, as if working hard and saving is sinful.

As a matter of fact just like Mahathir once stated the government has been giving a lot of opportunities to the malays. The other races prosper because they constantly grab opportunities and create markets for their businesses "without depending on any extra incentives by any governmental sector".

I think this country is wasting a lot of time and energy on this racial thing - actually is an income disparity syndrome, the have and have-nots regardless of race.

Last time all first world. If Malaysia was a body, malay was the bone. Today very sadly, malay is the sick appendix, if remove it, Malaysia will be healthier.

It is a tiring affair to talk of the problems of malays. The problems are too many.

We talk and talk and give resolutions to government to do, i.e. we talk but we are not doing anything about it and rely on others.

The typical discussion would be to say malay is weak in this and that. And the immediate inference is to have what is missing. Too often we are fixing symptoms and not problems.

We have tried and pump money into so many programs but we have yet to create the malay industrial and commercial class.

In any corporate strategy implementation, the key aspect lies in leadership and corporate culture.

For a change, I believe let us have an action oriented discussion. Maybe let us start to think and act independently. With a realistic appreciation of the parameters, only then we act more realistically and prudently.

In the end, we the common people must not be fooled by the political elite. We are risking our very life.

By e on July 29, 2008 4:16 PM

Salam Tun,

Tun kata p lah apa pun, tapi e tau Tun sangat-sangat sayang Malaysia. Semoga Allah Taala lorong mai sorghang lagi pemimpin yg hebat lagu Tun, inshaallah.

By Steoh on July 29, 2008 4:17 PM

Hi Tok Det,

1. This whole posting is about Our Love for Malaysia. The word love I think is very powerful but because used often in our daily lives, it loses its meaning.

2. Love is also very subjective, just ask any girl or lady and the topic of love becomes even more subjective and complicated. Laugh.

3. I'll try to reignite the meaning of love in this posting.

4. I'm relatively young and just married and I must humbly say that love is an endless enigma that is still beyond my grasp. Ever changing and takes a lot of effort to always keep kindled.

5. But I do know a thing or two about love. Love that stems from two individuals and blossoms into a marriage will always be challenged over time. In sickness and in health, in good times and bad; it is said time and time again. Hence, the enormous effort that is always required to protect this love from withering away.

6. Hmmm, so how does any of this relate to our love for Malaysia? I wonder too. ☺

7. Our love for Malaysia will also be challenged over time, such as marriage. And in the face of these challenges, we must have the will, tenacity and resolve to always ensure that our love for Malaysia does not wither away. In difficult times such as today.

8. Certainly, Mr. Oversee, we do not tuck tail and run to Australia that has endured the same pain Malaysia is going thru now to emerge as "strong" as they are today.

9. Yes, it is the easier path to take. To go to Australia and ride on a system that has been molded and changed overtime by the forefathers of Australia to what it is today. Yes it is easier to stand from a far and criticise Malaysia. Yes it is easier to compare how Malaysia does not stand up to the "morals" and "ethics" of Australians. Yes it is easier.

10. But be careful in only looking at Australia the way it is today. Flip thru the history books and read how the children of aborigines were separated from their parents in the 60s as part of it assimilation program.

11. I wonder whether we did the same to our orang asli in Malaysia. Not that I can recall.

12. Flip thru more books and seek enlightenment Mr Oversee. Enlighten yourself on the education system in Australia, whether it too favoured the whites earlier on in its history. I wonder if you were living in that era, whether you would be so fast to flee to Australia.

13. I wonder whether citizenship was given to other races at the point of Australia's independence.

14. Now by my remarks in point 13 some may irk and say that I'm a racist by implying that the Chinese and Indians in Malaysia at the point of our independence were other races. Certainly a racist I am not.

15. For I am of mix parentage. Malay, Chinese and a pinch of Portuguese. Maybe if I look hard enough, I may be related to Cristiano Ronaldo.

16. Anyway, back to Mr Oversee. I find it a bit naive that you say your children enjoy the same opportunity in education and employment. Tell that to my two uncles who are residing in Australia and had to resort to business because their careers hit a ceiling. Why?? For the simple reason they are not white enough.

17. Mr Oversee, you say Australia extinguishes any little spark that concerns racial issues. My have they moved on from the days they pulled aboriginal children from the grasps of their parent's hands and sent to white homes for assimilation. I wonder whether the Australian government calls that a "little spark of racial issue".

18. What about the undivided support Australia gave the US for the invasion of Iraq for its alleged WMD. I suppose Australia being more transparent, better administered, bigger advocator of equal opportunity than our Malaysia gives it the right to act unilaterally against the directive of the United Nations to invade Iraq. An invasion that was based on a lie I might add. There were no WMD. What happened to due process for the people of Iraq. Australia may advocate democracy but Australia's action demonstrated total disregard to the many opinions in the United Nations. Certainly very undemocratic.

19. This is a posting about our love for Malaysia. So why do I choose to debunk this Mr. Oversee so harshly?? It is because I love Malaysia too much to allow such overzealous criticism of Malaysia from a Malaysian residing in Australia. Who chose the easier path. Who makes comparisons between Malaysia and Australia with little regard or knowledge of Australia's doings.

20. I wonder what Mr Oversee will tell his children or grandchildren when they ask him why he migrated to Australia. Will you tell them you did it because you wanted the best for them. And in doing so you turn your back on Malaysia.

21. I will be able to tell my children and grandchildren that I chose to stay and face the difficulties of slowly molding Malaysia for the better. I can say I chose to love Malaysia in its bad times so that my children and grandchildren will be able to reap the rewards of a better Malaysia. And I can hold my head up high in doing so.

Shahril Teoh

By Hon on July 29, 2008 4:17 PM

To me, Ketuanan Melayu is the false notion of malay greatness or malay supremacy. Truth is - there is nothing to associate the malay race with greatness.

By any widely accepted standards, it will be obvious to see that the malay race does not qualify to be called one of the great races on this world. Truth is that the Chinese and Indians have a culture accomplished far greater and much more than these jokers have.

It should be Chinese and Indian supremacy in Malaysia. The only reason why malays have power in Malaysia is because they have the biggest population, and the racist rhetoric of the malay Umno politicians always sway the malay vote towards themselves.

Anyway, back to the untrue notion of Ketuanan Melayu. Let us see what malays have accomplished. Has any malay won the Nobel Prize - no. Has any malay been nominated for the Nobel Prize - most probably not.

By contrast, numerous Chinese and Indians have won the Nobel Prize and various other awards. The Chinese and Indian diaspora is widely recognized as two of the three most successful diasporas in history, the other being the Jewish diaspora. All over the world, Chinese and Indians have become successful artists, CEOs, doctors, filmmakers, scientists, writers, etc, etc.

Name one malay who is widely recognized around the world in his or her field. The only malay whose name might be recognized out of this country is Mahathir, and he is part Indian. Is malay culture recognized as a world renowned culture - no.

Malay culture, if cultures were ranked, would be close to the bottom. What is their culture compared to the great Chinese and Indian cultures that are centuries old and really rich! The Chinese and Indians have a 5000 years old history during which China and India have played a very important part in world history.

Nobody knew about malays until the Indian kings of south India first came here. That is why the oldest archeological remains in Malaysia, in Lembah Bujang, are Hindu temples.

The malay sultanate itself was started by a Hindu - Parameswara. And even at the height of its power, the Malacca sultanate was nothing more than a vassal of the Chinese emperor.

Have any malay architect designed anything worthwhile - no. Have any malay author won the Booker Prize or the Pulitzer Prize - no. Have any malay filmmaker won an Oscar - no. Have the malays achieved anything in sports - no.

Chinese and Indians have achieved all this. So there is no real Ketuanan Melayu. It is a fiction concocted by racist stupid politicians to keep the "kampung malays" happy thinking that they have had a glorious past.

They don't. Their history isn't worth mentioning. You would never find a mention of malays or Malaysia or Tanah Melayu in most books of world history while entire chapters are devoted to the history of China and India.

The discriminative constitution and law of Malaysia is just a recognition of this fact. The malay leaders and to every single malay knows that on a level playing field, the malays will never be able to compete with the Chinese and Indians.

By zoff on July 29, 2008 4:26 PM

Salam Tun,

This is my first time commenting on your blog. I grew up with you as the PM for as long as I can remember. I've always regarded you as a great leader and an inspiration for the Malays to try harder and achieve better.

When you were the PM, you had always been some sort of a benchmark to try and beat. Your aspirations has indeed served the country in so many ways and benefited many not only to the Malays exclusively.

I've always thought that what ever you did, you did it for the country and after 50 years of independence, the results are everywhere to be seen. But as a developing nation, we continue to grow, and growth is painful. Many claim that what we suffer today is because of your doing, but I think that we suffer because we did not take greater heed of your warnings of what the future will bring.

And we did not make preparations because you were there, you had become a comforting father to us all because we knew it in our hearts that the PM will make things right.

When you say that the Malays must do away with the 'tongkat', we thought that the 'tongkat' was the NEP, but in reality you were the 'tongkat', we had become so dependent on you that we did not want to take responsibility for ourselves.

What I'm trying to say is, we must again fight hard to steer the country into greater heights, the Malays must unite and the non-Malays must not be afraid of the Malays and vice versa.

And as time has shown us over and over again, only knowledge and the ability to use knowledge is the only way to succeed, these false prophets will soon fall due to their own greed, lies and stupidity.

And you asked "is it still the country we love?". It is.

By Cheers on July 29, 2008 4:45 PM

Dear Tun

Hmmm... what was I wanted to say....

Yes!... Malaysia manages so well then due... wise, foresight, strong, respected, sharp thinking, analytical mind, great leaderships cum with the RAKYAT strong support, beliefs, pride, to our Country and Leaders.

But what we have today... weak, judgemental, politic playground, underestimation of the rakyat thinking, self-praise, self-intrusion, selfishness leader...

Thou we love our COUNTRY very much, but we are torn apart for our support to the leader. It would lead to nowhere..

Will we still progress... ????? A continual support to ABD would detract our future, and a new support to opposition would MAYBE open us to political unability...

What shall be our choice... POOR Leader POOR future, OR DIFFERENT LEADER, POSSIBILITY to come...

We do have a choice.. do we want to make it right choice...

YES MALAYSIA WE, THE RAKYAT still LOVES U VERY MUCH.

Cheers Tun.

Cheers TUn

By Tengku AzmanAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 4:51 PM

Dear Tun,

Thank you for mentioning my late father - Tengku Zaid of PMIP. I am passionate about this country and is one of the many supporters of some of your policies when you were the PM. However, I do not necessarily support UMNO.

By AZIF on July 29, 2008 4:54 PM

Tun,

The country we love- Is presently being colonised in a different way? Just take a look daily and you know what I mean. We have thousands of Expatriates working in various sectors of the industries, for so called technology transfer, their presence have resulted in Most Malaysian working abroad. The Immigration dept will have the figure here. We have foreign workers skilled, semi skilled & Labourer in every sector of the industries. We have illegal workers, and we also have PATI. I have no problem with their existence, but something drastic must be done, some so called expatriates need not be employed here because we have Malaysian who can perform the task, but some justification made by the company indicate that they are required, so most Expatriates are being employed. The country we love and the amount they made as compared to us Malaysian is incomparable with their other benefits as being justified. Our wages as compared to Expatriates is peanuts. This is presently happening with the era of AAB premiership. It would not surprise me if some even are being offered PR or Citizenship? The country we love is being sold indirectly and this is happening in some states as we all know. The happening here is on individual self interest, the future result would be uncontrollable for Malaysia because somebody somewhere and somehow make RM directly or indirectly is selling away our country we love for their personal & group gains. Tun Malaysia is our country we love and presently is in a state of chaos. We are not only paying for the high price of daily needs but our wages as compared to those Expatriates is peanuts. We are considered servants in the country we love. I was offered a job overseas recently, but decline the offer due to personal and love for the country I love. How could I just work overseas, and leave my loved one behind and run away from the problem we are facing. Tun I have faith and trust in you. We know only Tun could prosper Our country we love and bring back the glory we once achieved, slowly but surely remove AAB and his cronies putting the country we love in a position where we need not have to be afraid, put our shoulder up, stand as tall as others and save Malaysia from the daylight robbery of our basic needs and rights.

Salam Tun & Honourable Bloggers.

By P.A.M.P on July 29, 2008 5:10 PM

tahniah kepada teks Tun. it really open my eyes regarding previous and current country situation.

hopefully TUn will keep on contribute your vision and mission in order for other citizen to wake up their eyes on how today leadership is acting.

By artmart on July 29, 2008 5:13 PM

Tun,

Saya ahli UMNO Cawangan Changkat, Nibong Tebal, Seberang Perai. SEMASA MESYUARAT AGUNG

CAWANGAN PADA 27 JULAI 2008 SAYA TELAH BERJAYA MEMBAWA USUL SUPAYA JAWATAN PRESIDEN DAN TIMBALAN PRESIDEN DIPERTANDINGKAN. 37 menyokong, 7 menentang manakala 33 berkecuali. Saya tinggal di KL tapi balik cawangan semata-mata mesyuarat cawangan demi bangsa melayu yang sudah mula terpinggir di bumi sendiri..

Selesai mesyuarat SB (Special Branch) dari Ibu Pejabat Polis Daerah telah menalipon Ketua Cawangan memohon butir-butir pengenalan diri saya kerana membawa usul berkenaan. Kini saya berharap agar diberi peluang untuk bersuara di peringkat Bahagian Nibong Tebal yang akan dihadiri oleh bekas Ketua Menteri Pulau Pinang, Dato Seri Abdul Rashid Abdullah dan bekas Timbalan Menteri Pembangunan Luar Bandar. Semoga tiada yang menghalang untuk saya terus bersuara demi bangsa, agama dan negara... Semoga Tun sekeluarga panjang umur..  
By rakusman on July 29, 2008 5:14 PM

Salam Tun and others,

dengan izin Tun,

To ABI dan Onlooker.

Orang lain pun tak bersetuju dengan Tun tapi tahu mengucapkan terima kasih di atas jasa Tun tapi anda berdua jenis melayu haprak. Tak ada lansung komen yang bernas, agaknya mereka ini mengajar anak dan keturunannya cara macam ini!! Buka sikit hati tu, tak bersetuju tak apa tapi komenlah membina dan fakta yang lojik.

Semoga keturunan anda berdua tahu mengucapkan `terima kasih` dan selalu berfikiran terbuka, buat anda berdua tutup semua pun is ok.

Maaf Tun. Sejarah tak pernah menipu.  
By acomAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 5:19 PM

Tun,  
Syukur saya Tun kerana ada banyak orang sedar kita perlu terus berjuang mempertahankan hak orang melayu. Tidak ada Melayu lain inilah Melayu yang beraja Sultan Melayu. Dengan kemerdekaan kita telah berjaya membela bangsa kita. Orang2 yang melaungkan korupsi, dsb nya itu yang buta hati, busuk hati, hasad dengki- saya maseh ingat dulu depa boleh cakap subang airport tu gajah putih, bangunan daya bumi membazir. lebuhraya utara selatan membazir. jambatan pulau pinang tak guna, mcm 2 lagi lah yang kerajaan buat semua tak kena, Parti Pas kalau Menang dia nak jual Putraya tu kat orang.  
Tun betapa pelik dan tak berotak nya mereka. Lihat sekarang apa dah jadi, benda2 yang depa dulu cakap tak guna. Can you imagine driving from from kl to penang kalau tak ada lebuhraya. Itu lah depa cakap ikut hujung lidah bukan ikut fikiran.  
Depa ingat bila kerajaan bail out glc itu satu penyelewengan.  
Kewangan syarikat rosak bukan sebab Tun- ini bisness punya macam boleh jadi saperti dalam tahun 1997.  
90 percent syarikat bungkos dalam perniagaan, macam mana gagah pun cuba tgg Bear stern, citicorp, merilync, morgan stanly dsb bende2 tu tak baik tu berlaku bukan lah dirancang. yang dirancang ada untuk kebaikan.  
By Seti on July 29, 2008 5:20 PM

Assala'mualaikum Tun sekeluarga serta semua para bloggers chedet.  
Banyak yang saya baca komen daripada semua bloggers, ada segelintir yang cuba meluahkan perasaan dendam terhadap Tun. Perkataan yang kasar, menghina, mungkin dari penyokong DSAI. Ada yang percaya dengan berita luar negara "business times" lebih daripada unsur dalam negeri, ada yang pergi membawa diri keluar negara, tapi balik juga keMalaysia. Kenapa ??? Kalau leceh sangat Malaysia kenapa balik, ada yang membuat perbandingan Malaysia & Australia, kita kena faham Malaysia ini negara unik mempunyai berbagai bangsa cina, melayu, india, kadazan, serani dan sebagainya.

Berpijaklah dibumi yang nyata.  
Berfikirlah mengguna akal yang panjang.  
"kalau kail panjang sejengkal, jangan cuba memancing dilaut dalam"  
Walaubagaimana pun Tun yang dikasihi, andalah sumber inspirasi kami.  
By Harimau1900 on July 29, 2008 5:24 PM

Dear YAB Tun Dr.M,  
We need your sincere comment regards to below article...

As per below article, the contract was done during your time....It says Spanco was paid 100 million a year to maintain a fleet of 5600 cars used by the government officials!!!!!! This comes to average of RM 17,500 per vehicle per year!!!! How this can HAPPEN????

We would appreciate if you could comment on this?

(The Star) - The Federal Government is paying RM80mil annually to Spanco Sdn Bhd to have the latter maintain its fleet of 1,400 Proton Perdana V6 Executives and other vehicles designated for official use.

This works out to about RM12,000 annually to maintain each of the locally-made luxury-line Proton Perdana leased from Spanco.

On Friday, Terengganu Mentri Besar Datuk Ahmad Said called on the ACA to probe the high service charges imposed by Spanco.

The Perdanas were part of a fleet of 5,600 vehicles of various models and makes that Spanco, a vehicle fleet management company contracted to lease and maintain vehicles for ministers, top civil servants and senior government officials, made available to the Government.

The contract was inked in 1994 for the duration of 25 years as part of the Government's privatisation exercise. It expires in 2019.

In that contract, the Government paid Spanco RM100mil a year to lease and maintain its entire fleet.

But in June 2003, Spanco and the Government returned to the negotiating table when the Finance Ministry found the contract awarded to Spanco in 1994 excessive. The Government appointed an international audit firm to look into Spanco's books.

Under the revised agreement, the audit firm recommended the Government cut back the contract by 20% to RM80mil annually. Spanco chief executive officer Datuk Hamzah Mohd Salleh said the issue of cost overrun and high maintenance charges did not arise at all under the Government-Spanco deal.

"Any overrun would be borne by us," he said, but declined to reveal the details of the package.

"We only leased the vehicles to the Federal Government. We don't do the state governments' business."

A source told The Star that the Government was Spanco's only customer.

Under the deal, the Government gets new Proton Perdanas every fourth year.

By lanadv28 on July 29, 2008 5:24 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun dan keluarga

comments from "onlooker";  
I believe a lot of your fans have treated you like a movie star. Some of them have already bet on you with

the stake of their gatepass to heaven for their next life by declaring that you are their idol. (Idolatry is a big sin in some religions including Islam). They have been trying to look up a magic word from your blog that will effectively turn them rich in just a few minute like what you have done in the past to make rich of such gentlemen as Tun Daim, Halim Saat, Mirzan and Mokhzani. These naive men who have idolized you are hoping to get some inspirational encouragement that may cheer them up in their everyday life!

What bulls\*\*\* ... are you talking of... I think there is nothing wrong to show our love and gratefulness to a great man like Tun... while he is still alive... there is no point when he is no more with us... except from our prayers... I believe we (most bloggers) treats and love Tun like we love our father's.

Pls do not try to teach us about love and respect... as we are matured enough to know. What benefits would we have anyway, as Tun is no more our PM and as such, no power to rewards us with money or projects. What we feel comes from the hearts unlike you who can't see or feel.

We love and respect Tun... not IDOLize him... get your facts right!!!

Semoga Tun berada didalam sihat dan selamat didunia dan diakhirat...  
By mudjor on July 29, 2008 5:24 PM

Salam. Doa yang tidak putus buat Tun, Negara Malaysia, rakyat Malaysia, UMNO semoga sentiasa di dalam peliharaan Tuhan 'Azza wa Jalla. Ini adalah pertama kali saya mencuba untuk memberi pandangan, di sini, (tempat lain langsung tak pernah). Pemimpin diibaratkan seperti orang yang berada dipuncak bukit yang melihat semua senario yang berada dibawahnya. Begitulah ibaratnya Tun sewaktu waktu dahulu. Sesetengah keputusan amat susah hendak diberikan penjelasan waktu keputusan itu diambil sehingga kadang tu menimbulkan keraguan dihati rakyat, kerana kemampuan mereka melihat tidak seperti orang yang berada di atas sebuah bukit. Kini barulah kita faham mengapa dan kenapa sesetengah tindakan itu diambil oleh Tun. Semoga Allah selamatkan kita semua...  
By acomAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 5:37 PM

Tun. Saya cadangkan kerajaan membenar wang berkempen untuk parti2 politik berkempen dibenarkan. Wang ini boleh dipungut oleh Spr. Spr siapkan tong2 yang dilabel parti masing, dipungut ditempat yang sesuai. contribution can in any form hard cash or cheque.  
Spr akan menyerah segala pungutan ke parti tersebut.  
Ini kan akan mendapat sambutan yang baik dari dari mana individu atau kesatuan , syarikat etc.  
Mereka(rakyat) semua sudah tentu akan menyumbang kepada calon parti yang mereka rasa boleh membela nasib mereka.  
jika sekira calon yang ade itu berkaliber dan rakyat percaya dia boleh memimpin sudah tentu dia akan berjaya.  
Disini mungkin tak ade timbul lobi melobi , politik wang dsb nya yang sedang melanda politik dalam umno ddll.  
pemilihan ketua akan ditentu oleh undi rakyat , bukan perwakilan.  
Di USA mereka buat pungutan wang untuk berkempen, kenapa disini tidak di praktik kan TUN?  
By sugen1 on July 29, 2008 5:43 PM

Can u pls comment on the latest medical report on Anwar sodomy case?  
By Captain on July 29, 2008 5:44 PM

Mr Crazy Idiot,

What can I say, when your name already reflects the actual fact who you are.....I sometimes feel very pity with these kind of people who jump on the conclusions without really knowing the actual fact.  
By truth/benar on July 29, 2008 5:44 PM

Salam Tun,  
To all readers & blog visitors.... here is a personal notes statement issued by the current 2nd Finance Minister, Datok Nor Mohamed Yaakob on the Economic Crisis 1997-1998 - The Story ... in 23Oct2003,

which I copy and summarised below..

'throughout the crisis, the PM (Tun) was focussed on resolving the crisis. Day & Night, he thought of nothing else but the crisis. He read all he could in finance; he kept asking me to prepare notes on various technical issues. Sometimes he was sick with bad flu and cough, but he did not take time off to rest. He was convinced that he had to understand the issues before he could work out the solutions. His native intelligence and ability to focus on core issues were there throughout the crisis. He do not shown any sign of fear even at the worst time, only concern at the fast deteriorating state of the economy.

No other PM in the world, either in developed or developing countries, employs such a hand-on approach in managing the economy such as our PM - met with a small group of us (team) everyday for at least 2 hours to go through various economic data. And Dr. M continued to go through all the economic data with a sharp pencil.

I made two additional point related to the financial crisis..Dr. M is not only save Malaysia but save our neighbourhood countries like Thailand, Indonesia & South Korea.And 2nd, he save Malaysia by the decisiveness and guts of Dr. M on his mechanisme.

We owe Dr.M much gratitude for what he has done for Malaysia over the last 22 years. Solving the financial crisis 1997-1998 was just one; albeit perhaps the most important of all his achievement to the nation.

On a personal note, over the last 6 years, I have come to admire this great man for his abilities, high moral values and, most of all his sincerity. Certainly a man like Dr.M is not born everyday...

For above notes, we all Malaysian should praise to GOD..awarded us the leader like him, as a protector and a well caretaker of all Malaysians.. make us prosper regardless all races...make Malaysia a wellknown to the other world and make us very high motivated and proud and always hail Malaysia Boleh... Thanks God and thankyou Tun.

By manfromthehill on July 29, 2008 6:11 PM

dear Tun,

since the incumbent Pm does not have a blog, I like to send a letter to him by way of your website and thank you.

Dear Hon. Prime Minister,

As a citizen of Malaysia and also a Malaysian Chinese, it is become a trend for many people, to denounce you and your Cabinet for many problems of the day from spin stories, the police and even the state of the traffic flow. Worst of all, myself, I think you will invoke the ISA to put people behind bars to keep them silent.

Really, I dont think you are concerned or is greedy or even corrupt as some of my fellow Malaysians think. But what I can see from sudden changes or flip flops and indecisions, I perceived that your are like a lost ship. People on that ship, your Cabinet and people who have advised you is actually making a lot of efforts to sink the ship. My friends who are from UMNO, are already making pacts of salvaging their power within the party and some are already abadoning UMNO to join with Pakatan Rakyat.

There is no dynamism in the state of affairs and in the economy. People are halting to watch the drama of the day, be it a sodomy soap opera or C4 related story. It just like us Malaysians slowing down to watch a car traffic accident and slowing down the traffic on both sides of the road.

My dear PM, you lack the political will to rule this country. I remember a quote "pantang dicabar!" at the eve of Bersih demonstrations. Yours is a legacy of spins stories, flip flops and cover-ups. The sad thing is even a MB gets away with a direct order from you. Actually the greatest mistake happened in the event of purchasing Mercedes Benz which is against the policy in which all the Rakyat know. The moral decision of the government is to dispose of or retaining the use of the cars by allocating them equally to other states so that it can be used for foreign dignatories/vips then leaving all 14 cars in Terengganu. You are simply perceived as incapable of punishing the MB. Worst of all, he challenges you to corruption

allegations of your own projects.

I think you are also unconsciously destroying the chances of leaving the position for the DPM. I think in all honesty, he is caught by his own problems in which are scandalous despite his potential of becoming a good leader.

You see somehow, we Malaysians have been hearing about the great wealth, the billions and if you are ever in a Naza showroom and see the amount of marque cars - you ever think that this is Malaysia. We across the nation have enjoyed a good life and will continue to demand from our leaders. The most important concern now is the Rakyat coping with inflation. There is a great need now to have micro-economics growth in smaller towns as spending power is reduced and it affects us in many ways, our pursuit of happiness, our health and our senior citizens.

I am in not the view of forcing you to resign but I hope that you will seek a solution to leave the rule of this Country to a capable, honest and person of the highest integrity. As our PM, you have the future of this country at stake. But a suggestion of early resignation is also of importance, as we will not leave the matters to stagnate and worsen. As a PM, you must be perceive to do more good than harm. At this point, if we was in Peru, you will be asking for asylum in Japan.

I will pray for your wisdom and courage.

By tia on July 29, 2008 6:20 PM

Assalamulaikum dear tun,

i'm very confident most malaysian loves malaysia.

perhaps many of us are too disappointment to the people who lead the country. i can't see any competent leader available nowadays.

i really hope that the upcoming leaders have the spirits, the soul to alter change the current situation. he must have a sincere heart. lillahi Taala.

By ShahidirAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 6:24 PM

Dear Tun,

Di harap Tun berada dalam keadaan sihat walafiat.

Saya hanya berharap pemimpin sekarang tahu apa yang mereka lakukan. Persoalannya.. bijak-kah orang-orang yang dilantik ini. Sejauh mana semangat kenegaraan mereka-mereka ini? Sedih apabila sesuatu yang dibina tidak bertahan lama kan?

Yang amat menyedihkan lagi apabila mereka ini tidak melihat apa yang orang lain lihat atau terlalu bodoh!. Tapi Tun, bagaimana mereka boleh bertahan? Rata-rata yang saya dengar dan lihat, masyarakat tidak suka pada pemimpin sekarang. Selamat saya katakan 80% tidak suka. Tapi sekali lagi persoalannya, bagaimana mereka boleh bertahan?

Bagi orang macam saya, kecewa... dan saya telah lakukan apa yang saya perlu. Tukar undi dan saya yakin dan percaya, bukan saya sorang. Hanya untuk pengajaran namun bagi orang-orang yang tuli, mereka tak nampak langsung.

Melayu... lupakah kamu..???

Salam.

By NorAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 6:34 PM

<http://gelamapisang.blogspot.com>

Now our country have huge numbers of jobs and potential local development plan that surely have to benefit Malaysian as the primary objective. These jobs and opportunities however were given to foreigners.

On lower level, employer have easier option to employ cheap foreign workers. Salary offered is well below RM1000 poverty line drawn by our government. There are no urge from government for employer to prioritize local force and pay adequate salary. Money earn by the foreign is sent to their homeland. Our internal money circulation was restricted and our currency is weaken by this act.

On higher level, all the good position is undertaken by anak2 Datuk and expensive foreigner. Normal guy like me from kampung with overseas degree is sidelined and have to settle for less. I was given task and I would say I deliver the same if not more compare to those highly valued ex-pat or highly connected anak2 somebody.

Project base, everything is run simultaneously. Foreigner is bidding. Higher management must be foreigner. Labour, cheap foreigner. Where is our benefit in this event? We only enjoy the inflation rise but never the living standard upgrade.

A lot of Malaysia progress look good on paper. Where the h\*ll are we in those report? Are we in general is getting better with Malaysia growth?

By zaki\_77 on July 29, 2008 6:56 PM

Lahm said: "take the rubber, palm oil and petroleum out of the equation. What is Malaysia's value added proposition to the world?"

So you think that rubber, palm oil and petroleum are inconsequential commodities? Look at the Middle Eastern economies like UAE, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman etc, you will realise they built their economies on the back of oil. We do not have as much as they do, but Malaysia's diversification project remained on track until the shameless and incompetent AAB reversed many projects and Malaysia now is sinking into the difficulties of it's own making.

Malaysia is resource-rich, unfortunately it is also human resource-poor when it comes to leadership!

By ahmads on July 29, 2008 7:33 PM

A'kum Tun,

Membaca artikel Tun mewujudkan semangat Cintakan Negaraku Malaysia.

Tetapi generasi sekarang terutama sekali para-para menteri sekarang mewujudkan ISIKAN KANTONG KU dulu... baru cakap pasal cintakan Negaraku.

Btw Tun untuk mempersiapkan kanak-kanak supaya tidak melupakan sejarah Malaysia dimasa yang akan datang, kita harus memupukan pelajaran sivik untuk kanak-kanak mengenali sejarah dan nilai-nilai para-para perjuang yang telah merdekakan negara ini.

Selain dari itu kita harus memupukan kanak-kanak dari peringkat persekolahan supaya mereka terus tekun menjadi seorang pemikir bukan sahaja dalam ilmiah akademi tetapi dalam jurusan "apa erti hidup" supaya mereka dapat mengatasi situasi yang rumit didalam dunia yang segala global.

Salam...terimakasih

By Lan on July 29, 2008 7:34 PM

Abi

" Their arguments are far from cogent and logical. In fact, they suffer from intellectual penury and convoluted logic. Unfortunately, there is no remedy for such a malady." ... well said in describing what you are #@! That's what I thought you belong to.

By abu sayab on July 29, 2008 8:24 PM

Tun,

This is the by-product of your 22 yrs rule in Malaysia.

Your hard core worshipers claiming to be more Malay or ultra-Malays.

How many of them are pure Malays? Where do Malays came from? Check history facts.

Present Malays including you and many Ministers are all mixed blood with

Pri-Bumis, Indonesians, Thais, Filipinas, Arabs, Indian, Chinese etc.. What ketuanan Melayu are they fighting for? Which particular race...Bangsa apa??

By annie on July 29, 2008 8:25 PM

Dear Tun,

Regards and God Bless to Tun and beloved family.

Allow me to put in a few words to a fellow blogger:-

To Onlooker, you may not love tun but there are many who does. When you love someone you tell them, if you don't you just shutup cos you don't really care whether they exists or not. If you take the trouble to tell tun, you hate him, only goes to show you are jealous. I think it is you who are talking nonsense and not Tun.

Regards and May God Bless You even though you got so much hatred in you.

By idarAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 8:42 PM

Asalamualaikum Tun.

Cerita menarik politik Perak UMNO ajak PAS bersatu ,saya rasa ni masa paling baik bagi orang MELAYU tunjukan kesatuan ,ketuanan ,kebijakan dan tunjukan kebolehan memgurus TAMPA CINA dan INDIA ,kita boleh jadi pengurus yang baik.

Tun

Boleh tak ulas mengenai hal ni.

sekian jumpa lagi

By hardy on July 29, 2008 9:13 PM

Yes, it's always the country that i love but a big no for the policy maker(govt).As i look at my children ,i wonder if they would feel the same as me. The future is bleak !Thaks to all the corrupted official our children have to endure 1967 all over again.

By reza aljunaid post on July 29, 2008 9:19 PM

Salam Tun,

La...tak dak siaran langsung Malaysia - Chelsea ...!!! Pasal apa kerajaan la ni nak buat siaran langsung bila melibatkan Malaysia kedekut sangat..? Beri la peluang rakyat kat kampung yang jauh dari stadium Shah Alam tu saksikan juga secara langsung...

Barangkali..sempena menghormati Israk dan Mikraj kot....bimbang remaja kita lalai soal agama....asyik tumpu pada bolasepak...

Ni...soal Israk dan Mikraj...peristiwa penting dalam sejarah perkembangan Islam....Allah nak tunjuk kepada manusia...umat Islam..ilmu dan teknologi itu amat penting...penting kepada umat...

Binatang canggih bernama "borak"...boleh terbang dengan pantas...membawa Nabi Muhammad s.a.w sehingga ke langit...

Malaysia....masih belum mampu cipta kapal terbang...satelit sendiri..kalau ada pun..baru nak belajar...

Tanpa tun Mahathir...seorang mujaddid Islam...Malaysia tak terfikir nak cipta kereta sendiri....

Tapi Tun Mahathir memulakan langkah berani....hari ini...sepatutnya industri kereta kita terus berkembang....

Tapi semenjak Pak Lah memerintah....tiada inovasi langsung...nak buat jambatan ganti tambak johor pun tak berani...maknya tiada inovasi....masa ada duit...masa kos rendah...Malaysia sudah ketinggalan jauh dari negara Singapura....ini berlaku zaman Pak Lah..

Malaysia zaman Pak Lah telah hilang daya saing....!!!!

Pak Lah banyak bantu Singapura melumpuhkan Malaysia....!!!

Cuba buat kajian...saham-saham Singapura dalam Malaysia...terutama saham-saham penting negara...terutama melibatkan kepentingan strategik negara...

Kalau Malaysia nak maju...mesti ada dalam jiwa pemimpinnya jiwa kuat bersaing nak maju....

Zaman Tun Mahathir...beliau ni saya tengok kuat bersaing...sampai satu tahap dia nak bagi Singapura jauh tertinggal kat belakang...Pelabuhan tanjung Pelepas contohnya...nak buat Jambatan Bengkok misalnya...

Tapi...apabila Pak Lah ambil alih...Daya saing Malaysia semakin kecil...

Jadi...apa yang Tun tulis tu...sebenarnya...berkaitan DAYA SAING...bila ada daya ini...barulah Malaysia boleh maju...

OK Tun.....bye!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

By RamlaxAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 9:26 PM

Dear YAA Tun,

The country I love must take time to answer not only the questions in parliament but also those raised by the man-on-the-street. We are moving from issue to issue past and present and still the people do have satisfactory answers to the many questions that have been raised both in the main stream media and the alternative media. Until all these questions are answered Malaysia will muddle along the middle for many years to come.

With all due respect I wish to request you to start the ball rolling by taking the bull by the horns and answer those questions that are related to your period of rule. And other leaders should do likewise.  
By satebiru on July 29, 2008 9:27 PM

SALAM PEMIMPIN YANG AKU KASIHI,  
TUN KETIKA NI SAYA SEDANG MELAYARI YOUTUBE DAN MELIHAT VIDEO TUN SEMASA HARI TERAKHIR TUN DI PEJABAT MENITIK AIR MATA INI, TUN SAYA ADALAH KAKITANGAN KERAJAAN YANG SAYANG PADA TUN.

By manfromthehill on July 29, 2008 9:50 PM

dear Tun,

As we see it, there are factional groups within umno itself and this fight will break severely weaken umno for years to come.

The first group, being the PM and his cronies already busy salvaging the sinking ship and presumably preparing a way to leave gracefully. I don't think the PM has a full routine and is not working at his office and attending to matters of running the country. he is busy making preparations to leave and avoiding the Pressmen.

Otherwise, he is busy meeting PAS for secret talks. Hmmm... with the economy in dire straits - he is talking of Malay Unity? Its so hypocritical and lame. Please, Mr. PM - you should be busy looking into the projects you have embarked on and especially into NCER, ECER and the immediate solutions to help the Rakyat to cope with the rising costs of living.

The second group is the DPM and the umno police. We can also see the Police being closely entwined with the fate of the DPM. I think the police department is run like a private security firm by UMNO. We also do not see an active DPM attending to the state of economic affairs and the current Cabinet is a sham. the elected BN, has not been truthful about the Mid Term Review. There is a lack of corporate news in the Star and Strait Times. Are we just building castles in the air?

If the PM is innate, then the DPM is also fully responsible to manage the country.

The third group, the PM wannabes, Tengku Razaleigh and Muiyiddin Yassin this December and I am sure already talking to each other to make a pact to make this possible. There is a chance both the PM and DPM will make their exit this December.

Lastly, the ex-UMNO members, DS Anwar and Tun. Both of you are actively campaigning for similar objectives and I think genuinely for the love of the country and each in his own way. Both of you are perceive as good leaders and the current PM and DPM being made to look like Darth Vader and the evil Empire.

But for DS Anwar, its highly suspicious on his loyalty to King and Country; he is impatient and logically think that he is justified in all his actions so far. A person who is loyal to his country can be judged first to his loyalty to his own Party. He has always made alliances to fit his strategies and not a true patriot. I think Anwar is a political General and will run the country like it is a battle zone. If Anwar is to be PM the country will have even more infighting due the Coalition group has different self interests. It highly imprudent to have a change in the Malaysian government as Anwar puts it with crossing over of elected UMNO and BN mps.

But Tun, you are a patriot and a loyalist. However bad the machinery UMNO is, it has been proven to work. I believe that there are good patriots and UMNO people who care about the Rakyat. You are now working from the outside which may allows you the freedom to make writing and getting the support from the Rakyat.

Although i am a Chinese, i am in view of a strong and good UMNO and BN government to continue the business of running Malaysia. there is good and bad in everyone - look for the good and work with this qualities.

But something must be done, to put this lost ship in the right direction.  
By ibnuyusofAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 9:55 PM

Salam Tun,

Saya berpendapat bahawa hampir kesemua rakyat Malaysia sayangkan Malaysia. Kita tidak ada negara lain untuk hidup bersama-sama. Susah senang, di sinilah kita lahir dan mati.

Saya berharap agar para pemimpin yang ada di Malaysia ini, tidak kiralah di peringkat mana pun dan dalam parti mana pun, hendaklah lebih sayangkan Malaysia berbanding sayang yang dapat ditunjukkan oleh rakyat jelata.

Sayangnya para pemimpin pada Malaysia sepatutnya perlu sampai ke tahap sanggup berkorban kepentingan diri untuk kepentingan masa depan negara. Peringatan ini telah banyak kali diulang-ulang, tapi masih ramai yang buat-buat lupa atau buat tak tahu. Kita bimbang sayang ini semakin terhakis dikalangan pemimpin dan ini berlaku akibat sikap tamak pada harta dunia.

Kita juga amat bimbang bila memperhatikan sikap beberapa orang yang sanggup 'bersekongkol dengan musuh-musuh negara' dan 'membuka ruang kepada musuh-musuh untuk bermaharaja-lela' semata-mata kerana mahu jadi kaya dan berkuasa. Ini adalah sikap pengkhianat bangsa dan negara.

<http://www.megasutra.com>

By mzzainal on July 29, 2008 10:05 PM

Leaders have weaknesses, just like any human being. However leaders must be able to leave a positive fair mark in the country for the benefit of society.

A leader who leads a flip-flop Govt is a weak one, and should make every effort to step down and allow the democratic process of economical power-sharing (hopefully this would jumpstart our country).

Everyone has a flaw, however PakLah should be realistic about his own character. He would be known among many to be a leader which steered our nation to almost economical oblivion. At least many of our fellow Malaysian did well during Tun's 22 years of Govt. PakLah merely fed his UMNO and friends beyond gluttony.

It saddens us to see a widen rampage of crime, poor sickly performace of our stock market, lowered standards of our education system, uncertain relations among many Malaysians, insurance & healthcare standards not affordable for all Malaysians, the chaos of corruption reaching its claws from the powers-that-be, HIV infections are higher, public transport running itself into ruins, prices of food essentials shooting at impossible heights, disadvantaged people unable to make a living, so forth.

I dare say, this is not much of a Malaysia in which I worked towards. Tun M brought us many opportunities, while PakLah brought us to a unpredictable stage of loss.

By bkz on July 29, 2008 10:13 PM

askum tun,

di akhir2 ini gabungan umno-pas semakin hangat dibincangkan. apakah ia akan menjadi realiti atau angan2 semata-mata? apakah umno sanggup berkubur demi perpaduan umat islam dan orang melayu. saya berharap tun dapat memberi sedikit ulasan.

By mega on July 29, 2008 10:15 PM

Assalamualaikum TUN. Coretan Tun memang benar, kerana semua pemimpin sebelum ini lebih mementingkan perjuangan sebuah bangsa. Kepentingan bangsa Malaysia lebih penting dari segala galanya. Majoriti rakyat beri kepercayaan kpd kerajaan sebelum ini. Tetapi kepimpinan Pak Lah ketika ini tidak mendapat sokongan rakyat bukan sahaja dari org bukan Melayu malahan dari orang Melayu dan ahli UMNO sendiri. Rakyat dapat menilai Pak Lah bukan berjuang untuk sebuah bangsa tetapi nyata berjuang untuk sebuah keluarga. Ekoran dari kekebalan Pak Lah imej UMNO tercemar, orang bukan Melayu dan juga Melayu dengan lantang mengutuk UMNO. UMNO adalah sebuah parti dan diibaratkan sehelai baju warna putih, pemakainya yang mencorakkan. Pak Lah sebagai pemakai yang pengotor telah mengotorkan baju putih itu. Sedih UMNO yg dibina oleh arwah nenek moyang kita telah dicaci dan di hina begitu terok bukan sahaja oleh orang melayu malahan oleh bukan Melayu, berpunca dari KEBEBALAN Pak Lah dan JKKK(Jeanne, Kamal, kalimulah, Khairy) juga oleh budak budak mentah tingkat empat seperti Zaki. Mereka ini tiada wisdom kerana tidak faham apa perjuangan UMNO sebenarnya. Mereka rakus untuk mengaut kekayaan selagi yang boleh. Pegawai pegawai kerajaan tidak di hormati langsung. KSN, KSU dan SUB Kementerian kementerian paling benci dengan budak budak tingkat empat ini tetapi tidak boleh buat apa apa kerana Zaki akan memburuk burukkan kepada Pak Lah sesiapa sahaja yang menentang agenda mereka.

Tun, kalau Tengku digelar BAPA KEMERDEKAAN, Tun Razak BAPA PEMBANGUNAN, Hussien Onn BAPA PERPADUAN, Mahathir BAPA PEMODENAN, saya cadangkan Pak Lah diberi gelaran, BAPA KORUPSI MODEN, atau BAPA KEHANCURAN atau layak digelar BAPA MERTUA KHAIRY sahaja. Selamat malam TUN dan salam kepada TUN Hasmah. Take care, we love you Tun.

By Ainaq on July 29, 2008 10:25 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun

Tun Generasi Alayaraham Bapa saya,Tok Saya Generasi Tunku,Tok Wan Saya Generasi Sultan Abdul Hamid.....

Saya Generasi lepas perang Jepun.....Chelek Mata dengar

Kisah susah masa Jepun

Kisah Penganas Cina Komunis

Tiba dengar tentang Tunku,rakan sebaya Tok Saya masa kecil

Tiba Denagar Medeka,Lagu Negara ku.....Rasa gembira rasa petroitik pun ada. Rasa sayang pada Sultan pun ada.

Kemana arah hidup kita orang kampung memang tak nampak

Mungkin akan ikut jejak bapa tanam padi dan tangkap ikan

Tetapi emak saya yang tak di hantar ke sekolah merasa kerugian

---kesal nya,yakin nya kalau di beri peluang dulu mungkin boleh jadi guru!!!

Azam nya mahu beri pelajaran kepada Anak anak .

Kita pergi sekolah tanpa impian,tanpa wawasan

Adik saya cita nak bawa kapal korek macam Maniam (kerja PWD korek parit) kerana semasa itu orang Melayu tidak di beri peluang kerja dalam kerajaan walaupun korek parit !! Bagitu lah keadaan nya. Bapa saudara saya rasa sangat susah harap saudara yang kerja polis tolong dia jadi kelendan lori pun jadilah.Impian nya tidak tercapai sehinggalah dapat menyertai projek tanah pinggir.....berubah dari Nelayan ka Penoreh Getah.

Bebalik kepada kita budak kampung pergi juga sekolah dengan taat belajar juga tanpa banyak soal,Melalui Razak report masuk kelas peralihan Inggeris sehingga MCE....Masih tidak ada impian

.....Balik kampung dengan wang 80 Ringgit buka Kedai Runcit

Tiba dapat tawaran Tingkatan 6 ,Lepas tu minta MTC masuk kolej, Tiba dapat Universiti ,Kemudian dapat kerja .....dan seterusnya hidup sebagai kelas menengah Melayu.

Semua ini adalah Jasa Perancangan Tun Razak dan kita kebetulan dapat mengisi nya sebahagian besar dari belia semasa itu. Terima Kasih kepada Pemimpin yang ikhlas dan berwawasan.

Kawan saya yang tak sampai Univesiti ada ke Kolej Pertanian ,Ada ka Teknikal Institut cita anak

kampung nak jadi pembawa kapal korek akhirnya jadi Cival Engineer

Kemerdekaan memang membawa kemajuan.

Era Tun terus berkembang Bertambah Technokrat dan Pengurus

.....Era Koporat,Era Permodenan dan Era Minah kilang perkerjaan limpah ruah

Spill over effect kemakmuran ini timbulan Gerai Makan di rata tempat,hidup lah pasar pasar malam,tokeh bas kilang,tokeh van kilang.....

Orang semua lupa leverage dan jasa pemimpin yang bijaksana

Tak Salah mereka juga kerana tidak faham Makro Ekonomi ,Mikro ekonomi maupun Ekonomi rumah tangga dan penjimatan,penabungan mau pun pelaburan...

Bila tersepit mau amok salah orang itu orang ini.

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 10:31 PM

Dear Tun,

If I were Pak Lah I would consider another alternative to solve the blunder made by the Trengganu state government decision to buy Mercedes for its Exco members. I would act to instruct the Board members of GLCs to approve buying of the 14 Mercedes from the state govt. and let their CEOs who are eligible to drive the Mercedes instead of instructing the Menteri Besar to use them specially for their guests.

By writerAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 10:36 PM

Salam Tun,

If i am not wrong, the current crude oil price stands at USD124 as of today. It has already drop from an all time high around USD145. So i was wondering, if the oil price drop till USD100, will our Malaysian government revise the rate as well? I am also wondering if based on current oil price today, is my government making money instead of giving out subsidy?

By zaman on July 29, 2008 10:43 PM

Salam Sejahtera Untuk Tun dan keluarga

PAK LAH UNDUR LAH TUN MAHATHIR KEMBALILAH MEMIMPIN KAMI.

Saya sangat sedih dan pilu bagaimana negara Malaysia boleh jadi begini. Dulu kita selalu melaungkan slogan Malaysia Boleh. Tapi pada pemerintahan sekarang bukan tak boleh lagi malah kita makin undur kebelakang. Negara lain mempersendakan kita.

Tapi saya sangat berterima kasih dengan Tun kerana mengilhamkan blog CHEDET. Saya walaupun sedih dan pilu dengan apa yang terjadi kepada negara Malaysia sekurang kurangnya merasa terubat apabila membaca blog chedet. Tun terus kan perjuangan mu yang Murni lagi Ikhlas.

Saya sungguh TAK FAHAM! TAK FAHAM! TAK FAHAM! manusia yang sangat berjasa dilakukan sebegini. Tun kami mendoakan mu. God Bless You Tun

Dahulu kalau berjalan kita mampu mengangkat kepala kita, tetapi sekarang kita tunduk sahaja tiada apa nak di jadikan sandaran.

Terus kan perjuangan Mu. Jasa Baik Mu Akan Tetap Di Kenang.

By joehenry on July 29, 2008 10:55 PM

Tun, the mere wondering of one's love for his country is treacherous. This country has offered little to me as compared to Tun. Everywhere I go and everything I do, I am shackled somehow, especially people of my colour. I come from a poor family. My father contributed substantially to the nation as the head coach for the national women basketball team for approximately ten years during the 60s' but his voluntary contribution did little to enhance his or our well-being. I always quote Kennedy's famous "ask not what the country can do for you but what you can do for the country" with much despicable sarcasm. Yet, Tun, not a minute in my mind I have any doubt about my love for this country for where else can I feel the aura of my own presence and the full esteem of my own identity?

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 11:04 PM

Dear Tun,

I think in order to truly love our great nation is to imbibe on certain sector of society to stop being hypocrite. Mereka hanya manis dibibir sahaja tapi di hati mereka masih tebal dengan prejudis bangsa, agama dan kedudukan sosial mereka. Masing-masing menganggap merekalah yang kononnya cintakan kedamaian dan menuding jari kepada orang lain pula yang tidak cintakan kedamaian. Remember, one finger pointing at others but four fingers are pointing at ourselves.

By wokyoh on July 29, 2008 11:07 PM

SALAM PERJUANGAN BUAT TUN YANG DIKASIHI...

1)Tun...hari ni tak de cerita ke????

2)oleh kerana ada kawan-kawan kita kat sini komen pasal laporan doktor dari PUSRAWI....maka wokyoh terpanggil untuk komen sikit..

3)sebenarnya macam ni...

PR maksudnya Per Rectal,kalau PR examination maksudnya memeriksa anal canal dengan menggunakan jari...biasanya index finger...

PR bleed pula maksudnya -pendarahan melalui dubur.

o bermaksud "nil" atau "no" atau "tiada".ia adalah singkatan tulisan oleh doktor-doktor yang malas atau

terlalu sibuk...

TRO adalah To Rule Out - maksudnya "to excluded". ia bukan diagnosis. Biasanya doktor tidak pasti dan untuk kes yang TRO biasanya doktor akan refer pesakit kepada senior MO atau specialist untuk mengesahkan apakah diagnosis atau penyakit sebenarnya.

biasanya diagnosis(diagnosa) terbahagi kepada :

1.confirm diagnosis- setelah disahkan betul-betul penyakit melalui pemeriksaan dan sokongan laporan makmal atau procedure yang dibuat.biasanya rawatan specific akan dimulakan setelah ada confirm diagnosis.

2.provisional diagnosis- kemungkinan utama diagnosis yang ada.atau diagnosis yang seakan-akan serupa.biasanya pada peringkat ini rawatan specific tidak diberi lagi.

3.Differential diagnosis- beberapa kemungkinan diagnosis yang ada.biasanya lebih dari satu.

dalam laporan yang digembar gemburkan itu....sebenarnya terlalu jauh dari standard sebenar " full medical report" especially for medicolegal case macam kes ini.....so janganlah mudah percaya dan terpedaya dengan muslihat dajjal anwar ini...

Lagipun doktor yang memeriksa anwar itu doktor perubatan biasa saja(kalau ikut cop dia bawah tandatangan) bukannya doktor pakar, sepatutnya kes ini diperiksa oleh pakar dan ditulis dalam borang tertentu -OSCC(one stop crisis centre) under domestic violence.

Laporan diatas adalah diragui kesahihannya oleh semua doktor perubatan malah cara laporan dan pemeriksaan yang tidak lengkap itu memalukan doktor dimana vital sign tak ada(BP,pulse rate, Temperature), examination of cardiovascular system,respiratory system.GIT,GUS dan genital examination pun tak noted.

sekurang-kurangnya doktor tersebut membuat satu lagi pemeriksaan iaitu proctoscopic examination iaitu memasukkan alat seperti speculum(alat yang doktor guna untuk kaum ibu yang nak bersalin tu!!),tapi proctoscope tu bentuk macam silinder,dengan kaedah itu sekurang-kurangnya doktor dapat melihat dengan mata apa yang terjadi dalam rectum,samaada ada tear ke,bleeding ke dan sebagainya....kalau setakat PR EXAMINATION JE...tu pemeriksaan yang cincai je...tapi doktor tu tak noted pula anal tonenya....biasanya orang yang kena liwat..biasanya tak ada anal tone(daya kemut)...loose je...

Dengar cerita doktor tu sembunyi pulak..mungkin ada banyak sebab:

i).dia pun tak terpikir kes ini atau nota examination nya akan masuk internet dengan meluas....kalau dia tahu...jangan harap la dia nak tulis macam tu....mungkin lagi detail dan mesti noted " case already noted atau consulted with surgeon or forensic specialist pada tarikh dan jam sekian-sekian".....taktik untuk melepaskan diri bila naik mahkamah nanti...

ii).mungkin rahsianya terbongkar...ini adalah kerana status doktor di PUSRAWI tu...dia ada APC(Annual practitinal certificate) tak? dan adakah beliau telah berdaftar penuh dengan MMC(Malaysian medical council) atau tidak...sekarang ni ramai doktor haram yang ada MD dari universiti yang tak diiktiraf diluar negara ...balik malaysia menyamar kat klinik-klinik perubatan swasta....memang banyak terjadi kes kes doktor yang berkerja di klinik swasta yang ada ijazah kedokteran tapi tak diiktiraf dalam negara ini melainkan mereka lulus peperiksaan setaraf dengan pelajar perubatan yang diiktiraf.ini adalah untuk menjadi seorang doktor yang selamat mesti ada degree,APC,dan berdaftar penuh dengan MMC.

4)jadi kesimpulannya ..kita semua mesti menunggu laporan perubatan sebenar dari hospital kerajaan yang ditulis dan disahkan oleh pakar yang arif dalam bidangnya.....mungkin azizah seorang doktor..maka dia mengambil kesempatan untuk mengedarkan laporan perubatan PUSRAWI,tapi mungkin juga dia terdesak walaupun laporan semacam itu tidak bermakna dan tak boleh bawak masuk court pun...Betul

juga kata seorang blogger tu...senjata makan tuan...

5)Buat anwar ibrahim...cukup-cukup la tu....janganlah takut kerana benar dan berani kerana benda tak benar.....jangan dok berangan nak jadi PM dan nak ambil calon la...dok kat rumah...baca buku resepi..masak sedap-sedap...tolong basuh lampin cucu,takkan kamu anak beranak nak jadi YB semuanya....woi...tamaknya...ketuanan rakyat ke macam ni???..bagilah orang lain pulak....kalau orang lain kamu kata kronisme.....kalu kamu sendiri tak apa???? semua jawatan kamu nak liwat.....jangan jangan ezam pun kamu dah l\*\*\*t jugak???molek benar la kalau macam tu...yang akan bertanding kat kulim takde orang lain :yang meliwat dan terkena liwat.....tu yang sampai sekarang ezam masih tak buka-buka lagi rahsia besar dia dengan kamu...kalau ikut dia...dia dah tanya 2 orang ulamak tersohor...pasal apa wokyoh tak tahu la.....takkan kes rasuah nak tanya pendapat ulamak..mestilah ada kaitan dengan dosa dan pahala!!!!...sama-sama la kita tunggu....

6)TUN..tolong komen pasal pertemuan pas umno ye...

WOKYOH.

By ExcellentThoughts on July 29, 2008 11:07 PM

Dear Tun

No doubt we love our country but we need a change fast the barisan government is very desperate they were the number one party in the country for so many years.

Out of desperation they want to have a pact with party pas the present leaders have no more direction.

Pak lah is going to messs things for the barisan goverment wait till they sit and discuss issues both side will end up fighting because of different ideologies

Unity is good for any country but there are other ways to do it

Take Care

By rashidAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 11:22 PM

Tun,

Diminta pandangan Tun mengenai isu TNB vs IPP yang dalam beberapa blog mengatakan yang Tan Sri Ani Arope meletakkan jawatan kerana tekanan dari kerajaan Tun.

Dalam satu temuramah dalam The Star, ada beberapa isu dibangkitkan mengenai model IPP dan kesan kepada rakyat sejagat oleh Tan Sri Ani Arope.

Harap Tun memberi pendapat dan penjelasan supaya orang ramai dapat berfikir kenapa sesetengah langkah terpaksa diambil untuk kesejahteraan rakyat walaupun pahit untuk segelintir masyarakat.

Terima kasih, Tun.

By Mohamed Jack on July 29, 2008 11:27 PM

SAYANG TUN

MAY ALLAH BLESS YOU & FAMILY WITH GOOD HEALTH ALWAYS.

TUN segala pandangan dalam tulisan TUN adalah penerangan dan nasihat untuk negara dan pembangunanya.

Malaysia yang tercinta ini amat bernasib baik dan bertuah pada tahun 1981 dikurniakan seorang saintis untuk memimpin dan membawa negara kepada apa yang kita dapat lihat hari ini.

Kalau lah ketika itu Perdana Menteri seorang lawyer, ulamak atau askar yang kaki temberang tak tau lah apa telah akan jadi pada negara Malaysia.

Tapi saya dapat bayangkan mungkin Malaysia akan jadi seperti setengah negara2 jiran hingga hari ini yang diatas kepalanya dibuntut mat saleh.

Saya dan keluarga amat sayang dan mengucapkan jutaan terima kasih kepada TUN kerana berjasa pada negara dan kami sekeluarga.

Kami doakan TUN sentiasa sihat dan mohon agar TUN terus berikan pandangan dan nasihat kepada rakyat Malaysia. AMIN

By Onlooker on July 29, 2008 11:34 PM

It is absolutely absurd for Tun to jump into conclusion that the systems and policies that have been operating in Malaysia are excellent, by simply citing one or two names of respectable personality from the ruling coalition, Barisan Nasional, as the supporting rationale.

The latest news reported by Malaysian Insider is that sodomy is to be charged on Anwar as the Police wrapped up probe. I believe this will be proven to be just another bad example of misuse or abuse of power in Malaysia - a typical long existing system flaw and policy fallout of the Malaysian government.

The Police may not necessarily have the adequate evidence to get a conviction on Anwar in court. However, the Police will never give up any opportunity to charge Anwar in court. The logic is simple: a court legal proceeding will require Anwar to spend a lot of time to attend court and to wait for long hours in court before the commencement of a proper legal proceeding. The harrassment created by the long-lingering legal proceeding will effectively impede Anwar in allocating much time for political campaigns. This impediment will help to buy time for UMNO top political leaders who have to fully concentrate on UMNO party election and cannot afford to waste too much time to counter-attack Anwar's planned political move for purpose of soliciting support for defection from Members of Parliament who were elected under the ticket of the Ruling Coalition, Barisan Nasional.

It is regretted that "due process of law" in Malaysia has long since been a smoke screen being misused by the ruling party to serve its self-serving purpose for achieving the political agenda, usually meant for putting harrassment on a political foe in anticipation of an intense fight in party election, by election or general election.

In view of the excessive misuse and abuse of the legal proceeding in the judicial system, a thorough reform has to be introduced to enable a true separation of powers between the Executive Branch and the Judiciary Branch of the Government. The best solution is to allow the Lord President of Federal Court a total freedom to choose his own retirement age after the Lord President as the Chief of Judiciary Branch has been appointed by the Yang Dipertuan Agong at the advice of the Prime Minister. This is to allow the Lord President of Federal Court a full power to judge a court case without fear or favour of any political pressure which might be coming from any party whatsoever.

In order to prevent misuse or abuse of power by the Lord President of Federal Court, checks and balances on the Lord President can be instituted by allowing the Yang Dipertuan Agong an impeachment power at the recommendation of a Royal Tribunal to be set up at the advice of the Prime Minister in case of happening of a crime or a serious moral misconduct which has been convicted and found guilty on the Lord President of Federal Court.

Onlooker

By zaki\_77 on July 29, 2008 11:35 PM

Anwar is to be charged. Najib and BN will nail Anwar for 2 reasons:

1. For fear of Anwar winning the by-election and becoming MP and then taking over the government by sept 16. Once he is charged, he will lose his rights to stand.
2. If anwar takes over, Najib is dead meat as the Altantuya murder case will go for retrial for sure. So unless the rakyat revolt or the king steps in, Anwar is dead meat.

Using old DNA, the authorities can easily implicate Anwar. It does not matter to them that the medical report contradicts their allegations or that Anwar has an alibi. As I said before, Najib is not going to go down without a dirty fight! Like PAP in S'pore, UMNO thinks that ruling the country is their birth-right and no one can take it away from them; even if they are corrupt to the core and destroying the country they claim to love!

I personally do not have much respect for Anwar and don't see him as a worthy PM, but this should never cloud judgements as to the right and wrongs of the current justice system and the people behind it! Fairness of the judiciary much apply to all and upheld with vigour by the independent courts. Sadly, we won't see any of this under the inherently corrupt and shameless admin of AAB and his merry men!  
By sjankanAuthor Profile Page on July 29, 2008 11:45 PM

Baru-baru ini Tun telah menerbitkan sebuah artikel berjudul "The Country We Love" dalam blognya [www.chedet.com](http://www.chedet.com) seperti biasa tulisan Tun diiringi dengan pujian dan sokongan akan kebenaran yang Tun perjuangkan.

Benar kata Tun dalam artikel tersebut keadaan sosioekonomi masyarakat malaysia tahun 1968 dan bagaimana evolusi pembangunan mengubah dan mula mencorak kemakmuran sumber bumi yang pelbagai .

Jadi saya pun mengambil keputusan untuk menulis artikel yang sama dengan tajuk yang sama tetapi mengikut tafsiran saya (sjankan).

Pada tahun-tahun 90-an saya masih melihatkan kemakmuran ekonomi Malaysia, perkembangan infrastruktur dan sebagainya. Kemudian setiap tahun sambutan kemerdekaan diadakan dengan motonya tersendiri. Kerajaan pula akan kerap meminta rakyat bersyukur dengan kemajuan yang dikecapi dan terus berusaha mencapai wawasan 2020 untuk menjadikan Malaysia sebagai sebuah negara maju. Ketika itu kemajuan ekonomi merupakan bukti sebuah bangsa yang merdeka. Zaman berubah dan kini hampir 20 tahun dan Tun telah menulis tentang cinta akan negara.

Tulisan Tun memang sedap dibaca dan bagaikan novel yang boleh memberi semangat. Malangnya jika diteliti ia merupakan satu perang saraf untuk membunuh kebenaran.

Adalah amat perlu disini saya menjelaskan apa yang dimaksudkan dengan negara. Untuk membolehkan sebuah negara itu wujud ;diperlukan beberapa elemen yang pertama wilayah atau kawasan yang sempadannya jelas. Kedua;Sekumpulan manusia yang mendiami kawasan tersebut, yang kita kenali sebagai rakyat dan akhir sekali kerajaan yang berwibawa untuk mengurus dan mentadbir negara tersebut.

Maka tanggungjawab kerajaan ialah untuk menguruskan wilayah dan juga kumpulan manusia dalam wilayah tersebut yakni rakyat.

Cinta akan negara? bermaksud semangat patriotik untuk mempertahankan kedaulatan negara(kerajaan) , wilayah dan rakyatnya.

Saya agak kesal dan terkejut apabila Tun kerap gunakan kemajuan ekonomi sebagai kayu ukuran untuk menilai kerajaan itu sebuah kerajaan yang baik atau tidak . Begitu juga kemakmuran ekonomi dijadikan asas untuk membuktikan bahawa pengisian kemerdekaan telah dibuat dengan baik dan cemerlang. Ini adalah satu tanggapan yang cetek dan tidak wajar, malangnya rakyat pun terpengaruh dengan propaganda sedemikian.

Seorang yang mencintakan negara harus memastikan kedaulatan wilayahnya tidak dinodai. Kita kerap mengambil contoh kehilangan Pulau Batu Putih sebagai contoh kedaulatan negara di cabar. Tetapi hakikat sebenarnya selain daripada kuasa asing adakah kerajaan berjaya memelihara wilayah-wilayah ini dari pencemaran? pembalakan haram? dan juga mengorbankan alam sekitar untuk menjana elektrik. Adakah itu alternatif yang terbaik?

Dengan berlelusanya rasuah kadang kala pengusaha industri membuang sisa toksik dengan sewenang-wenangnya dan kemudiannya denda di mahkamah agak rendah berbanding keuntungan yang dia buat. Adakah kerajaan ketika Tun dan sekarang menguatkuasakan undang-undang yang ketat? bagaimana dengan jumlah kakitangan? Kemakmuran Ekonomi diiringi dengan kemusnahan alam sekitar ..inikah yang dimaksudkan dengan The Country We Love?

Elemen seterusnya "Kerajaan" di sini harus dilihat sebagai pilihan rakyat melalui proses demokrasi. Adalah sungguh malang impian pejuang kebangsaan negara terkubur dengan sedihnya sebab rakyat tidak boleh menentang kerajaan, media massa tidak boleh menegur kerajaan, badan kehakiman tidak boleh tegur kerajaan, malah badan perundangan (MP) juga tidak boleh kata "Tidak " kepada keputusan jemaah Menteri. Inikah yang diperjuangkan oleh mereka? Inikah bagi Tun "The Country We Love" cukup sedih lagi apabila rasuah berleluasa. Demokrasi dibunuh dengan sistem kuota; yang kaya dan berpengaruh akan kekal berkuasa. Semua ini adalah hasil pencapaian kemerdekaan atau pengisian kemerdekaan yang Tun lakukan dan kini penggantinya sedang mempertahankan tradisinya.

Rakyat juga merupakan sebahagian daripada negara. Negara takkan wujud hanya dengan adanya wilayah sahaja. Jadi bagaimana sepatutnya rakyat dalam negara merdeka perlu hidup?. Adakah kekayaan ekonomi lambang rakyat bahagia ataupun dengan adanya kebebasan asasi , adan maruah diri merupakan lambang negara merdeka? Malangnya rakyat disekat dengan ISA, Akta Fitnah, Akta Hasutan, perlu dapatkan permit berhimpun, hendak berpersatuan kerajaan tak suka ROS boleh batalkan. Dan ada rakyat ditahan tanpa perbicaraan untuk bertahun-tahun lamanya. Inikah pencapaian yang diperjuangkan?

Ternyata 51 tahun merdeka selain daripada sedikit perkembangan dalam ekonomi dan pendidikan rakyat yang lainnya tidak jauh berbeza dengan pemerintahan Inggeris. Penjajahan tidak semestinya kuasa luar! Pemimpin tempatan pun boleh jadi penjajah dengan menghilangkan hak rakyat dari daftar undi, Orang yang mati bangkit mengundi, Undi pos yang diragui ketelusannya, bersuara tidak sehaluan dengan kerajaan dianggap mengganggu ketenteraman awam ini adalah bukti yang jelas nikmat kemerdekaan di bawah kerajaan Barisan Nasional gagal kita kecapai terutamanya ketika Zaman pemerintahan TUN THE GREAT bukan mudah untuk memimpin tetapi kalau tidak boleh tolong jangan hancurkan hak asasi.

Bahagian kedua artikel ini saya akan mengulas tentang pencapaian yang sebenar kita kecapai dari segi peningkatan taraf hidup.

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By dospenang on July 29, 2008 11:54 PM

KEPADA TUN,

"SAYA MOHON TUN BINCANGKAN CALON2 PENGGANTI YANG ADA DAN UMNO EGM AKAN DATANG."

APA-APA PUN TERUSKAN MENGUNDI MENDESAK PAK LAH SUPAYA MELETAK JAWATAN:

<http://www.PetitionOnline.com/PakLah/>

VOTE SEGERA DEMI MALAYSIA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

WASALAM.....

By Ainaq on July 30, 2008 12:16 AM

HE FINANCIAL CRISIS OF 1997 - 1998

By Nor Mohamed Yakcop

Penulisan inside story How Tun Fought with Speculator George Soros  
tu is very touching. As because of the wining that financial war that we survive.

Tun is Brilliant and Genius for being able to absorb the knowledge of International Finance and  
Assimilate and Formulate effective  
counter measures that trap George Soros on their tract. That wahat people like DSAI and Young admirer  
of DSAI can understand.

DSAI is a man of Action but without knowledge . I doubt about his mathematics of Economy. He inherit  
good economy from Tun Daim and pretend to be His until crisis comes he refers to IMF which will trap  
Malaysia in their game.

In the recent debate he take the opportunity to deny his link to IMF.

If he was sincere then why did he leave to Tun to fight Financial Crisis instead 'kacau daun ' with  
"Reformasi" in the event of Finacial War. Luckily we ge through that time.

But Now he is all out again .....kacau daun not helping the Economy a bit. But some feebeel minded will  
trap again and the economy will get worse if he takes over.

He claim adviser to UAE who have low population but alot of oil revenue but not other resources for future  
not even water. I wonder what he advises them?

UAE should get strategic people like Tun to plan before the oil depleted. They should have Invest in  
Malaysia or Indonesia in agriculture, food and food Industry and in China and India in manufacturing.

By Ainaq on July 30, 2008 12:32 AM

crazyidiot on

"love" affair include the bailout of a shipping company owned 51% by Mirzan Mahathir worth a transaction  
of RM 2.34 billion by using the income from Petronas?

First it is a fact? Where you get it ? DSAI Reformasi?

Second Malaysian Company is Malaysian, incicidently own by Mirzan, if you dont defend it will be  
foreign British, American or Soros.....how you will like it. The company own by Petronas or By Foreign.

If it borrowed form Petronas than defensive under foreign on slought.

Did not Khazanah bail out all Malaysian company?

Did you not satified Malaysia fought the war an win?

By threesixtynine on July 30, 2008 1:10 AM

lepas ni bergaduh la melayu sama melayu  
yang menang adalah mereka yang paling banyak campak duit

yang tersengih keriangn cina dengan india

so much for 'the country we love'  
dikuasai oleh mereka yang dikuasai oleh nafsu

thats why ramai kawan-kawan saya bekerja di luar negara  
got fed up dgn the so called .gov.my

lebih pentingkan nilai ringgit dari nilai agama  
By samuraimelayu on July 30, 2008 1:21 AM

Salam AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN,  
Izinkan,

By Hon on July 29, 2008 4:17 PM

To me, Ketuanan Melayu is the false notion of malay greatness or malay supremacy. Truth is - there is nothing to associate the malay race with greatness...

We will if you and rest of your kind packed your belongings and go back to your motherland which you and your kind are very proud of.

GET LOST! GET LOST! GET LOST.

Then we will show the malay greatness in a 100 years!

Well, China and India needed thousand of years to achieve greatness and without the likes of you around to give 'gula-gula' to get government projects, the malays would have achieved some greatness. What I admire of the chinese is their perserverance to get what they wanted to the extent of offering their beautiful... if that's what is required to achieve their goals. Perhaps there lies the difference of the malays cos its 'haram'. So don't talk of a level playing field. The only thing straight about your kind is the hairs on your head above.

Anyway, we believed that the Englishman had undermined the Malay intelligence by calling them 'malaise' coz they knew what the Malays were capable of for instance, built ships that once sailed the openseas without using one single nut to construct them. Asked the french scientists who have done the reseach. No asked the Englishman, please. But the Englishman knew too the weaknesses of the Malays then especially their 'makan gandum sampai buncit perut' attitude. (Just like the current malay leaders)

And what Hon doesn't know is the man who designed the fastest speedboat in existence at the moment comes from the Malay Archipelago (Tanah Melayu).

Will the western masters announced it to the world or nominate the malay for a 'pulitzer'? No chance, unless his name is a 'Tiger Woods' (though black but not a muslim) and not a 'Abdul bin lahab' (though a muslim but brainless in the eyes of the Englishman) .

Sometimes what you mean is not what it really meant!.

By now, this Malay has made you wondered and somehow sold you off.. he! he! he!

By Hussein Ismail on July 30, 2008 1:28 AM

Tun Mahathir,

Nampaknya macam masuk bakul bocor dan angkat diri sendiri.

By 2c3d on July 30, 2008 1:31 AM

"THIS COUNTRY HAS GIVEN US MUCH.....

Oleh itu semua rakyat perlulah bersyukur.

Terdapat sekurang-kurangnya lima golongan rakyat yang dikesan memberi respons berbeza apabila dikaitkan dengan BERSYUKUR. Mereka semuanya termasuk pemimpin adalah pewaris.

1. Tidak mahu bersyukur ----- golongan sombong dan "selfish".

2. Kurang atau terlupa bersyukur ----- golongan materialistik.
3. Pura-pura bersyukur ----- golongan hipokrit.
4. Tidak tahu bersyukur ----- golongan jahil.
5. Sentiasa bersyukur(walaupun di masa susah)---golongan patriotik.

Malangnya golongan kelima itu tidak ramai.

....IS IT STILL THE COUNTRY WE LOVE?"

By truthseeker on July 30, 2008 1:53 AM

Salam kepada YAB Tun dan rakan2 bloggers,

1. Mencintai Malaysia sahaja belum mencukupi. Kita perlu ada semangat patriotisme, iaitu selain daripada mencintai, menyayangi, kita sanggup mempertahankan negara ini, melindunginya kedaulatannya dari ancaman dalam dan luar negara.

2. Mengikut indicators Bahagian Keselamatan Negara, Malaysia masih aman, stabil kerana; korupsi rendah, rakyat boleh hidup dalam harmoni, rakyat mematuhi undang2, ekonomi berkembang dan sebagainya (tak ingatla tu...). Maksudnya, dengan situasi sekarang korupsi berleluasa (dari peringkat tertinggi pulak tu), dengan kadar inflasi yang tinggi, harga barangan yang mahal, perkembangan ekonomi yang tidak meyakinkan, tindakan penyokong2 parti politik, tindakan golongan ekstrem yang melanggar undang2...maka tidak lamalah lagi Malaysia akan menjadi negara tidak aman, tidak selamat. Menurut Nor Mohamed Yakcop, Tun pertimbangkan 'chain reactions' kalau krisis kewangan berterusan, iaitu memikirkan kesannya sampailah ke masalah sosial, pengganguran dan lain-lain. Negara akan menjadi kecoh jika krisis itu tidak ditangani segera. Pada masa itu si Anwar tidak fikirkan perkara itu, bagaimana jika IMF mengambilalih maka tidak ada apa2 special untuk bumiputera...tiada keistimewaan bumi, maka berduyun2 remaja melayu yang mengganggur dan bersedia untuk mencuri, merompak untuk meneruskan hidup. Tun dan PM2 dulu fikir panjang, kaji sehalus-halusnya (seperti kata Nor Mohamed Yakcop, Tun brainstorm pelbagai cara dan mekanisma untuk selesaikan masalah, tanpa jemu)sesuatu perkara untuk menjamin kesejahteraan rakyat Msia. Pentadbiran Dollah tidak ambil peduli, seolah2 kita selamat, tidak ada sesiapa yang akan mengganggu kita. Dia tak pernah dengar tentang globalisasi ke? Bukan teori lagi, sudah pun sampai ke sini Dollah. Awak tidak rasa kerana duit minyak, duit cuti ke luar negara, duit pasar awak diuruskan semuanya. Awak buat kerja mentadbir Msia macam hobi sahaja. Musuh kita Singapura awak bawa masuk ke rumah. Awak anak beranak main golf dengan pemimpin Singapura awak ingat selesai masalah? Singapura (the leaders)berperangai macam anjing...anjing boleh hidu jika kita takut dan kalau kita tidak takut padanya. Kalau anjing tahu kita takut, dia lagi mengacau kita. Lihat perangai pemimpin Singapura, dia tahu dengan Tun tidak boleh main2 tapi dengan Dollah, senang sangat sebab Dollah takut. Sekarang sudah mahu tuntutan kawasan perairan wilayah dan EEZ sekitar Batu Putih. Jangan risau, Dollah akan hantar duta atau menteri ke Singapura untuk merayu dan memberi laporan.

3. Tun bukan sahaja menjaga rakyat Msia, tetapi rakyat Indonesia juga. Ingat lagi saranan Tun, 'prosper your neighbor', iaitu jadikan jiran anda senang...sebabnya jika orang Indonesia senang, sudah tentu mereka tidak menjadi PATI, dan sebahagian menjadi penjenayah di sini. Tetapi singapura memiskinkan jirannya. Singapura berjaya menarik rakyat Msia melabur di sana kerana kadar faedah tinggi, menawarkan kerakyatan kepada kaum Cina Indonesia, kaum Cina Hong Kong...dengar khabar 80Bilion USD dibawa keluar oleh orang Cina Indonesia ke singapura. Hilang wang rakyat Indonesia kerana perbuatan Singapura. Inilah negara yang diberi muka oleh Dollah. Dollah sedang melakukan yang sebaliknya, bukan sahaja orang Msia susah, pendatang lagi susah...maka bersedialah dengan kes jenayah yang akan meningkat.

4. Saya setuju dengan pendapat beberapa orang bloggers yang mengaitkan apa yang berlaku sekarang di Msia dengan kuasa asing; Yahudi, Amerika dll. Dulu British terpaksa memberi kemerdekaan kepada

Msia kerana takut Msia menjadi negara komunis, tetapi harini, tiada komunis lagi, Msia semakin mewah, banyak sumber, maka sesiapa pun mahu mengambil Msia. Ancaman Yahudi, amerika memang real. Sila rujuk artikel oleh Moshe Yegar yang disumbangkan oleh rakan kita MDB pada 28hb jam 11.01PM. Terima kasih MDB. Anwar dengan penyokong2 baratnya, media kita yang 'down play' tentang pembunuhan penduduk palestina dan orang Islam lain. Seperti dalam buku Matthias Chang, Brainwashed For War Programmed To Kill. Otak kita dilalihkan tentang pembunuhan sehingga kita anggap pembunuhan satu perkara biasa. Inilah yang ditanam oleh Yahudi dan Amerika supaya apabila mereka sembelih orang Islam, kita sudah lali, tak kisah, tak excited mahu baca, mungkin marah kerana berita memboringkan. Jika Tun sudah lali dengan pembunuhan, sudah tentu Tun tidak kisah apa yang berlaku kepada orang Islam Bosnia yang dibunuh. Atas desakan Tun, barulah PBB ambil kisah. Jangan terkejut jika satu hari nanti, bila orang Islam atau bukan Islam disembelih di sini, tiada pemimpin negara lain yang memperdulikan kita. Sebabnya, sudah anggap pembunuhan satu lumrah. Yahudi dan US sedang set otak kita, kerana mereka akan membunuh orang Islam Iran, Syria nanti. Dulu saya pernah mendengar rekrut askar Israel mesti menggunakan peluru hidup membunuh haiwan sebagai latihan dan baru2 ini dilaporkan askar US juga diarah menembak haiwan hidup (khinzir jika tidak silap) dalam latihan. Ini semua part and parcel brainwashed for war programmed to kill. Tun sudah nampak apa yang dirancang Yahudi, US dan Tun proaktif untuk menjaga kita agar dapat melalui dugaan ini dengan baik. Siapa cipta globalisasi? liberalisasi? world trade organization (WTO)? Yahudi dan US serta sekutunya. Kalau kita bantah, kita dicop anti globalisation, anti liberalisation...maka kenakan sekatan kepada kita. Bila Tun bangkitkan tentang perangai Yahudi, terus Tun dicop anti semitic. Tapi Tun berani..inilah maruah kita. Tapi bolehkah Dolah tangani ancaman2 ini? Pandai ka Dolah menukar ancaman kepada peluang? Saya berani potong anu...jarilah, bahawa Dollah tidak ada perancangan untuk menghadapi ancaman2 ini. Tun mengangkat martabat kita, tetapi Dollah meletak kita rakyat Msia ke tahap melukut di tepi gantang. Dollah, I wonder whether you're a Msian or an Australian? Selalu sangat balik kampung ke Australia tu.

YAB Tun, thank you for giving us your utmost attention, care, love, sacrifice...thank you Tun Siti Hasmah and your boys for giving support to Tun to take care of us for 22 + 6 years? May Allah take care of Tun and family.

By ahmad kamal mokhtar on July 30, 2008 2:41 AM

Dr Mahathir zalim, Dr Mahathir diktator, nyanyok dan macam2 lagi yang org kata tentang Dr Mahathir. Bagi saya, Tun Dr Mahathir tetap menjadi idola saya. Seorang lelaki yang bijak, genius, berani, tenang menghadapi apa2 situasi dan dikenali diseluruh dunia. Yang paling penting seorang pemimpin yang sayangkan bangsanya dan negaranya. Pernah suatu ketika dulu rakan saya pulang dari luar negara setelah menamatkan pengajiannya bercerita tentang Malaysia dikalangan org2 luar. Saya mengagumi Dr Mahathir kerana rakan saya memberitahu yang org2 disana tidak kenal akan Malaysia tetapi hanya mengenali Kuala Lumpur dan Dr Mahathir. Mereka mengenali Kuala Lumpur kerana adanya KLCC yang diilhamkan oleh Dr Mahathir dan mereka mengenali Dr Mahathir kerana kebijaksanaan dan keberaniannya. Pemimpin macam inilah yang saya inginkan untuk mentadbir dan memimpin Malaysia. Semoga Allah lanjutkan usia Tun Dr Mahathir bin Mohamed!! Hidup Dr Mahathir!!

By malaysianlover on July 30, 2008 2:50 AM

PakLah IS NOT Malaysia's worst leader.

PakLah IS the WORST leader the world has ever seen... throughout the whole history of mankind!

By philmrAuthor Profile Page on July 30, 2008 4:29 AM

salam berbahagia kepada Tun sekeluarga..

By xaxa on July 30, 2008 4:41 AM

Salam Tun,

Sorry for my very brief comment yesterday. It was my first time posting comment to your blog, and that's why I do not know how it works(thought all comments will be approved when we submit them). Before I go further, I would like to appologize for using this mean (which is improper) to contact you for my project. I hope that I have another option to contact you.

Now, let me introduce myself properly. I am Yushaniza Gani, a student of Faculty of Information Management, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Shah Alam. Me and my partner, Nurul Hidayah Rahmat were very interested on having you as our research interviewee for our Oral History subject. We would like to cover on your experience as our most successful PM, especially on your success in overcoming the world economic crisis in 1998. There must be a lot of input that we, and in the future, other researchers can gain from you gave us the opportunity to interview you. Hope to hear from you soon.

Thank you.

Regards,

Yushaniza Gani  
Student of FIM,UiTM  
By suppie kugrimo on July 30, 2008 5:02 AM

dearest unreplaceable Tun,

yes indeed, i do love this country.. but i will try keep things short and simple then.

- 1) if some people thinks that they have been treated unfairly, please look elsewhere.. try Israel maybe. ask them why are the jewish people are given special rights and guns or why not asking them for an equal rights and share from their land.
- 2) to the ones claims that they are being 'victimized' are the actual and worst 'victimizer' when they have gained the power and control...
- 3) enjoying every clicks of pleasure mistreating, cheating and abusing us locals equally like what they did to their foreign workers if they have the opportunity to do so...
- 4) they can't be trusted and getting greedier and greedier every single day. the farmers land has been taken away, their daughters are being sold to become prostitutes, their wives and sons becomes slaves to their master. 'mao' was so damn right handling the situation. therefore to some, 'boating out' is the best solution to satisfy their greedy needs and soul..
- 5) the other is just an 'opportunist'.. believe me, even worst than the annaconda snake in the jungles of amazon. they killed a good honorable leader like 'gandhi' too. obviously you know why he is being shot by the extremist. you can take that to the bank alright. there's a proverb that says, 'even a dead body will wake up if you put tonnes of money at its side'.
- 6) if you're so good then, why worry about NEP? why not query on the huge price difference of sales, supplies or services to us then? why are there hidden figures or tags around? it's been going on for hefty a long time now.
- 7) to the outside fellas, the biggest robbery of the 20th century is not the US national reserved, but the palestinian land! a blinking eye on this matter or is it a one eye shut justice mate?
- 8) honestly and sadly, more and more brown fellas are getting really2 blind and dumb! while the other brown half are too 'possesed' with greed, lust,selfish and evil. they are a disgrace to us and country.
- 9) having these people around is just like sleeping with the enemy. don't you even bother to snore my fellow brothers and friends. you might be waking up dead tomorrow.
- 10) last but not lease.. the 3 C posture write up is being applied everywhere now lately! as long that they will personally benefit out of it for their agenda purposes, which i'm sure of that, they will continue...

- 1st C. is TO CONVINCe the PEOPLE
- 2nd C. is TO CONFUSE the PEOPLE
- 3rd C. is TO CON the PEOPLE

dearest Tun, time is getting really 'haywire' and 'difficult' lately. no matter whatever bad things they say about you, historicaly, you are the proven malaysian leader with the most outstanding achievements and results. indeed they don't really2 feel nor understand the true meaning of the word 'gratitude' in their life.

i still believe that there are good people among us all. regardless of what race and religion, in this god

blessed nation, to those that truly understands the word 'respect' and 'sharing' in better and reasonable terms, will know what to do. but to those who don't bother and care then, this country wasn't mend for people like you, i'm so sorry.

take good care Tun. best of regards to you and your family.

and again, yes indeed, i do love this country..

suppie

By mzzainal on July 30, 2008 8:00 AM

Talks by Umno and PAS leaders on Malay or Muslim unity will not be at the expense of non-Muslims, the Deputy Prime Minister said to a local newspaper.

However I am curious on what was discussed and why such a meeting took place.

I am sure many Malaysians are also curious on the outcome of the meeting especially since the other BN parties were unaware of the discussion.

The spirit of partnership within BN is merely a shadow of its former self. BN is now in no position to speak of Pakatan's collaboration with PAS.

A flip-flop UMNO does not have the right to lead our nation, much less work with other political parties to further their ambitions.

A greater unity of all Bangsa should be spear-headed towards common solidarity, and NOT towards having a working understanding between PAS and UMNO.

By Angkatan Lancang Kuning Nusantara on July 30, 2008 8:30 AM

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TUN,

Semperena Hari Israaq Mikraj ini, eloklah kita berdoa pada Allah swt

agar kita pun di berikan petunjuk yang jelas akan permasalahan yang

berlaku kini di negara tercinta, MALAYSIA.

Semoga pemimpin yang ada, sadar akan kemampuannya mentadbir negara

dengan lemah dan terbukalah pintu hatinya untuk segera menyerahkan

pucuk pimpinan pada yang lebih layak dan berkemampuan.

Dalam zaman globalisasi yang begitu mencabar dengan begitu banyak

musuh-musuh Islan yang coba memecah belahkan umat Islam sejagat,

kita memerlukan pemimpin yang benar-benar layak memperjuangkan

Agama, Bangsa dan Negara Malaysia. Amien.

<http://isteri-mamak-tua.blogspot.com>

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By Gucci on July 30, 2008 8:37 AM

Salam Tun,

Maaf off tajuk...

Minta Tun memberikan penjelasan mengenai "PROJEK IC DI SABAH" pada penulisan akan datang. Saya hargai sekiranya Tun dapat memberikan penjelasan dan penerangan mengenai perkara yg tersebut di atas.

Terima kasih

By OrangLama on July 30, 2008 8:49 AM

Salam Tun,

Mohon izin saya beri penjelasan "ketuanan Melayu" kpd saudara Abu Sayab (on July 29, 2008 8:24 PM). Tolong Tun atau rakan2 betulkan kalau saya silap.

1.Undang-undang perlembagaan Malaysia, perkara 160(2) menakrifkan Melayu sebagai (1)Seorang yang beragama Islam (2)Bertutur bahasa Melayu (3)Mengamalkan adat istiadat Melayu (3)Lahir sebelum hari merdeka sama ada di Persekutuan atau di Singapura atau pada hari merdeka, dia bermastautin di Persekutuan atau di Singapura.  
Setiap rakyat Malaysia mesti terima perlembagaan ini.

Jadi Saudara Abu Sayab ketuanan Melayu ialah berkaitan mempertahankan hak2 istimewa orang Melayu tetapi bukan bermaksud hendak mendiskriminasi bukan Melayu. Hak keistimewaan orang Melayu yang sebenarnya yang dipertikai oleh Tok Guru "Malaysian Malaysia" YB Karpal Singh dan YB Lim Kit Siang. Bukannya siapa itu Melayu!

2. Kepada para perjuang "Malaysian Malaysia"(PKR dan DAP kot), saya mohon melihat sejarah Amerika Syarikat(US). Pribumi Red Indian tetapi pemerintah bangsa lain. berapa ratus tahun dan berapa banyak peristiwa menyayat hati telah berlaku sehinggalah sampai ke tahap apa yang dipanggil demokrasi di US? Juga lihat bekas jajahan British seperti Kanada(ada sedikit bahgian bekas Perancis),New Zealand, Australia. Itu pun masih berlaku diskriminasi kaum di negara tersebut. Di negara Eropah termasuk UK,berapa banyak bangsa asing mmegang jawatan bertaraf menteri kabinet? Berapa banyak bangsa asing memegang jawatan tinggi di perkhidmatan awam dan swasta. Negara Malaysia baru merdeka,janganlah kita bandingkan negara lain lebih baik dari Malaysia.

3.Seperkara lagi, saya amat sokong PAS join BN. Bukan Melayu jangan bimbang kerana orang Melayu akan beri sokongan tambahan kepada kaum mereka melalui parti2 gabungan BN. Tak payahlah Pakatan Rakyat, baru nak berpakat semasa pilihanraya. BN dah lama pun, mengalami masalah. Pakatan Rakyat baru "belajar" nak kenal satu sama lain dah nak gaduh2, nak bertumbuk2. Kalau pemimpin macam itu, rakyat dua kali lima lah? Jika pemimpin BN tak baik, bolehkah kita jaminkan pemimpin Pakatan Rakyat tidak perangai serupa bila depa berkuasa nanti?Mungkin beberapa tahun kemudian?

Mohon maaf semua jika terusik hati.

By RamlaxAuthor Profile Page on July 30, 2008 9:12 AM

Dua hari lalu Prof. Di Raja Ungku Aziz telah member ulasan saperti berikut atas NEP dalam satu wawancara Radi 24 jam 06 30 pagi.

Pada awalnya NEP telah membawa faedah kepada orang-orang yang harus diberi bantuan. Dengan itu banyak pemuda dari luar bandar telah mendapat peluang untuk menjadi siswasa dan menjawat jawatan yang lebih tinggi daripada ibu bapa mereka. Tetapi selepas tahun 1983 NEP hanya membawa keuntungan kepada orang-orang yang bukan miskin dan kawan-kawan kepada kaum pemerintah.

By revolutionist on July 30, 2008 9:14 AM

Secebis Luahan.  
Lirik lagu diolah semula dari lirik lagu Keranamu Malaysia.

Buruh nelayan dan juga petani,  
Gaya hidup kini dah berubah,  
Harga minyak sudah dinaikannya,  
Mana pergi harga demokrasi,

Pakar songlap pakar membodek,  
Jaguh fitnah dan tipu helah,  
Berkereta jenama luar,  
Sebab susah nak jaga V6,

Masjid Kristal Islam Hadhari,  
Projek Mega banyak tak jadi,  
Biar di kota ataupun desa,  
Habis semua nak jadikan wilayah,

Keranamu kronimu kaya raya,  
Keranamu menantumu berkuasa,  
Keranamu Umno pun jadi mangsa,  
Demi kuasa rakyat menjadi mangsa,

Keranamu kami hidup tersiksa,  
Keranamu kami dianianya,  
Keranamu ramai pergi berarak,  
Demi protes nak selamatkan negara,

Keranamu rakyatmu menderita,  
Menderita...  
By nikalwei on July 30, 2008 9:28 AM

tun  
you are my hero  
By Kimtaei on July 30, 2008 9:53 AM

salam beloved Tun,  
the root cause of being falling back because Malays are too dependent on the government. they were too pampered by gov too because they can have what they want thru gov because they have special rights. they have this kind of privilege and still can't grow and very sadly in fact they start to blame other races of taking advantages from them. they become jealous and racist when they see others doing well. did they ever think back, they have ever put effort and utilised what they get from special privilege. little setback they they start to blame and accuse. since our gov is so messy and wasting resources for its cronies, less subsidies are given to Malay and Malay start to reject the gov.  
see other races never can get this kind of special privilege and yet they still can be very successful.  
most hilarious is that the gov lowering the standard and passing grade in university to let Malay to get in and pass...is it we all human having the same brain???

By kama on July 30, 2008 9:54 AM

Ayahanda Tun yang Dikasihi;

Teruskan perjuangan untuk memajukan bangsa Malaysia dan jagalah kesihatan ayahanda...Kami amat mengasihi Ayahanda...

Kepada semua Blogger;

Kita kena tingkatkan perjuangan kita..kerana saya pasti..anda semua benar2 ikhlas dan jujur untuk mempertahankan dan memakmurkan Malaysia...

Harap Ayahanda Tun boleh cadangkan platform untuk kita semua berjuang dgn lebih nyata bukan sekadar di alam cyber ini...

Salam penuh kasih sayang untuk Ayahanda sekeluarga...

By angelinajolie on July 30, 2008 10:19 AM

Hon,

Stop being racist. You have no idea what you have just written at CheDet.Com. You have forgotten that Sir Lee Kuan Yew is racist. Most Politicians in India are racist. It is not me who comment on this issue but most people from India themselves thinks that way and this include some of the Hollywood movie stars as well. The caste system has been condemned internationally for centuries even after the death of Mohandas Ghandi. If you don't trust me go and as that Lakshmi Mittal. Stop hating one race just because you think that your very own kind is much superior than others.

By keng on July 30, 2008 10:38 AM

Hi Tun,

How are you today? Wishing you joy and happiness to you and your family.

Well i'm really concern about the current leaders of our government.

Firstly, the Mercs-Benz issue, which resulted in a waste of public money in the investigations, i mean hey.. didnt this happend like in 2004 when Datuk Abdullah took over? he said he put a stop to corruption and stuff..and now we are see-ing a repeat performance by him. Again asking the ACA to do investigations.. Shouldnt the ACA have their own initiative in these kinds of matter?

I mean i find 2 faults here

1) "Pak Lah" vows to fight corruption and assured the people of actions.. for how long? 1 year? and then it goes to nothing. Just like the saying "hangat-hangat tahi ayam". and now a repeat performance to fight corruption and stuff. Everything is just for shows

2) ACA seems to be sleeping.. or are they under politcal pressure and listens only to the government? NEeds more transparency..

Another view is that, THE PAPER IS TO REPORT THE TRUTH.. Not under 100% autonomous control of the government. In certain cases, a bit of control would be relevant.. but until it obscures the truth? It is really lame.

And now, forming a coalition with PAS? omg, do they even know what they are saying? do "the current leaders" want to win and stay in power so much that they sacrifice their principles? i cannot believe this.

For one i must say i am truly dissapointed in Pak Lah.. i believed in him like everybody else did. Even till the previous election, which was a bit of a shock to me.. but now.. my eyes are opened. He has done nothing but to amass his own personal wealth.

Too bad, for a malaysian citizen, i seriously think we are moving backwards instead of forward.

By Tan on July 30, 2008 10:55 AM

A'kum Tun,

Saya sebagai rakyat M'sia cukup merasa takut dgn situasi politik negara sekrng. Perasaan spt ini tidak timbul semasa M'sia dibwh pimpinan Tun. Malah sewaktu saya menuntut di luar negara saya begitu berbangga apabila rakyat asing begitu mengagumi kepesatan ekonomi dan kestabilan politik M'sia. Tapi sekrng...

Saya mengambil kesempatan ini untuk meluahkan perasaan tidak puas hati saya, sekurang2nya Tun dapat memberi perhatian. Baru2 ini saya mendapat tahu bahawa masih terdpt politik wang di daerah kelahiran saya di mana YB BN membayar sejumlah wang supaya anak buahnya menjadi ketua bahagian cawangan UMNO. Bagaimana kita nak hormat UMNO apabila masih terdpt pemimpin UMNO yg masih mengamalkan politik wang???

Saya sayangkan UMNO, tetapi nama UMNO busuk disebabkan oleh segelintir pemimpinnya yg tamakkan kuasa dan harta. Saya tak sanggup hidup di bawah pimpinan PAKATAN RAKYAT. Tolonglah wahai semua pemimpin UMNO, bangkitlah dari kesilapan. Ambillah pengajaran dari kekalahan BN dalam pilihanraya baru2 ini.

Tun, tolonglah bersuara pada mereka yg di atas UMNO sana. Nasihatkan mereka supaya jgn menyakitkan hati rakyat dgn kesilapan yg sama.

Saya begitu mengagumi ketegasan dan kepimpinan Tun yg tidak ada tolok bandingnya.

Tun Forever

Salam.

By FuyohAuthor Profile Page on July 30, 2008 11:19 AM

Assalamualaikum

Sebelum saya meneruskan komen saya ini saya terlebih dahulu mengajak semua sahabat dan keluarga mendoakan kesihatan dan kekuatan untuk Tun berdua dalam menempuh hari - hari yang menyakitkan hati ini.

Tun,

Saya amat terkilan bila mana rakan - rakan saya yang memujuk saya dulu di waktu pembabitan saya dalam reformasi peringkat awal, kini menempelak Tun dan keluarga kononnya membuat harta dalam kerajaan menerusi anak Tun. Saya amat terkejut sedangkan ketika itu merekalah yang lantang memperjuangkan Tun dan UMNO.

Kini orang UMNO sudah hilang punca. Mereka memperjuangkan kocek mereka dan keluarga mereka. Mereka lebih memperjuangkan apa yang Semangat 46 tanamkan dalam UMNO (mungkin berniat menghancurkan UMNO).

Saya mempunyai firasat yang kuat dan firasat saya mengatakan bahawa UMNO akan hancur setelah Najib menjadi Perdana Menteri sekiranya Melayu tidak dibela. Mungkin Najib ada karisma dalam membela FELDA tetapi saya merasakan Najib telah kehilangan kredibiliti dan pengaruh setelah Pak Lah lebih menonjolkan dirinya sebagai "pemberi subsidi yang adil dan mr clean" padahal subsidi itu tidak ke mana dan tidak memberi apa apa makna pada saya.

Tun,

Malam tadi saya bermimpi buruk. Saya tidak tahu apa maknanya tapi saya bangun dan karangkan sebuah puisi. Puisi ini berkait rapat dengan hidup saya, bangsa saya, keluarga saya.

Aku, Bangsaku dan Pahlawanku

aku inginkan satu perjalanan  
dengan tenang, senang tanpa leka  
tanah airku kian tersiksa  
akukah warganya akukah dibela

bangsaku semakin terhimpit  
bangsaku kini merintih  
mencari jalan sumber kekayaan  
namun lupa pada kemanusiaan

diasuh dari dulu  
susah dan senang  
biarlah bersama

kini mereka berkuasa  
namun kian alpa  
leka di puncak kuasa

bangsaku ramai derita  
dia leka tak berbuat apa

aku kini memikir  
apakah esok  
akan datang kelapangan  
dalam hidup dan perjuangan

apakah esok  
akan hadir "penderhaka"  
membela dan menegakkan  
hak dan keutamaan  
bangsaku

seperti pahlawan  
yang aku ingin ketemu  
seperti negarawan  
yang aku sanjung

Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad ...  
By mamat2008 on July 30, 2008 11:23 AM

salam, TUn boleh comment tak sekarang ni harga minyak dunia se-barrel dah jatuh ni..kalau tak silap on 28th July '08 dah cecah ke USD 122.22, and singapore pun dah turunkan harga minyak depa, so Malaysia tak boleh ker turunkan harga minyak berperingkat?

Hari tu ada sorang menteri ni kater kalau minyak dunia jatuh, so mungkin boleh turunkan harga minyak... kenapa tak boleh turunkan harga minyak? nak naikkan harga minyak senang2 je dorang ni naikkan, nak turunkan bukan main payah lagi...

oops saya tahu Tun tiada dalam givernment lagi... wanna ask u regarding this matter...

tq...anyway nice article...

By zaba\_afie on July 30, 2008 11:31 AM

aslammualaikom TUN,  
plastin memang lah susah sebab yahudi hantam, tapi kita malaysia hampir smua rayat jelata, mau pun saudagar, usahawan, bos, taukeh, penguru, mandor, kuli, pengagor, pakir miskin pun ikut mau susah, ini ada kah kerana pemerintah tak cekap pentabiran atau tak faham & sombong terhadap rayat jelata, sebok atau tidak mereka ada gaji tetap dan macam2 kemudahan pribadi percuma drp tanggungan kerajaan tapi kami rayat bawahan bagaimna?, tak kesian kah?, rayat juga mau hidup, alhamdulillah, cukup seadaada nya. tlong bagi cadangan,

jangan biar kan zuriat anak cucu rayat mederita di bumi allah ini.  
By Danny Melaka on July 30, 2008 11:47 AM

hi tun how are you

apa dah jadi kat negara kita ni.?????

semalam kawan dari jepun melawat saya. mereka ketawakan saya mengapa malaysia ada PM yang masih belajar kat tadika. hari ini tak boleh besok dah jadi lain jadi boleh. hari ni umum tak naik besok umum naik???? saya sungguh malu kat kawan jepun saya. kalau 10 tahun yang lepas orang tanya WHERE ARE YOU FROM answer only MALAYSIA. mereka akan kata o.k F1 Corn Tower. saya jawab YES. sekarang tak taule nak jawab cam mana. KIRIM SALAM KAT TUN SITI PLEASE.

semoga tun and tun siti sihat selalu.

SELAMATKAN MALAYSIA  
By zainnan on July 30, 2008 11:53 AM

The latest talk of the town is the reconciliation of UMNO and PAS.

I must say that PAS is behaving like a dumb fool. They have forgotten completely that PAS was once chased out from BARISAN. Now UMNO is terribly desperate and who else they can fool around.

PAS seems to have short memory. During the good times when UMNO was very stable with MCA and MIC, PAS was chased out like a rabid dog from the BARISAN, not once but twice.

PAS seems to be a really vulnerable fool for failing to realise that they can stand tall today is due to the extra votes given by the Chinese and Indian. If PAS makes a wrong move this time, they can forever forget of getting the Chinese and Indian votes again.

When UMNO is in desperado they are pretending to talk about the Malay unity. But when UMNO is strong and powerful they will tango with their MCA and MIC friends, cursing PAS that they are best left in religious pondok.

By Buyong on July 30, 2008 11:56 AM

Tun,  
Lembu pun tahu Tun seorang yang bijaksana.  
Akan tetapi Tun telah membuktikan bahawasanya Tun amat lemah dalam memilih bakal pemimpin. Hampir semua bakal pemimpin yang Tun pilih semua jenis tak boleh pakai malahan membawa lebih banyak kerosakan.  
Oleh itu, saya agak curiga dengan pilihan Tun iaitu Dato Seri Najib. Mungkinkah satu kesilapan dari Tun akan berulang lagi?

Atau mungkin Tun tak perlulah menamakan pemimpin. Saya dah kurang keyakinan atas pilihan Tun. Akan tetapi Tun tetap Pemimpin agong Malaysia masa kini dan selamanya!!!!

By tun\_mollusca on July 30, 2008 12:12 PM

salam Tun...  
saya hanya segelintir rakyat malaysia yang tau nikmat syukur dapat hidup dlm bumi bertuah Malaysia.. InsyAALLAH..  
Tapi sekarang, mcm Melayu telah dipijak2 di bumi sendiri.. Ape yg kami harus lakukan Tun.. As a future generation...(  
By pocong on July 30, 2008 12:56 PM

Dear Tun, Malay bloggers, Chinese Bloggers, Indian Bloggers and others,

Many of the readers who are NON BUMI still don't understand what a Malay feels even though you already mentioned some of the facts. Like Julie and others said, no such thing of Ketuanan Melayu by giving Chinese diaspora, India diaspora and Jews diaspora as example. Yes, Malay civilization is very young abt 500 years old and 400 years of it were living under foreign/colonial period. I believe a survival of certain races are determined by their early civilizations and survival. Due to this factor I do respect Chinese/India friends here. Sincerely, I am jealous with my Chinese/India rich cultures, history and civilizations.

Since most Non-bumis understand the "weakness" of Malay, why can't you understand when we are so protective with our Hak2 Istimewa Org Melayu and Bumiputra or even Ketuanan Melayu? I believe if we, a minority Malay in China control 72% of China's wealth, the majority Chinese will also come out their Hak2 Istimewa Org China.

In India, there is 200 million Muslim and 900 million Hindus. These 200 million Muslim control more than 50% India's wealth. You know what happened? Their Hindu Nationalist killed, burned down Muslim shops, houses etc due to the inequality proportions of wealth. Muslims and Hindus are same Indian race/civilization.

I always believe, when Malaysia got independence from British and we no need to accept Chinese and Indian as a citizen, we, Malay can perform better for our survival. People will perform better when they are under pressure for survival. We can control almost 100% of Malaysia's wealth. There will be many Malays rich and poor but we are able to accept that because we live/excel in same conditions and opportunities. We no need to worry abt Chinese diaspora or Indian diaspora, right?

Certain readers give example of USA, Australia and Kanada for the perfect country to live due to equal life opportunity. But you forgot what had happen to their original natives, The Red Indian and Aborigines? They are living poor and some of the tribes are in a brink of extinction. We, Melayu and Bumis, the native of this Malaysia ( Tanah Melayu ) will do what is best for our survival.

Chinese/India can not compare yourself with us Melayu/Bumis coz we are the Native of this country. We the native of Malaysia fight Portugese/Dutch/British/Japanese in order to get independence since 1511. I notice there were some resistance by Chinese ( MPAJA ) to fight Japanese occupation. But it was due to your hatred towards Japanese massacre of Chinese in Nanjing. After Japanese surrendered, MPAJA became Parti Komunis Malaya (PKM ) fighting Malaya Govt. Yet many Chinese sympathized with (PKM) by giving them moral support. Then, Govt implemented Rancangan Gurney... pls read our Sejarah Malaysia la.

So, when a Melayu said Ketuanan Melayu we really mean it to us here in Malaysia. But it is not Ketuanan Melayu as a global approach. To those Chinese/Indian/Banana (Chinese/Indian mix with European), there will be NO equality in Malaysia. You have to accept the facts or you may leave Malaysia to your motherland China or India which you are not belongs there. I guess Australia, USA, Kanada are the safest bet. Or worst come to worst, just stay here in Malaysia, accept its best and its worst and just make a living. I been abroad too, and my Chinese/India/Mat Saleh friends who stay abroad will always says... MALAYSIA IS STILL THE BEST PLACE TO LIVE. Nuff said...

By Neil on July 30, 2008 1:32 PM

To Yummy Mummy, July 27/08, 10:34 pm... Thank for reading my comment. If the Malays can't compete with the Chinese then it's their fault. The reason is their well known LAZINESS which Tun kept on reminding during the UMNO assembly. Read the MALAY DILEMMA by Tun, for God sake, Yummy Mummy, then you can only come to terms with their stupidity. I personally think that this is the best revelation by a man who some think he KNOW BEST. For those who love this country and are staying behind I know they are doing it because of economical reasons. Their urge for greediness is in their blood and they will keep on reaping the wealth at the expense of those stupid race. For some others, they may be too poor to be in the queue so they are in the jealous group that kept on barking a different tune. So

yummy mummy what the bloody group are you in. Either one, can't be both! Tks.  
By acoma Author Profile Page on July 30, 2008 1:49 PM

Permisisi Tun.

Untuk Sjankan.

Bercakap memang senang, tapi tahu kah saudara apa saja yang telah dilakukan oleh kerajaan adalah untuk faedah majoriti, untuk menikmati kemakmuran, kesejahteraan dsbnya, bukan untuk orang2 yang macam kamu hanya nampak yang tak betul macam lah awak boleh sume itu perfect, mana ada boleh bagi 100 percent sume orang suke.

Democracy means majority, minority of course has to yell and cry in pain hehe, that is you.

Perfectionist, idealist, suckers, criminal, activist, extremist etc and you are the minority.

Unless you rule, that means to you are the majority, most probably you would be doing the same bloody thing and its depend on your motive and the people desire.

Singapore successfully proclaimed Batu Putih.

For your information there was clear written information regarding building light house on Batu Putih, Initially the island was used as the location for lighthouse.

Do you know what is the function of the light house.

The spirit that our Sultan meant was to built light house to safe guard and to give guide to all the ship that ply that areas.

But this dog (sing) feel that after manning the light for so many years, conveniently claim as her land?

By zebramones on July 30, 2008 1:53 PM

Dearest Ayahanda Tun,

Hopefully you are in the best of health. It's been a couple of days since your last post, so I'm quite concerned.

Do let us know what you've been up to lately (other than the blog!) and how's retired life?

Please please if you could share with us how you keep a healthy life!

By cendanawangi Author Profile Page on July 30, 2008 2:26 PM

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Tun yg dihormati,

Saya suka baca: by wokyoh on July 29, 11.07 pm.

Terima kasih wokyoh. Penjelasan tu amat penting. Taklah orang kampung macam saya ni rasa macam diperbodohkan. Dapatlah saya faham perkara sebenarnya lepas wokyoh jelaskan. Benda-benda yang berkaitan medical terms tu manalah tau. Sekolah pun tak tinggi. Sekarang dah lebih jelas la....

Yang pentingnya kita nak kan kebenarannya.

thank you.

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By samuraimelayu on July 30, 2008 3:25 PM

Salam AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN,

By musang berjanggut on July 29, 2008 4:00 AM

tun; minta maaf jika saya lari dr topik

saya menghormati tun sebagai seorang bekas pemimpin disegani tetapi

saya merasakan tun tidak mementingkan aspek keagamaan dlm mendidik ahli keluarga tun...

Mohon maaf tegur Lebai Janggut(kenapa Musang? )

Kami ingin tahu juga ayat mana dalam AlQuran menyatakan tidak bertudungkan kepala 'haram' kerna jika

betul, adakah tuan lebai beranggut menyatakan nenek moyang kami adalah penghuni neraka kelak kerana mereka tidak bertudung? Mereka ketika itu semuanya 'jahil' bahasa Quran dan mengaji ikut dakwah 'uztazah' sekolah arab yang kini telah pun ditalkinkan.

Kalau Tok Janggut(ikut nabi, kot?) baru nak belajar lilit serban dikepala kerna dah pandai terjemah ayat2 yang 'tersurat' dalam kitab suci AlQuran, teruskan pula mencari makna kalimah2 yang 'tersirat' SEBELUM tunjuk 'alim' dan pandai hendak berdakwah membetulkan 'akidah' seorang 'Ulil Azmi' seperti Ayahanda Tun.

Mohon ampun dan maaf Ayahanda Tun, bukan niat kami hendak memuji tetapi dari pandangan 'hakikat' itulah zat anugerah Yang Mahakuasa Allah swt kepada seorang Insannya yang sanggup mengorbankan segala kesenangan dan ketenteraman (disenja hidup) untuk menampung dan memberi semangat untuk anakanda rakyat(majmuk) yang teraniaya kini.

Alfatihah, Amin Yaarobbal Alamin.

By Hang\_Jebat on July 30, 2008 3:31 PM

yeah i support you Tun ..

Hidup Tun

By M Nor on July 30, 2008 3:33 PM

Tun,

I wonder, if Malaysia is at war (being attacked of course), who will volunteer themselves to fight to defend this beloved country.

By kucauAuthor Profile Page on July 30, 2008 3:34 PM

Salam Dr M,

Jika mempunyai masa, disebabkan pelawat blog Dr yg ramai ini apalah kiranya Dr komen skit pasal "medical report " yg RPK and Anwar dok jaga kat merata2 tempat tuh.

By karlor~hiuno on July 30, 2008 3:41 PM

ada kemungkinan anwar akan bertanding dlm pilihanraya kecil di parlimen kulim. kira berjiran dgn permatng pauh. satu lagi perancangan beliau utk agenda beliau yg tersendiri.

saranan saya agar tun turut masuk bertanding jadi calon bebas. walaupun tdk realistik tapi skit sebanyak menampakkan impak.. usia bukan penghalang n biar sejarah tercoret... TUN KEMBALI KE PARLIMEN SEBAGAI CALON BEBAS, INSYAALLAH. banyak y boleh tun bidas n selar baik pembangkang or kerajaan. just pandangan ringkas.

berbalik tentang KETUANAN MELAYU, memang kita semua rakyat malaysia kena akur pada prinsip tersebut... tanpa d sedari ia sebenarnya termaktub dlm rukun negara. kesetiaan kepada raja n negara. ketuanan y d rujuk d sini ialah sistem kesultanan melayu d setiap negeri. serta yang d pertuan Agong. bukankah baginda sekalian itu bangsa melayu dari rumpun melayu n beragama islam. sengaja pihak2 tertentu nak putar belit n celarukan minda rakyat khususnya non bumi, plus agar bumi n melayu melatah... agenda n niat jahat tu.

fikir2kan.....

By laroheguy on July 30, 2008 3:45 PM

Yabhg TDM

Perlembagaan baru Malaysia, Jika parti-parti politik Melayu ingin berbicara untuk penyatuan hendaklah mendapat persetujuan Parti DAP dan PKR....dan parti-parti bertunjangkan Melayu tidak boleh bersatu kerana membahayakan negara kerana sifat perkauman...Tetapi parti DAP tidak boleh dituduh sebagai parti perkauman walaupun sentiasa menentang apa-saja yang memberi faedah kepada Agama Islam dan Orang Melayu.

Oleh itu persatuan antara parti Melayu adalah membahaya kepada malaysia....kerana tidak seperti parti DAP yang berjuang untuk semua "kaum".....

Oleh itu orang-orang Melayu hendaklah sentiasa dipastikan tidak bersatu padu dan jika ada usaha kearah penyatuan DAP dan dibantu oleh PKR akan berusaha agar ia tidak berlaku....

Apa nak jadi.....DAP adalah parti yang lebih perkauman dari mana-mana parti di Malaysia....berjuang atas nama equality bagi mendapat sokongan kaum bukan MELAYU....

By jeff hamaz on July 30, 2008 3:56 PM

Benar apa yang Tun katakan bahawa pengorbanan mereka yang terdahulu telah banyak menentukan arah tuju negara pada hari ini. Tun menyimpan begitu banyak nostalgia sejarah masa lalu dan saya percaya masih banyak lagi catatan sejarah penting yang Tun simpan. Saya dalam hal ini mencadangkan dalam kolum Tun yang akan datang Tun dapat bercerita sedikit beberapa peristiwa yang disembunyikan di balik tabir sejarah tetapi Tun sendiri terlibat mencipta sejarah itu. Antaranya ialah peristiwa pemecatan Anwar Ibrahim dan tragedi Mamali. Banyak yang telah orang ramai mengetahuinya, tetapi masih banyak lagi yang hanya tinggal sebagai rahsia umum.

Masihkah Tun ingat tentang TRAGEDI MAMALI pada 19 November 1985 yang telah menyebabkan 14 orang Islam termasuk wanita dan kanak-kanak dibunuh secara yang sangat kejam? Tubuh-tubuh mangsa yang dibunuh oleh polis pada hari itu dipenuhi kesan tembakan dan ada saksi yang melihat bagaimana ada mayat yang disepak oleh pasukan polis yang membunuh mereka. Ketika itu Tun adalah PM Malaysia dan Tun Musa Hitam sebagai Timbalan PM. Masihkah Tun ingati bagaimana 3,600 anggota polis yang terdiri daripada FRU, Field Force (Senoi Prak), Pasukan Komando 69 dan beberapa unit polis lagi dikerah ke Kampung Mamali yang terletak di Mukim Siong, Baling itu hanya untuk menangkap seorang ustaz muda berusia 43 tahun bernama Ibrahim Libya? Bolehkah Tun lupa bagaimana 'Ops Hapus' yang dilancarkan itu bukan sahaja telah merobekkan dada kanan Ibrahim Libya dengan puluhan peluru, tetapi juga membunuh dan mencederakan lelaki, wanita dan kanak-kanak yang cuba mempertahankan guru agama mereka itu? Mengapa ribuan polis yang merusuh pada pagi 19 November 1985 itu tergamak membunuh seramai 14 orang-orang kampung yang mempertahankan diri hanya dengan bersenjatakan kayu, besi dan bahan-bahan lain yang sempat dicapai termasuk pisau serta pekikan 'Allahu Akbar' sahaja?

Walaupun Tun boleh menyatakan tidak bertanggung jawab terhadap pembunuhan beramai-ramai itu kerana ketika itu Tun sedang berada di Beijing, tetapi siapakah PM ketika itu jika bukannya Tun? Tidakkah TPM ketika itu - Musa Hitam - tidak berbincang terlebih dahulu dengan Tun sebagai bossnya sebelum melakukan pembunuhan beramai-ramai dalam 'Ops Hapus' yang sangat kejam itu?

Kini ramai yang menjadi mangsa dan saksi kepada kekejaman pasukan polis kita di Mamali itu telah tiada lagi di dunia ini. Perbicaraan kes itu juga tidak tahu di mana penghujungnya biarpun 23 tahun telah berlalu. Namun bagi mereka yang masih hidup termasuk waris-waris mereka yang menjadi saksi bagaimana orang-orang kampung yang hanya bersenjatakan laungan 'Allahu Akbar' dibunuh, tragedi pembunuhan beramai-ramai itu tidak mungkin dilupakan.

Saya kira hanya Tun yang dapat merungkaikan rahsia yang belum diceritakan di sebalik tragedi Mamali itu. Tun mempunyai banyak maklumat dan Tun tidak pernah kedekut dalam menyelongkar maklumat. Oleh itu diharapkan Tun dapat meluangkan sedikit masa untuk bercerita kepada generasi hari ini bagaimana pemimpin-pemimpin yang berkuasa dan begitu berjasa kepada negara tercinta ini tergamak melumurkan tangan mereka dengan darah orang-orang kampung yang tidak tahu apa-apa itu. Tentu Tun masih tertanya-tanya jika hari ini Radovan Karadzic pembunuh Balkan itu telah dibawa untuk perbicaraan di The Hague, bila pula pembunuh-pembunuh dalam tragedi Mamali itu akan dibawa ke muka pengadilan? Semoga Allah mengampunkan dosa Tun Mahathir dan Tun Musa dan melapangkan roh mereka yang dibunuh dengan kejam dalam tragedi itu....

By acomAuthor Profile Page on July 30, 2008 4:06 PM

permisiTun,  
 Sekarang adalah zaman yang mementingkan masa.  
 masa itu wang  
 masa itu emas  
 masa itu wang  
 Setiap detik manusia mesti mencari wang untuk hidup sehingga keanakan cucu.  
 Bayangkan duduk dikl, setiap saat count kerana kene bayar parking,  
 bayarcukai pintu, tanah, service charge apartment,api air, indah water , kalau sedang memandu bayar  
 minyak yang terbakar.Dibeban pulak dengan hutang:  
 hutang kereta  
 hutang beli rumah  
 hutang beli perabut  
 hutng credit card  
 hutang biasiswa  
 bbila cukup bulan atau tempoh waktu sume ini kene dibayar dengan wang wang to all blogger,  
 macam mana manusia sekarang nak luang kan masa untuk tolong menolong, bantu membantu sebab--  
 tak ada masa-  
 kalau leka tolong orang kita akan ada masalaah kewangan, ada ke manusia nak hulur wang kat kita  
 kalau kita kata kita tak wang . sekali dua kali boleh le.  
 Itu sebab nya sekarang kenduri kawin, sunat, jamuan kenduri dah tak ade tolong menolong menyiapkan  
 nya . semua terpaksa di kontrak kan dengan bayaran wang. wang. sebab depa tak ade masa, cuma ade  
 masa datang makan saje.  
 Semua orang sibuk mengajar wang dengan berbagai cara , haram , halal, tipu, rasuah,mlm, niaga  
 kecil2an dsb nya.  
 Syarikat tidak langsung kompromi pasal masa, semua mesti on time, right the first time and all the time,  
 just in time,.  
 Delay means lost money, cuba lihat Airasia,  
 saya kagum lihat bagaimana anak kapal nya berkerja macam robot, patuh, on time and always ready.  
 motto nya jimat kan kos seboleh mungkin untuk boleh bagi tambang semurah mungkin pada pelanggan ,  
 tapi syarikat maseh untung. Ini terjadi sebab boss pandai kira, kira segala2, bukan pakai hentam keromo,  
 atau agak2, rasa2,atau lansung  
 tak tahu nak kira , malas nak fikir, apa nak jadi2 lah , track keteapi dah siap bertahun gerabak entah  
 dimana, saya memang pelik kenapa ada manusia tak ambil peduli pasal kerugian wang oleh tidak tahu  
 menghargai masa.  
 Lain lah kita berideologi hidup macam semut dalam batu, apa nak jadi jadilah. kalau ada rezeki dapat  
 tangkap ikan dalam sungai,  
 kalau ade rezeki ada pelanduk masuk jerat,kalau , kalau, ..  
 bila tiba ajal mati. Tetapi manusia yang berideology begini lah yang banyak mengkritik kerajaan itu tak  
 betul ini tak betul, Tun dah bagi mereka kaya raya, tahu apa itu duit boleh buat ateh dunia ini, kenapa  
 pula dipersalahkan TUn kerana mereka melakukan banyak dosa saperti rasuah, menipu, minum arak, joli  
 sana joli sini, megah angkuh banyak buat dosa. **MEREKA INI YANG MEMILIH UNTUK BUAT BENDE  
 TAK BAIK TU .**  
 Sebalik nya kegagalan pemimpin yang dilantik membawa kesejahteraan, pembangunan sehingga rakyat  
 terpaksa melakukan perkara keji untuk mencari rezeki, pemimpin sepatut dipersalahkan, mereka mesti  
 tanggung segala dosa rakyat yang menderitta mencari rezeki, apa guna jadi jadi tok guru ugama kalau  
 tidak tahu apa itu tanggung jawab pemimpin rakyat.  
 Dunia sekarang bukan untuk pemimpin yang pandai tadah tangan baca doa saja.  
 By samuraimelayu on July 30, 2008 4:06 PM

Salam AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN,  
 Izinkan,

Kepada Anakanda Rakyat sekalian,  
 Tak perlulah layan sangat kritikan dan kutukan mereka yang berada dalam Wad pesakit 'Aggravated  
 Brain Implant' (ABI) atau dalam bahasa melayu Gila Isim.

Mereka ini patut dikuarantinkan kerna macam 'kusta' boleh berjangkit jika 'bergaul' rapat dengan mereka.

Semoga mereka sembuh dari penyakit KUTUK itu.

Alfatihah, Amin

By fong on July 30, 2008 4:09 PM

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That is the problem with Malaysia. The Indians and Chinese are made to feel as if Malaysia is for the malays, and not for the citizens of Malaysia. Even the textbooks are often written as if addressing the malays instead of Malaysians, with references to Islam and other malay cultural aspects.

Just look at Singapore. In spite of their being a multiracial society completely lacking in national resources, they are now a developed country. Why?

Because the people there are united. There is no presumption that the average citizen is a Chinese or any serious programme giving a particular race special rights.

The presumption that greed, dishonesty and betrayal are innate qualities of a Chinese is simply as abhorrent as the presumption by some Chinese that malays smell bad, are lazy and are extremely religious to the point of martyrdom. Such stereotyping accomplishes nothing.

If Chinese kids won't die for Malaysia, we should not jump to the conclusion that Chinese cannot be trusted. Instead, we should consider it equally among other possibilities, such as the government's policies creating a feeling of unfair treatment despite the premise that we are all equal as citizens of Malaysia.

We know what the original intentions of the malay special privileges provision in the Merdeka Constitution were, but to maintain that it is a carte blanche for all manner of discrimination based on the bumi/non-bumi divide is certainly straining credibility.

Now that the commanding heights of the Malaysia economy have fallen into the hands of malay capitalists 50 years after independence, is it wrong to appeal for a new consensus based on social sector and need instead of race?

From the above, it is clear that the question of the constitutionality of the quota system as it has been

practised since 1971 especially in totally Malay institutions has never been tested.

Because the government imposes racial quota in government departments and education, therefore Singapore and other countries take fortune at the tide. For years, there has been brain drain to our neighbour.

I called my newfound friend earlier who works in Singapore. Somehow, the conversation ended up on Malaysians holding top positions in Singapore.

Well, I have a good friend who is currently working with a top-notch investment company in Singapore. When my new friend found out, immediately said, "No wonder that Pak Lah person was mentioning about the brain drain in Malaysia!"

Well, I know a lot of scientists and doctors are working overseas. A number of my school alumni are actually working overseas and not in Malaysia. Some are doing well in London, Boston, to name a few. It is even funnier to hear stories of some of my school alumni to accidentally meet each other when they are overseas. Yes, my school is guilty for contributing to the brain drain.....

Closer to home, I wonder if Pak Lah knows about our own Malaysian companies that are also contributing to the brain drain. No name mentioned, but I know of one company, due to the change in business process has forced a number of the disgruntled staff to leave the company.

The worse thing, these staff left and joined the competitors that are not Malaysian owned. And even worse, some staff actually decided to leave Malaysia and work at greener pastures.

They could have stayed in Malaysia, but no company in Malaysia could afford to pay the expected salary due to the staff being former scholars and studied overseas during the economic crisis.

Sad really. Now wonder why Pak Lah has an uphill task.

Clearly, there has always been movement of highly skilled people in and out of a country. If there is brain drain from a particular country, it can scarcely develop. On the other hand, if it can keep its talents and successfully attract its skilled citizens to return as well as foreign talents to come, it will prosper.  
By ourVOICE on July 30, 2008 4:17 PM

Dear Tun,

This my 1st comment, I just want to say your blogs give me more inspiration and knowledge, keep continues to spread your brilliant ideas with the equal fact.

I'm sure not only a RAKYAT admire with your article but there are most of MENTRI also. This is the best place we as a RAKYAT to voice our feel. To MENTRI2.....please open your EYE and MIND on the comment of bloggers

regards

By samuraimelayu on July 30, 2008 4:41 PM

Salam AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN,  
Meniti permatang, penentujuang!  
Izinkan,

By kama on July 30, 2008 9:54 AM

...Harap Ayahanda Tun boleh cadangkan platform untuk kita semua berjuang dgn lebih nyata bukan sekadar di alam cyber ini...

Salam penuh kasih sayang untuk Ayahanda sekeluarga

Sdr. Kama dan anakanda2 Ayahanda Rakyat sekalian,

Ayahanda Tun adalah seorang yang tak tergesa dan cepat melatah.  
Jangan risau, pasti seorang yang penuh kematangan dan pandangan jauh( 1000 tiang TNB  
kehadapan)dari kita akan memberi kita landasan 'baru' jika diperlukan untuk mengembalikan maruah  
bangsa, kemakmuran dan kejejahteraan Anakanda Rakyat sekalian.  
PERCAYA DAN BERSABARLAH MENANTI SAAT DAN KETIKA NYA.

Alfatihah, Amin  
By abs on July 30, 2008 5:13 PM

Honorable Tun,  
It is true what many people says, "One Man Can Make A difference". In your article Dr. Lim Chong Wah's economic theory about "The Future of Malaysia" seemed to true and realised. He has predicted what would happened to Malaysia in the next 15 years and acted on it. We can see Malaysia make dynamic changes from Rubber to Palm Oil and from producer of just raw material to finished products and industrialization. Those accurate economics predictions followed by strong political that makes Malaysia prosperous today. At the same time luring foreign investors to invest in Malaysia in exchange of employment is also one way of creating buying power among Malaysian and creating other spin off economic activities.

Honourable Tun, in your 22 years at the helm of governing Malaysia as Prime Minister has done a lot in creating the next wave of economy like industrialization and Information Technology. You have seen beyond 50 years. You have foreseen what would happen to Malaysia if we do not engaged in this new knowledge economy. That is the reason why you established Cyber Jaya and Multi Media Super Corridor. However, sadly speaking, your vision were far ahead of your colleagues in the Cabinet who are clueless on what in you mind at that time. Even some of your cabinet ministers were so confused with what you want to do. Some of them even opposed you (quietly from behind) on your plan as they called it 'Wasteful Mega Projects'. But look at what happened, through your vision of the 'Future of Malaysia Economy' many young Malaysian has become successful IT Entrepreneurs and some of become become financially successful. However, I would say your industrialization program seems got halted due to changes of policy by the the new administration. Look what happened to Proton. Proton is struggling to survive because there is no seriousness on the part of present government to continue what you've started to make Malaysia as a major player in automotive industry and car manufacturing. This part of your economic vision is stunted at the moment.

If government of Malaysia loves the country and the people, I think they must take a second look at the economic blue print that you have created and go from there. Because, the way I see it, the government has lost their track and find difficulty to getting the alignment again. They spent a lot of money giving all sorts of grant under MOSTI which most of them lost in the thin air (vaporising). In order to survive in future economy Malaysia must be strong in Science & Research. We must have our own indegenius technology so that we are not dependent on foreign technology and products. I believe Malaysia can handle any financial crisis very well since we have already got many top notch financial and economics experts in the country. But what would happen to us if we really have seriuos security crisis, where MALAYSIA is still depending and relying on foreign equipment and foreign experts in its security and defense sytem and we don't even have own technology even to make our own Walkie-Talkie system for our Police and Armed Forces? Everything is foreign! Motorola (USA) Rhodes and Shwart(Germany), Thales France) etc. It will be disater for Malaysia. Therefore, Hon. Tun, please do something to make our present government realised that they must support the make in Malaysia technology product even though they cannot get kick backs from buying local products. Best Wishes.abs  
By DennyAuthor Profile Page on July 30, 2008 5:20 PM

Dear Readers and Tun,

I was considering whether to reply/respond to some of the comments and I decided to do so..

Firstly, thank you Zaki\_77 and Paizmy for your interesting thoughts - both comments are true and I tend to agree...

The message that I am trying to put across is this "how can Malaysia, and us the 'rakyat' make the best out of our diversity?" How can we make use of all this richness? not only in politics but as important how to build/lead our 'tanahair' to the next level?

Yes, we have come from 'far' and have done well.. but today, it seem we are hitting an 'invisible' wall that is actually build by ourselves in the past (voluntarily or unconsciously) due to the policies that we put in place, the decisions that we took. (And yes, perhaps it is needed then - as we need different actions during different phase of development)

However, in order for us to have a break through and get to the next level we need to 'rethink'; as Albert Einstein said "The significant problems we face cannot be solved by the same level of thinking that created them"

...is that what we are doing today? Is that what the current political leaders of different party are doing?

As the 'Rakyat' we demand the best and nothing less. If we 'believe' we are the one who put them there (in power) then it is also us who have the power to un-do them and hence we are also responsible for their act...if we believe in democracy...or perhaps we are not ready or willing...

What are we doing about it?....

Yours respectfully,

Denny

By ikhwan on July 30, 2008 5:26 PM

Salam Sejahtera untuk Tun dan isteri yang saya rindui,

Tun, lama tak dengar nukilan terbaru dari Tun. Tun tak sihat ke ? Kalau sehari tak baca rasa macam tak ada mood langsung. Kalau tak baca Malaysian online paper seminggu pun saya tak rasa rugi.

Tun, saya harap Tun dapat selitkan program yang melibatkan Tun dan orang ramai di blog Tun yang terkenal ini. Saya dah terlepas bila Tun datang Manchester dulu. Bila baca salah satu komentar yang ada sebut tentang program tersebut barulah saya tahu. Rugi besar saya.

Bagaimanapun, saya sentiasa berdoa Allah memanjangkan usia Tun berdua.

By Captain on July 30, 2008 6:27 PM

fONG,

I THINK YOU SHOULD CHANGE YOUR CITIZENSHIP TO SINGAPORE LA...

FONG, IN THIS COUNTRY, EVEN THOUGH YOU CLAIMED THAT GOVT/MALAYS IN THIS COUNTRY DISCRIMINATING YOU, PLEASE CHECK YOUR FACTS FIRST BEFOR YOU BOMBSHELL THIS ISSUE LA FONG, ALL THE CHINESE PEOPLE ARE FILTHY RICH LA, AND I WOULD SAY THAT 80% OF BUSINESS IS OWNED BY YOUR RACE, AGREE?

EVEN INDIAN IS RICHER THAN MALAYS YOU KNOW.....APA LA LU CERITA NI FONG?

WE MALAYS ARE THE BIG CONSUMER IN THE CHINESE BUSINESS MARKET, RIGHT? WE NEVER SAY ANYTHING, IN FACT OUR ANCESTORS WHEN GO TO YOUR SHOP WILL CALL YOU GUYS

TAUKE, YOU GUYS WILL CALL US KAWAN.....BECAUSE OF THAT TODAY WE ARE KAWAN AND YOU ARE TAUKE....PLEASE LA FONG....IF I WANT TO LIST DOWN ON THE DISCRIMINATION HAPPENED TO OUR RACE THEN THIS ARTICLE WILL VERY LONG, I THINK ITS GONNA BE LONGER THAN JAMBATAN PULAU PINANG..U KNOW..

NEXT TIME BEFORE YOU PIN POINT TO TDM ASK YOURSELF DID YOU EVER HELPED ANY OF OUR RACES WHEN WE ARE SO POOR, MEREMPAT, SUSAH NAK MAMPOS? DO YOU REALLY CARE? LET US BE HONEST, KAWAN?

I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE ONE SAD STORY WITH YOU AND ALL THE PEOPLE HERE, I AM FROM IPOH, I CAME TO KL IN 1994, WHY? I WANTED TO WORK IPOH, I DONT WANT TO WORK IN KL BUT AT THAT TIME WHENEVER I GO TO PRIVATE COMPANY IN IPOH TO APPLY FOR JOB, YOU KNOW WHAT THEY ASKED ME? LU TAU CAKAP CINA KA? WHAT IS THIS MAN, HONG KONG KA TAIWAN KA NI?...I AM TELLING YOU THE TRUTH, I AM NOT RACIST, FOR ME I NEVER LOOKED AT OTHER RACES AS MY ENEMY, BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU GUYS? YOU WANT EVERYTHING, YOU GUYS HAVE CONQUERED THE ECONOMY NOW YOU WANT TO CONQUER POLITCS EH? NO WAY MAN, MUST BE FAIR, YOU GUYS NEVER RESPECT OUR MASJID AND AZAN, I KNOW DONT DENY IT, AS A MATTER OF FACTS I HEARD THAT YOU GUYS WANT TO BUILT TEMPLE ON ALL THE NEW TAMAN IF THERE IS A SURAU RITE? AND YOU GUYS DONT WANT TO HEAR THE RITE'S BEFORE SUBUH? SO.....IS THIS FAIR? NO WAY, PLEASE READ THE SOCIAL CONTRACT, UNDERSTAND THAT AND ASK YOURSELF, AREN'T YOU GREATFUL BECAUSE YOU WERE BORN IN MALAYSIA? LETS SAY LA YOU WERE BORN IN CHINA AND WHAT HAPPEN TO YOU KNOW? BE GREATFUL MY FRIEND, THIS IS THE COUNTRY WHERE THE MAIN RACE DONT MIND THE OTHERS RACES MAKE MONEY, JUST LOOK AT OUR NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES, WHAT THEY WERE DOING TO YOUR RACES BEFORE (WHEN THE ECONOMIC CRISIS HAPPENED).

SO THINK BEFORE YOU TALK, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, NO MORE TALKING ABOUT THE MALAY RIGHTS OK.....LETS LIVE AS GOOD MALAYSIAN AND ALWAYS BE GREATFUL OF WHAT YOU GUYS HAVE NOW.....DONT FORGET THAT...

By samuraimelayu on July 30, 2008 7:06 PM

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..... many more.

What else they want?

Eliminate Malay from Malaysia by converting them into Malaysian.

How?

For you to imagine.

By azizi\_alif85@yahoo.com on July 31, 2008 11:12 AM

Tun, terima kasih Tun.

Saya akan contohi Tun. Saya belajar bersungguh2 sampai pandai.

Ya Allah, kurniakanlah kesihatan yang baik kepada Tun. Amin

Tue je.

Bye.

By samuraimelayu on July 31, 2008 12:03 PM

Salam AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN,  
Izinkan,

By abu sayab on July 29, 2008 8:24 PM

Tun,

This is the by-product of your 22 yrs rule in Malaysia.

Your hard core worshipers claiming to be more Malay or ultra-Malays.

How many of them are pure Malays? Where do Malays came from? Check history facts..

Not worth a 'sen' to oblige a 'lingampoops' like 'abu sayab' on the history of the MALAY Archipelago and did you ever asked your AAB (Atas(kepala) Ada Batu) brains, why this beautiful land was known as TANAH MELAYU?

We would advise that you check into the Wad for 'Aggravated Brain Implant(ABI) patients for immediate treatment, not to further aggravate(insult) your brains(intelligence).

We are a pure and hardcore MALAY as per the Constitution!

By LanWaja on July 31, 2008 1:58 PM

Salam buat Tun.

I am newbies in your blog. Alhamdulillah syukur kepada Allah yang telah merahmati dan memanjangkan usia Tun. Saya amat rasa bertuah sebab dilahirkan dan dibesarkan di bumi yang bertuah ini. Ada negara islam yang kaya tetapi pemimpin tidak berfikiran tajam. Ada negara yang mundur dan sosio-politiknya tidak stabil. Syukur kepada Allah kerana telah mengurniakan seorang pemimpin yang berwawasan seperti Tun.

Dasar-dasar yang telah dilaksanakan oleh Tun telah melahirkan graduan yang berkerjaya tinggi dalam automotif seperti saya. Saya adalah produk yang telah Tun keluarkan daripada dasar automotif pada sekitar awal 80an.

Kepimpinan hari ini seolah tidak berminat dengan dunia automotif. Mereka hanya berminat dengan industri petroleum sahaja. Walhal Petronas boleh melabur dalam berbagai bidang untuk memajukan industri automotif negara.

Harapan saya agar ada pemimpin seperti Tun pada masa akan datang yang akan memajukan bidang automotif negara setaraf pengeluar dunia. Kasihanlah kami yang seramai 3 juta orang yang bergantung

kepada industri Proton ini.

wassalam.

azlandaud

daud\_azlan@yahoo.com

By Marhain Sepi on July 31, 2008 2:08 PM

Tun dan pembaca sekalian,

Saya bersetuju dengan kenyataan Tun tentang keadaan ekonomi Malaysia sekarang. Memang tak boleh dinafikan bahawa kita gagal mengurus sumber ekonomi dengan berkesan.

Contohnya, Jepun ialah sebuah negara maju yang kurang sumber alam dan tidak dikurniakan dengan tanah yang subur seperti Malaysia, tetapi mereka berjaya menguruskan sumber mereka dengan berkesan sehinggakan kita menjadi pengguna kepada hasil-hasil semulajadi kita yang diproses oleh mereka. Rasanya dalam kes Jepun ini tak perlu lagi dihuraikan apa barang-barang yang diproses itu kerana kebanyakan kita sepatutnya tau tentang hal ini.

Singapura merupakan satu lagi contoh yang sangat nyata. Kenapa kita bergantung kepada air yang diproses oleh Singapura selama berpuluh tahun? Kerana mereka mendahului kita dalam memahami keperluan mengurus sumber dengan berkesan hinggan sumber air kita menjadi sumber keuntungan mereka. Begitu juga halnya dengan minyak mentah kita. Kebanyakannya (sekarang ini lebih kurang 70%) ditapis di Singapura. Kita patut tau bahawa dalam pengeluaran minyak, antara keuntungan yang paling besar ialah melalui operasi penapisan. Kalau Singapura hanya mendapat keuntungan RM2 sahaja untuk setiap tong yang ditapis, negara itu telah mendapat keuntungan sebanyak lebih RM360 juta setahun dari keluaran minyak mentah kita.

Rasanya cukuplah setakat ini dulu untuk renungan semua. Semoga keadaan ini dapat dibetulkan secepat mungkin.

By anirazAuthor Profile Page on July 31, 2008 3:59 PM

salam tun,

and to all others malaysian regardless your race.....

why is that we malaysian r becoming so racist nowadays and don't even respect each other cultural/religion/language differences.....for those who kept critising malay supremacy/rights if you are not happy living in malaysia u r welcome to migrate to those so call equality rights country and makes tonnes of money elsewhere (if u are destined to) or just go back to your ancestors birthplace and talk about chinese/indian supremacy there. Don't be so ignorant on history of this country to simply 'hentam' malays.

TUN, PLEASE ADVISE ALL THIS UNGRATEFUL LOTS AND MAKE THEM REALISE HOW GOOD ARE OUR RACES TO THEM

MAY ALLAH BLESS U AND FAMILY ALWAYS

By belalang\_kunyit on July 31, 2008 4:21 PM

just see on what our youth had achieved by today. we feel sorry to imagine what will they do to our beloved country by year 2020. is there any "mahathir" or is there any "pak lah" to come? maybe one day malaysia doesn't exist anymore n become singasia? who know...

p/s: once a slave, is it forever a slave? come on mat rempit wake-up!!!