

FINANCIAL CRISIS AND BAILOUTS

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By Dr. Mahathir Mohamad

1. I was in England recently and the newspapers were full of dismal reports on bank and business failures, the closure of well-known businesses like Woolworths and Baratt, the increases of unemployment rate with some 700,000 professionals among the 2 million laid off or unable to get jobs. And there were lots more bad news.
2. The British Government is busy bailing out banks and companies with hundreds of billions of pounds but the economy seemed to have gone into recession despite all these efforts. There is no sign that the crisis is on the mend.
3. Malaysia can feel vindicated because all the things we did in the 1997 - 98, crisis, which were condemned by the economists of Europe and America, are now being done by them blatantly and on a massive scale. They talk about trillions of dollars and hundreds of billions of pounds in bailouts. Where the money is coming from is not revealed. Have they been keeping these huge sums for such an emergency?
4. I am not a financier or even an economist. But somehow I think the bailouts are not going to work although they worked in our case.
5. This is because the banks and businesses we bailed out did not get into trouble because they abused the systems or indulged in fraud. They were forced into that situation because the currency was devalued by currency traders and they found themselves unable to meet their commitments. Once they gained access to funds through bailouts they were able to do business again and to repay the money they had received.
6. They were able to do this because, although Malaysia was in recession, the rest of the world was not. There was much less constraint in doing business.
7. The situation today is very different.
8. The collapse of the economies of the rich countries is due to extensive abuses of the financial and monetary systems so much so that the systems broke down completely. I doubt (not being an expert I can only doubt) that the trillions of dollars to bail out the failed banks and financial institutions will enable them or their economies to recover.
9. This is because their huge losses were due to fraud and they cannot recover the billions they had lost through ordinary business, i.e. through the financing of the production of goods and services. Only through doing the same things that had brought them down, i.e. through sub-prime loans, through investments in derivatives and hedge funds, through massive loans to currency traders etc. can they make the billions to return the money they had received through bailouts. Obviously they cannot be allowed to indulge in their old abuses. Through ordinary business it would take years and years to recover the money they had lost. In the meantime all these banks, financial institutions and businesses will belong to the bailor, the Government, i.e. they have effectively been nationalised. And that will spell the end of capitalism and the free market.
10. It should be noted that the East Asian countries have not yet recovered from the 1997 - 98 crisis. Their currencies have not regained their strength to the pre-crisis levels. They have all become poorer, or at least not as rich as they could be had there been no financial crisis.
11. It will be the same with the rich countries. Their GDP and per capita pre-crisis will not be restored despite the trillions they are spending on their bailouts. They are poorer now and will remain relatively poor even after they have put their houses in order.

12. I may be wrong of course. Maybe by more trillions of dollars of bailouts the rich would achieve recovery. But I have my doubts.

13. Unfortunately the poor countries will also become poorer.

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By wmiwpAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 8:41 AM

UN should have a think-tanker to tackle the crisis and not by just bailing out. And above all, TUN should be in the committee to provide the best practical ways to cussion during this difficult period.

By azmanisAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 8:46 AM

Salam.. Semoga Tun sekeluarga sejahtera dan genbira selalu. Saya tidak pandai dalam hal2 ekonomi ni.. Tapi saya setuju dengan pandangan Tun, dimana keadaan sekarang berbeza dan memerlukan cara yang berbeza unuk menyelesaikan. Semuga Tun terus menyumbang kepada negara dan dunia...

By hmlAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 8:48 AM

Assalamualaikum

Tun yang disayangi.....as usual.....your insights are brilliant. Really proud of you.

Halim Mad Lazim

By mfkAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 8:52 AM

you're right Tun...

By Man ManAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 8:56 AM

Salam Tun,

What you have done for the country in 1997 was indeed genius. Maybe you can share some advise on how to overcome this current situation for the common man. Do we need to start saving or start spending to help the country?

By MAMZAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:01 AM

Salam Tun,

Pak Lah kata ekonomi kita kukuh dan tiada masalah walaupun keadaan sub prima yang teruk di Amerika. Tetapi dia tak nampak domino effect yang akan berlaku dan kini telah menjejaskan Malaysia. Sebelum Tahun Baru Cina terdapat lebih kurang 20 ribu yang diberhentikan kerja dan 3 minggu lepas naik kepada 80 ribu penganggur baru. Tok Jib pula jadi pak angguk je.

Sekarang kita tunggu 10 Mac untuk bajet mini dan akan datang kita lihat syarikat Malaysia yang mana satu akan kena bail out nanti.

By MKMAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:04 AM

Good Morning Tun,

Recession is the most common word that has been in everybody lips right now.It is the worst situation that any country would like to be in.It has been the thorn on everyone backside right now.

After all the bail out packages and injection of money being supplied through out the banks and financial

institution it seems that it should get the economic running, but sadly it has done nothing to change the situation.

I have a bad feeling that this recession will go on within the next year. Even the Malaysian government have to prepare a mini-budget package to sustain the economic crisis situation. But yet we Malaysian are treated with Oscar nomination drama that has been going for this past few weeks. It seems our politician whether are from BN or Pakatan Rakyat are more interested on making Malaysia a sore-eye for interested investors to invest in our country. The situation itself would have been a great tell all stories that is worth everpenny for moviegoers around the world. Even the government can make up few good movie titles that can be used for this highly rated movie.

But as usual we as a rakyat will have to suffer for all this pathetic politician fiasco and childish behaviour. Sometimes you have to wonder why that the rakyat have no respect for the politician in Malaysia. It is sad but true situation to be in.

Your thoughts and opinion are always welcomed. Take care TUN.

Now Playing : Metallica - Sad But True
By jurublog Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:06 AM

Unfortunately in Malaysia, the goons are still playing politics with little concern on the financial wellbeing of the people. Pakatan Rakyat is making it too difficult for Barisan Nasional to manage the country effectively. It is easy for PR to blame BN on the poor economic situation in Malaysia, but they should do their part too.

The Government needs to explain the marked difference between the projected 3.5% GDP growth announced just a few months back and the actual 0.1% growth. Was the 0.1% growth attained after some "massaging" of economic figures?

<http://www.jurublog.blogspot.com>
By JJJ Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:09 AM

salam Tun,

Thanks for your 'not being an expert' views.

I think I can trust you more than those so-called financial experts and gamblers operating those huge casinos that we call BANKS!

Wassallam

Jeng3
By hafiz Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:10 AM

salam tun.. wishing you all the best & great health
By joe Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:10 AM

salam Tun,
brilliant :-)
By rahman Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:10 AM

Salam Tun.

Samapai hari ni saya tidak dapat melihat strategi yang dibuat oleh kerajaan untuk mengurangkan masalah ekonomi sekarang. Asyik berpolitik banyak dari cuba memikirkan masalah ekonomi sekarang. Rakyat makin terdesak. Kos meningkat, pengangguran, perberhentian pekerja dll. Harap tun dapat buat sesuatu dengan menggunakan pengaruh tun. Kami sokong Tun. Wasalam

Rahman

By kuuleemAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:11 AM

1. saya tertarik dengan no 3.

They talk about trillions of dollars and hundreds of billions of pounds in bailouts. Where the money is coming from is not revealed. Have they been keeping these huge sums for such an emergency?

2. pada pandangan Tun dari manakah kemungkinan besar duit itu di perolehi.

3. skrg banyak org bercakap kembali cara islam. ttp tidak seorang pun yg dapat mencderita secara terperinci bagaimana langkah yang dianjurkan dlm islam utk selesaikan masalah ini (yg adapun cadangan dulu2 Tun supaya menggunakan dinar emas)

By bageloAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:16 AM

Org putih ni sombong, masa kita back up bank kita diaorang kutuk kerajaan kita, tapi sekarang diaorang plak ikut cara kita..kata je hidup bertamadun..hampeh, kepada parti yang tau membangkang je tu, baik kamu cari idea nak selamatkan malaysia daripada masalah ekonomi..ni duk gila ke kuasa je..SEDARLAH..

By melayumerdekaAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:16 AM

Salam YABhg Tun,

Well said. An interesting angle you have written there. Permit me to highlight a different angle which is much closer to home. The role of our EPU in our economy and also the Finance Ministry.

Thank you for the time Tun. God bless.

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<http://darahtuah.wordpress.com/2009/02/19/masyarakat-perdagangan-dan-perindustrian-bumiputera-mpp-b-siapa-mereka-di-mana-mereka>

2) <http://darahtuah.wordpress.com/2009/01/11/wawasan-2020-revisit-selepas-hampir-20-tahun-berlalu>

3) <http://darahtuah.wordpress.com/2009/01/28/bajet-2010-dirancang-untuk-siapa/>

Wassalam

<http://darahtuah.wordpress.com>

By azmanisAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:21 AM

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By adzriAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:21 AM

assalamualaikum Tun...

maafkan saya kerana sememangnya saya tidak berapa tahu mengenai ekonomi. tapi ingin saya timbulkan di sini ialah isu kenaikan harga barang-barang harian yang semakin ketara walaupun harga minyak sudah turun.

Di manakah syahril samad yg pernah menjanji harga akan turun pada tahun ini?

Adakah perlu Paklah turun dahulu sebelum harga barang juga turun?

By lextcsAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:31 AM

tun,

im no financial gig too. But i think the era of FIAT money is now effectively over. It exists because an

authority or govt declares it to be money. It achieves value because a govt says it can be used to pay debt or buy goods and services and because people trust that the currency will be reasonably stable. Normally the creditor, in which a government, often through a central bank or reserve bank, is the major creditor backing the currency.

Usually, a fiat-money currency loses value once the government which acts as the creditor refuses to further guarantee its value, but a strong private banking system and consensus of the population may prevent this. For example, the so-called Swiss dinar continued to retain value as a type of credit money in Kurdish Iraq, as a result of backing by private banks and acceptance from individuals there, even after its fiat-money status was officially completely withdrawn by the backing government (the central government of Iraq).

When the Bretton Woods Agreement had to be abandoned, the Federal Reserve then had printed far more paper money than they had the gold to back up. Although their Federal Reserve notes were nonconvertible to gold for U.S. citizens, foreigners could still redeem gold with them. They did so to avoid losing out as the Federal Reserve printed even more money, making the money they owned less valuable due to its abundance. After the Bretton Woods agreement was abandoned, and the U.S. dollar was no longer convertible to gold, the dollar fell violently in exchange for other currencies, reflecting the decreased demand for the currency. The price of gold rose relative to the dollar during this period of time.

Perhaps what we are witnessing now is history repeating itself but by a far larger scale!

The collapse of the dollar has to come!
By bustamamAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:36 AM

Hopefully, global economics is recovering soon.
By readerAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:37 AM

damn, what an informative piece.

Even your haters will agree that you are one giant man when it comes to international finance and economics.

What is your plan for Malaysian when we start to be a net-importer of oil?
By CUCUNDA OF MAHATHIRAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:38 AM

ASSALAMUALAIKUM AYAHANDA TUN,SAYA MASIH INGAT SEMASA KRISIS KEWANGAN 97-98 YANG MELANDA RANTAU ASIA,DI MANA MALAYSIA JUGA TERKENA TEMPIASNYA HINGGA EKONOMI JATUH MERUDUM.TETAPI AYAHANDA TUN BERJAYA MEMBAWA MALAYSIA KELUAR DARI KRISIS DENGAN JAYANYA KESAN DARI PENDEKATAN YANG DIAMBIL DAN IDEA YANG DILAKSANAKAN DENGAN BEGITU TELITI SEKALI(WALAU PUN MENDAPAT KRITIKAN DARI BARAT).DIRUANGAN INI SAYA INGIN MENCADANGKAN AGAR AYAHANDA TUN DAPAT MEMBERIKAN IDEA-IDEA YANG BERNAS ATAU CARA-CARA TERBAIK YANG HARUS DILAKUKAN OLEH KERAJAAN SEKARANG DALAM MENGHADAPI "KRISIS EKONOMI GLOBAL" YANG KINI TURUT MELANDA MALAYSIA.MUNGKIN IDEA-IDEA AYAHANDA TUN DAPAT DIKONGSI ATAU DIBINCANG BERSAMA PEMBACA-PEMBAKA BLOG INI ATAU SETIDAKNYA MENJADI PANDUAN ATAU BOLEH DIGUNAPAKAI OLEH PEMIMPIN-PEMIMPIN KITA SEKARANG.(untuk pemimpin yang mana "makan dek nasihat"....yang "tak makan dek nasihat" ...biaq pi laaa...).HARAP CADANGAN SAYA MENDAPAT PERHATIAN AYAHANDA TUN.....t/kasih.
By devastatorAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:39 AM

Salam Tun,

Walaupun Tun kata bukan xpert tapik cara Tun keluarkan pendapat tu dah nampak Tun expert dah.....heehehe kalaulah dunia ni mendengar apa yang Tun cakap...maybe tak jadik camni kot....
By luahfikiranAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:44 AM

Askm Tun.

Saya amat setuju dengan ulasan Tun. Saya ragui kejayaan bailouts di negara-negara Barat. Di negara kita juga, dalam keadaan masalah kepemimpinan kita sekarang ini, kita tak boleh terlalu yakin. Negara lain sibuk dengan usaha menangani masalah ekonomi tetapi di negara kita ni asyik dengan isu-isu politik.

Tun terukan komen terhadap kepemimpinan kita

By zaid onnAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:48 AM

Asalamualaikum and morning Tun,

World really do, need a new and strong economic system. Capatalism if not remove very soon it will bring more harm and disaster. Poorer countries getting poorer and rich countries won't be even better.

By afiqAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:49 AM

Cant we do anything about this?

This is the time for Islam to gain back our victory.

By koroknguhAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:50 AM

Salam Tun

Thank you for talking about financial crisis..it gimme other thots

By kamal ahmadAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:54 AM

Salam kasih dan hormat Ayahanda Tun.

Exactly the case Tun. The US is priming up its home economy, trillions is going into the bailout buckets and this would again lead to fuel demands and upsurge once more by the speculators. This where cash cow is? Our money definitely going there partly Tun.

"4. I am not a financier or even an economist. But somehow I think the bailouts are not going to work although they worked in our case."

You were once Tun. You are the super-economist! And by the look of things, you still are one today. But I beat you at something Tun. Tun, your demanding and hectic world wide lecture, talks, interviews and forums schedule is nothing I envy now! But maybe you would envy mine now Tun. I have plenty of time for my own now. Yesterday I made otak-otak ikan with authentic banana leaf & Daun Kesum & Kunyit. Later on I am making Mee Jawa for dinner :) I sure beat you at that Tun. Take it easy Tun, and if there comes a free time your way, please write a book for us on your legacy of KLCC, KLIA and Putrajaya (especially KLCC).

P.S: Salam Saudara Samurai Melayu, remember; it was refried papadam and banana leaf. And I ate both. Hehehe! Take care. Wassalam.

By monayusofAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:59 AM

Macam manalah dengan nasib negara kita agaknya ya...dalam keadaan politik yang huru hara, ekonomi makin meleset...marilah kita sama-sama berdoa semoga negara kita diselamatkan dari segala bala..aminnn...

By Doleng_BravoAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:00 AM

Brilliant opinion Tun...

They will not recover as well as they might hope..

How bad that we are also drag down by them...

But Lets Hope For the best Tun....

Hope our new leader(Malaysia) can at least prevent the situation from getting worst...

semoga Tun Dirahmati Allah...

By burungAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:02 AM

Dearest Tun,

this is the first time im commenting after following your blog for months now. We r seeing the prophesies of Prophet Mohamed of the signs of last days unfolding one by one. Obviously Gog n Magog has been released and has spread destructions, oppressions, fraud, morality decay, aggressions, mind control, deceptions etc to conquer the world wiz their new world order. Our prophet also foretold that the false messiah will assume his throne in jerusalem through deception assisted by Gog n Magog. Dajjal's will reign for 40 days, one day like a year, one day like a month, one day like a week and the rest like our days. Dajjal was also recorded as from an island. I believe we r in the days where dajjal is completing his day like a month. One day like a year was when England was ruling the world (island of britain), one day like a month is now when USA is the ruling state of the world. with the collapse of USA we r gonna see the ruling state role shifting to,guess who, the imposter, most unholy state of Israel. Thus the days like a week is slowly beginning as we speak. Is it unlikely that Israel will not assume this role considering that it has quietly and for many years been a nuclear power state and have amassed wealth through their grip of the financial system? Muslim scholars have predicted that the all along fraud paper money will be replaced by a further grave fraud of electronic money to continue the enslavement of the world by a these group of tyrants and followers of dajjal(anti christ). Muslims will continue to be slaughtered all over the world as we are the only ones seen as an obstacle to all their evil plans. We will be killed for our faith, oil, whatever little wealth and defiance. Muslims all over the world are mostly poor. The powers that rule the world today are going after the poor and the faithful. And they do this through deceptions and lies to invade, conquer and plunder.

The sea of galilee shall dry up as the prophet had prophesised. (Its falling at historical levels right now)The son of Mary shall come but not to hail the imposter unholy state of israel(that was created thru deception, lies, land grab, state terrorism, usury, shirik laws, secularism, acts of genocide etc) but to destroy it and restore the world based on faith in the One true God.

As long as we do not recognise all that we have been reminded by Allah and his prophet, we r going to prescribe the wrong measures everytime and will be dragged into the hole with them.

Tun, you were absolutely right when you wanted to implement the gold and silver dinar. Obviously the current administration has eyes yet could not see, have ears yet could not hear and have hearts yet could not comprehend. I am not going into the hole with dajjal even if my govt tell me to do so. And i hope that Allah will give me that strength and to all the muslims who are aware of what is unfolding before our very eyes now.

May God bless you Tun.

By CintaNegaraKuAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:08 AM

Together for 1 Nation, 1 Malaysia as 1 United Bangsa Malaysia

Money is Manufactured and Not earned - Alarm Bells Sounded for Stanford in 1995

5 March 2009

To Tun and All Malaysians,

Success is measured by Ringgits and Sens by society. The road to Money and Power is to be politically right to win at all cost to be MPs and ADUNs so that you are above the laws which The Rakyat's toe. With new found status as YBs and not Yang Berkhidmats for The Rakyat's and Malaysia, those with Money and Power could right what is wrong when the law is grey. Not only profit from the flaws in laws with Money and Power, one could even swear on the Holy Quran and Bible for truth when all that requires is Just Be True and Truth as the result speaks for itself.

RM1= SGD1 at the point of split from Malaysia in 1963 and today RM2.37 = SGD1.

In Malaysia, we have fiascos by MCA and Pan Electric fame in the 80s to Aokam and RM200 per share by the Repco's fame and demise of UMBC because of Khong Guan in the 90s to banking consolidations

with stronger and lesser banks for better supervision and control by the authorities BUT weighed down by opening up of to foreigners and mushrooming of new banking platform under Islamic Banking, derivatives and easy credits of today with banks chalk up record profits every year!

Our authorities' guns are vigilant on the mickey mouse like Liqua/GPlus and MESDAQs in the name of Good Corporate Governance and Social Responsibility with Minority Watch Group openly praising big successful companies when they should fight for greater transparency and accountability for better returns to minority shareholders.

All the major fiascos in the US and West are audited by the BIG 4 and the same BIG 4 are also operating on our shore. One may notice and wonder why is there a frequent change in the partners who signed off the annual audited accounts in some of these big successful companies.

Are our authorities and Government well skills and knowledgeable to be vigilant enough on the tell tale signs of bubbles and excesses when Profits are Manufactured and Cooked Up by Companies and Not Earned from tangible business activities?

How would one bridge the paradox of record profits by big successful companies but The Rakyat at large do not receive any spin off economic effects and benefits?

Today, the mickey mouses and MESDAQs are already dead and the BIG and SUCCESSFUL COMPANIES/CORPORATIONS with Manufactured and Cooked Up Profits financed by INCREASED BORROWINGS will be the STARS to watch.

CintaNegaraKu aka 1 United Bangsa Malaysia only wish is our corporate leaders and Authorities walk the talk and live up to TRUE GOOD CORPORATE GOVERNANCE and SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY to ensure PROFITS ARE EARNED and NOT MANUFACTURED.

Thank you.

Together for 1 Nation, 1 Malaysia as 1 United Bangsa Malaysia
By Men At WorkAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:08 AM

Ybhg Tun,

What would be your Diagnosis to the present Economic Turnmoil in M'sia. Could you elaborate in yr usual simple yet concise manner.

Regards - MEN AT WORK
By baiduri.zAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:16 AM

Salam Tun,

Thank you sir for your insight on the economic crisis that we face today. I, as small a person as I may be, am also worried of the days ahead as we are told to expect a worsening economic condition by the media.

You have made it very clear that the crisis that we have to face today is much more alarming than the 97-98 crisis. However I am looking at it at a slightly different perspective. During the 97-98 crisis, when you implemented actions to curb the economic crisis such as pegging the Ringgit, bailing out the companies and such, the nation as a whole went through an adjusting period that did not affect the common man as much as it did the big corporations. On the other hand, the government of the day has chosen a different track whereby the people are asked to shoulder some of the burden by raising tariffs and prices. Is this because the situation today is worse or is it because the leader is still unable to find a certain formula best to fight this crisis? I am sure Dato' Seri Najib, whom I believe is an economist can rise to the occasion but I feel that he came into the picture a bit late. The world economic situation and its

inter-relations with our nation's economy need to be analysed in great depth. But with the political turmoil that he has to face today, I hope that he can find the strength to persevere through these rough times and make our economy better.

My plea to you, Tun, is that you help the government out and advice them on how to deal with the economic crisis. I am sure that some would not agree with me due to their different political beliefs and to all of you, I would like to share the following article :

THE FINANCIAL CRISIS OF 1997 – 1998

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.

By Nor Mohamed Yakcop

(23rd. October, 2003)

By apexAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:24 AM

Capitalism has failed us yet again..soon there there will be a rise of communism in its true sense....there will be a mad or a distort individual taking advantage of the chaos and disorder caused by the failure of capitalism..preaching of full altruism of hate towards greed thatis created by capitalism..

history does have the tendcy to repeat itself..the rise of hitler in the 1930's was a result of the great depression..stalin and the bolshevik revolution..was due to the greed of the tzar..are we going to see another madmen on the hill..rising from the ashes of the failure of capitalism..

Did capitalism failed or just human greed caused capitalism to fail..a question where we as human being got to answer ourself

By ikhmalmustafaAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:24 AM

Tun, the most important question is, are we(malaysian gov. & the public) doing enough to save our economy from the pitfall? As far as i know, we are too slow and less patriotitic. Too much politicking and far less working to get the job done!!

By ghondoruwoAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:28 AM

Salam Sejahtera Tun,

The sad thing is that, while these rich countries scramble to tackle their economic woes, our so-called leaders are busy with power play - by-elections in three Bukit & one Batang; and of course the UMNO election. As I'm typing this comment, Mr PM is somewhere in Labuan to launch what they call a Halal Hub base.

By FazrullsAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:31 AM

Dear TUN,

So how badly current malaysia economy now?

Semua cakap ok..ok ja.. tapi tengok kilang2 semuanya tenat ja..
By membrAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:32 AM

Tun,

The price of shophouses in Kuching here are very expensive.
In a very good area one unit costs RM1,000,000 or more.

Recently so many shophouses were built and all were sold out.
I am sure these people got loan from banks to purchase these shophouses. They also had money to pay the downpayment maybe about RM300,000. Big sum of money for most and ordinary people.

By longjaafarAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:35 AM

There was a feature on CNBC titled "House Of Cards", and it explained in detail about the subprime crisis. Imagine a person earning USD900.00 a week being encouraged (by the bank) to buy a property for USD500,000.00.

I agree with you, Tun, that the latest bailouts will not solve the problem that they have got themselves into.

By pakmangAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:35 AM

Dear Tun,

Being not an economist and financial expert like you, I would like to ask who is controlling the global international Monetary system especially the printing of nations currencies? Do you think all these superpower countries will print their currencies without the knowledge of others and this is where their hundreds of billion and trillion of dollars & pounds come from?

By acirAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:38 AM

Slm & good morning...

Eh its perfectly legal Tun, printing more & more notes is no different from issuing more & more asset backed debts! Israel can 'long' arsenals from them what... price now for smart bombs later. They can lah Tun!

By jimmoAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:40 AM

salam Tun

Semoga panjang umur dan sihat selalu....

Perjuangan belum selesai....

Salam Maulidur Rasul

By junechangAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:40 AM

That why economy so down now but our politician just focus on gila kuasa. Hate Hate Hate..

Thank you Tun.

By AlhajAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:45 AM

Yang Berbahagia Tun,

I think this is the first time I don't quite comprehend your analysis on the economic/financial downturn in U.S. and Europe. Maybe a more simpler explanation can do justice.

Thank you.

Alhaj

By anakbuahAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:48 AM

Salam Tun,

Saya Mohd Nazri Mohd Yusof aka anakbuah. Saya sering memberi komen mengenai Tun dlm blog The Scribe Kadir Jasin. Saya mungkin selalu memberi komen yg mungkin terlalu kasar dan mungkin menyakitkan hati Tun kalau mendengarnya. Saya dengan ini memohon sebanyak maaf atas segala kekasaran saya itu dan sesungguhnya amat menyesal. Yg mungkin diketahui oleh ramai pelayar blog Tun.

Saya dengan ini memohon sebanyak2 maaf di dunia dan akhirat. Diharap Tun membaca posting saya ini dan memaafkan saya. Sekiranya dibaca oleh admin, minta disampaikan kepada Tun. Terima kasih.
By seridewiAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:49 AM

Assalamualaikum ,

Of course the conventional financial system which is created by mankind will collapse and only the system which derives from the Al Quran and Sunnah will survive . It's the Jewish who created the conventional and those race is notorious for their greed and atrocity inflicted on mankind .

Wassalam .

By iiziinAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:49 AM

.... kalangan manusia jenis camni, sebelum lena di malam hari, dan bangun di pagi hari, fikiran asyik tertumpu camana nak menipu mengguna kaedah terkini. Berhati-hati. Penyanyak di sekitar anda.

By CoolNationAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:52 AM

Dear Tun,

I also have a DOUBT on government measurement and action plan on tackling current economic crisis. Eventhough on first quarter 2009, Malaysia GNP estimation is 0.5% (still not negative)and most probably we will face recession (negative growth)on second quarter 2009.But it seems like that the governeamt are not interested on economic recovery plan but seeking stabilising politic situation whether for individual interest, state government or nation (i really have no idea)instead.I think (i'm only can think coz i'm not expert)that economic stimulas package must be able to increase local or internal business demand to ensure local company still can survive for period of time.Given on instability politic situation, investor also have a DOUBT to invest in Malaysia plus their pocket are getting smaller.But i could be wrong because on 97/98 recession,there were also a politic disaster (anwar ibrahim dismissal), but we succeslly facing the economic recession with our own way. The main reason we manage to recover from 97/98 recession is because we have a no-nonsense and wisdom of prime minister on that time that provely managed to control economic crisis and the sames time politic crisis. CAN THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OVERCOME ON CURRENT POLITIC AND ECONOMIC CRISIS SUCCESFULLY ? I hope so...

By guanokireAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:55 AM

salam and selamat sejahtera to all malaysian

Regarding to the topic I can say that this is all the bankers and bloody sucking rich family game to suck-up the real wealth on earth. They control all the banks in US an England. They fooled the world by print out the paper money from thin air to booms the economies and then turn down it by making the economy crisis every 10 years so that they can get control to the real wealth e.g your home, you business, your gold, your land etc. the Federal Reserve Bank in US is not the US government Bank and same goes to the Central Bank of England they are owned by the rich family that run the cooperation to control the world economy. Tun, how about Bank Negara ha?

Please watch the documentary from below link then you will know who control the world and what we need to do to stop this people.

RING OF POWER

<http://conspiracyrealitytv.com/ring-of-power-empire-of-the-city-4000-years-of-suppressed-history/>

By ahmadsAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:56 AM

Salam Tun,

Greed is the factor. Sekarang manusia abused the system because of greed. When this happen siapakah harus dipersalahkan? Banks are human creation.... The system is created by man.... The loopholes are also man made....there goes the system..

By Mis_bahAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:56 AM

Assalamu Alaikum Tun,

A lot of things the developed countries as well as the less developed countries or in short poor countries could learn from this economy and financial crisis that bringing and will bring immense problems to the people.

I still remember your suggestion on the practical usage of gold in trade exchange instead of USD currencies or Euro.

Or may be the economist or financial experts from now should look at and practising Islamic Financial management to deal with the crisis.

By RahmanAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 11:04 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Saya tgh bengang dengan gerakan yg nak tentang PPSMI, si sasterawan negara yg nak perjuang bahasa Melayu konon.. Mintak Tun tolong komen. Bagi saya, tak payah tegok jauh2 kalau nak perjuang bahasa Melayu pun...

Semlm saya pi Klinik Kesihatan Bayan Baru... dan tengok daftar kata bahasa Melayu yg digunakan di situ

Bahasa Sains:

Ortopedik (dpd Orthopedic)

Imunisasi (dpd Immunization)

Arteri (dpd Artery)

Fizikal (dpd Physical)

Sains (dpd Science)

Matematik (dpd Mathematics)

Jgnkan bahasa sains, bahasa yg biasa guna pun translated bagai lepas batuk kat tangga:

Visi (Vision)

Misi (Mission)

Objektif (Objective) -- ni saya pelik, kenapa tak guna "matlamat"??

Saya tengok spelling jer beza, bunyi lebih kurang sama je ngan bahasa inggeris nye... Perjuangan bahasa Melayu amendanya kalau setakat ejaan je beza, tapi sebutannya sama? Paling ketara, perkara yg diaorang perjuangkan sekali tu, Sains dan Matematik konon... apa bezanya Science dan Mathematics?? Bunyi sama jer...

Besok, saya boleh agak:

Software akan jadi "sofwe"
Keyboard akan jadi "kibod" (siapa yg biasa guna papan kekunci???)
Mouse akan jadi "maos" (siapa yg biasa guna tetikus????)
Plastic mmg dah jadi plastik...
Bag mmg dah jadi beg...
Computer mmg dah jadi komputer...
Wire mmg dah jadik wayar...
Cable mmg dah jadik kabel...
Programme mmg dah jadik program...

So, si sasterawan konon saja memperjuangkan Bahasa Melayu... Tengok kamus Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka pun dah tau, antara Inggeris dan bahasa Melayu, ejaan je beza, bunyi dan maksudnya sama... so, kalau kamus DBP dah tercemar... kenapa nak bising dengan PPMSI pulak? DBP tu adalah jantung kepada bahasa Melayu, bukannya PPMSI. Jaga la tepi kain diri sendiri dulu, betulkan kamus Dewan dulu.

Biarlah Sains & Matematik diajar dlm bahasa Inggeris, kalau tak, nanti lagi teruk jadinya, takut "campur" akan jadi "plas", "tolak" akan jadik "maines".. sepertimana "matlamat" telah digantikan dengan "objektif" kerana "objektif" tu lebih "glamer" penggunaannya (ye la, mat salleh kat TV kan selalu guna perkataan "Objective", baru la ada standard macam mat salleh sikit bila guna "Objektif").

Minta maaf Tun kerana lepas geram sapa pada gerakan penentang PPSMI ni kat sini... tapi saya mmg betul2 tak geram...

By KhALiFaMaLaYaAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 11:11 AM

Sidang tergepar Dun Perak yang terpaksa diadakan di bawah pokok kira-kira 100 meter dari Bangunan Perak Darul Ridhwan, 3 Mac lalu adalah sah dan tidak menyalahi undang-undang kerana perlembagaan dan arahan tetap dewan menyerahkan kepada Speaker untuk menetapkan tempat dan lain-lain perkara berkaitan. Iklan

Menurut pakar Perlembagaan, Profesor Dr Abdul Aziz Bari yang mengulas tentang 'Tragedi Hitam Demokrasi' di Perak itu, pihak polis awal-awal lagi sudah melanggar Perlembagaan apabila menerima arahan dan perintah dari Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri (SUK) dan bukan dari Speaker yang menjadi kuasa tertinggi dalam dewan.

"Apa yang berlaku sah dan tidak menyalahi undang-undang kerana perlembagaan dan arahan tetap dewan menyerahkan kepada speaker untuk menetapkan tempat bersidang," tegas beliau ketika dihubungi.

Dua usul yang diluluskan oleh dewan diperakui sah dan perlu dilaksanakan. Malah Menteri Besar, Dato' Seri Mohamad Nizar Jamaluddin boleh mengadap Tuanku Sultan dan persembahkan usul dewan untuk tindakan seterusnya.

Aziz berkata, mahkamah tidak ada kuasa untuk mengeluarkan injunksi kepada dewan. Beliau kesal, pihak pentadbiran negeri (SUK), polis dan lain-lain pihak terpaksa menyekat dan menutup dewan dari digunakan untuk sidang tergepar Dun.

"Mereka (BN) tidak ada pilihan lain," ujar pensyarah undang-undang Universiti Islam Antarabangsa (UIAM) itu.

Aziz mempersoalkan sejak bila seorang setiausaha dewan (Abdullah Antong) diberi kuasa mentafsirkan peraturan tetap dewan sedangkan setiausaha hanya kakitangan biasa yang bekerja di bawah arahan Speaker.

Polis juga, tegas beliau boleh didakwa di bawah Kanun Keseksaan (Penal Code) kerana menghalang

dewan bersidang dan perkara ini telah disebut oleh Speaker, V Sivakumar.

Mengimbis apa yang terjadi pada pagi 3 Mac lalu, insiden di Perak itu cukup menyedihkan kerana ini membuktikan bagaimana institusi rakyat seperti pentadbiran awam termasuk polis yang sepatutnya bersikap neutral dan tidak memihak serta menjunjung perlembagaan, rela dijadikan 'kuda tunggangan' oleh pihak tertentu, kata Aziz.

"Demokrasi tidak akan makmur tanpa kerjasama institusi itu. Anehnya Zambry tidak mengaku mengeluarkan arahan menutup bangunan sekretariat. Begitu juga dengan Dato' SS. Jadi, bagaimanapun OCPD terus tidak membenarkan ahli dewan masuk?" soal Aziz kehairanan.

Dari satu sudut, ini telah menimbulkan persoalan, "Apa asas pihak polis untuk tidak membenarkan 28 Adun Pakatan Rakyat masuk ke Dewan? Takkan mereka (polis) tak kenal Speaker? Takkan Adun-Adun Pakatan ini dianggap penganas dan penjenayah? Ini perlu dijawab oleh pihak polis."

Tegas Aziz lagi, insiden di Perak itu gagal menyuburkan proses demokrasi kerana institusi awam seperti polis tidak memainkan peranan dengan betul

By KhALiFaMaLaYaAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 11:17 AM

Frans De Walls, dalam bukunya Chimpanzee Politics (1982) ada mengungkapkan tentang 'kelicikan Machiavellian' ataupun 'Machiavellian Intelligence'. Maksud yang ingin beliau huraikan ialah bagaimana kapasiti seseorang boleh memanipulasi keadaan sehingga menguntungkan nafsu peribadi. Iklan

Tidak timbul soal prinsip atau tidak, asalkan matlamat menghalalkan cara. Biar siapa yang terkorban, sama ada keluarga, sahabat baik, prinsip agama, asalkan nafsu serakah 'politik' tercapai.

'Machiavellian Intelligence' boleh diterjemahkan melalui sikap berjanji, tetapi boleh bila-bila masa memungkiri janji. Boleh membohong, tetapi kadang-kadang sahaja bercakap benar.

Boleh nampak baik dan 'beriman' di tempat awam, tetapi, boleh berwatakan 'iblis' jika di belakang orang. Boleh memuji depan orang, tetapi boleh mengumpat dan mengeji di sebaliknya. Semua ini tidak mustahil hari ini, kerana politik adalah segala-galanya.

Maka tidak menghairankan jika silang-sengketa perbalahan politik ada kaitannya dengan penganut faham politik ala Machiavellian. Apa bezanya dengan kriteria orang munafiq? Bukankah ciri orang Munafiq seperti yang terkandung dalam Hadith Sallahu alahi Wasalam, iaitu bila berjanji suka mungkiri, bila bercakap suka berbohong dan bila diberi amanah suka khianati.

Apabila politik dilihat segalanya, makanya obsesi atau keghairahan terhadap politik melampaui batas. Apatah lagi apabila politik sebenarnya tidak mengenal prinsip. Tidak pernah dalam sejarah politik moden kejujuran dan kebaikan diletakkan di tempat paling atas sebagai prinsip paling utama. Prinsip yang mendominasi politik moden hari ini ialah semuanya berteraskan faham Machiavellian.

Benjamin Wiker dalam bukunya 10 Books That Screwed Up the World; And 5 Others Didn't Help menulis pengaruh Machiavellianisme yang telah mendominasi peta pemikiran politik semasa.

Beliau mengesahkan bahawa sifat 'iblis' atau kejahatan ini akan sentiasa mendominasi karakter manusia, apabila melihatkan kebaikan sentiasa tunduk kepada kelicikan iblis. Ini terbukti, bagaimana seorang hamba Allah yang mulia, pertama kali dilahirkan sebagai khalifah bernama Adam, tetapi tumpas kepada bisikan Iblis.

Alim yang ditipu Iblis

Berapa ramai orang 'alim atau ahli ibadat, yang kononnya rajin beribadat, tetapi rupanya diperdaya oleh Iblis kerana ujub dan takbur dengan sifat 'alimnya. Ibn Qayyim Al Jauzi ada berpesan dalam bukunya 'Talbis Iblis' iaitu 'Perangkap Iblis' supaya orang beriman berhati-hati dengan permainan dan tipu helah

iblis.

Malah berapa ramai orang dermawan dan ilmuwan yang dihantar ke neraka kerana luarannya rajin menderma dan berbakti pada ilmu, namun rupanya ada niat keduniaan iaitu digelar sebagai dermawan dan ilmuwan. Kisah mereka ini ada dirakamkan dalam Hadith Sallahu alahi wasalam.

Rupanya tipu helah iblis lebih berjaya dan menang ke atas kebaikan. Hipotesis Benjamin Wiker mengesahkan kebenarannya. Makanya, dalam dunia politik moden apabila peta pemikiran didominasi oleh faham Machiavellian, tipu helah iblis sebenarnya yang melingkari sarang politik itu.

Sebab itu juga, biasanya sukar untuk kebaikan dan kebenaran menuju puncak di persada politik, kecuali pada zaman-zaman tertentu, seperti Umar Al Aziz, Salahuddin Al Ayubi, Muhammad Al Fateh dan Khulafa Rashidin. Hatta zaman mereka pun ada saki baki watak iblis seperti kaum munafiq, zindik dan kafir harbi, tetapi lingkarannya tidak sekuat lingkaran kebaikan.

Adakah kerana lingkaran keiblisian dalam peta pemikiran politik semasa, makanya kita perlu merombak keseluruhan sistem politik moden, seperti membubarkan parti politik, tidak menjadi wakil rakyat, menghukum kafir sesiapa yang berpilihanraya atau sebagainya? Barangkali persoalan ini perlu dijawab dengan jawapan yang berakar, iaitu worldview tentang politik semasa dan posisi kita dalam mengenal dan mengiktiraf kebenaran.

Gagasan demokrasi moden, seperti parlimen, parti politik, pilihan raya dan sebagainya dipersetujui oleh sebahagian besar ulama kontemporari seperti Sheikh Qaradawi, Dr Azzam Tamimi, Rashid Ghanushi dan ramai lagi.

Persetujuan mereka tentang demokrasi moden bukan suatu yang permanent, tetapi sementara sahaja. Ini kerana dalam demokrasi moden, ada nilai yang selari dengan Islam seperti kebebasan hak asasi, bersuara, berkumpul, melantik pemimpin dan sebagainya. Ada nilai-nilai ideal dalam Islam yang boleh diselarikan dalam agenda demokrasi moden.

Namun, hipotesis Benjamin lebih ke hadapan. Berapa banyak parti berteraskan Islam atau yang ingin membawa kebenaran berjaya di puncak kuasa, seperti di Algeria, Mesir, Turki dan Sudan? Kerajaan Hamas menang walaupun dengan sistem demokrasi moden tetap dinafikan kemenangannya!

Asasnya ialah demokrasi moden yang ada hari ini bukan gelanggang berpihak kepada Islam. Semua undang-undang, falsafah, permainan dan mainannya telah diatur oleh orang lain.

Apabila demokrasi moden ini dipaksa kepada ummat Islam, sebenarnya kita kekok dan janggal, kerana bukan gelanggang kita. Mungkin terlalu ideal dan sekadar bermimpi jika sekadar slogan kita mampu selesaikan masalah ummat Islam hari ini.

Banyak agenda asas terkorban apabila gelanggang demokrasi moden menjadi pertembungan politik faham Machiavellian. Ada dua perkara yang menjadi korban, iaitu kecenderungan mendekonstruksi autoriti dan seterusnya membuka ruang yang luas untuk faham sekularisme.

Adakah pernah sebuah parti politik Melayu hari ini, tidak kira di pihak kerajaan atau pembangkang saling-sokong menyokong antara satu sama lain dalam agenda bangsa Melayu dan Islam? Kerana terlalu party-centric, maka yang baik dikatakan buruk, yang buruk terus dihentam.

Apabila autoriti dalam agama diserang, ia telah membuka ruang untuk faham sekularisme menyerbu masuk. Fenomena obses melampau kepada politik dalam demokrasi moden ini biasanya menguntungkan agenda keiblisian.

Bukankah politik moden tidak kenal dengan kebaikan dan kebenaran? Apabila keiblisian diangkat tinggi, soal agama dan akhlak sekadar tempelan sahaja. Autoriti yang telah diruntuhkan menyebabkan faham kebenaran terpulang kepada keuntungan parti politik.

Epistemologi kebenaran dilihat kepada sokongan parti politik, bukan lagi kepada akar kebenaran. Siapa yang bercakap benar dalam politik, walau berpandukan wahyu, akan dilihat sekadar pandangan peribadi, bukan pandangan hakiki. Makanya pihak lawan tidak akan menerima kebenaran itu.

Pemisahan agama dan politik

Wacana sekularisme dalam politik moden telah mendominasi, malah berakar dalam politik Barat.. Sebab itu pemisahan agama dan kuasa direkod awal-awal dalam perlembagaan negara mereka, seperti di Amerika Syarikat, negara pertama diktiraf sebagai berjaya meletakkan pemisahan agama dan kuasa dalam perlembagaan mereka pada tahun 1791.

Apabila wacana sekularisme terus mengisi ruang politik negara yang beransur-ansur meruntuhkan autoriti, maka akan timbul kekeliruan di kalangan rakyat dan ummat. Agenda agama Islam, kedudukan bangsa Melayu dan bahasa Melayu dipandang sepi.

Agenda teras ini tidak lagi diangkat, kerana setiap orang mempunyai persepsi tersendiri yang relatif. Apatah lagi tiada lagi autoriti yang berwibawa diktiraf untuk dijadikan rujukan dalam soal tersebut.

Hatta agenda umum seperti kemiskinan, perpaduan dan ekonomi negara akan tergugat kerana epistemologi kebenaran tidak lagi berpandukan kepada agama, tetapi nafsu manusiawi. Tidak mustahil, faham Keynes, Hayyek, Locke, Hobes dan ramai failasuf Barat dijadikan pakar rujuk.

Untuk mengatasi akar permasalahan politik semasa, apakah cadangannya? Jika bercakap semua ahli politik semasa persis keiblisian pasti mengundang kemarahan mereka. Apatah lagi mereka yang terpalit rasuah, rakus dengan kuasa sehingga sanggup melompat parti demi habuan duniawi.

Apa yang ada pada kita ialah membetulkan 'worldview' kita tentang keperluan dan sikap politik semasa. Apa yang akhirnya kita mahukan daripada sistem politik semasa ini?

Adakah kekuasaan yang benar, tetapi hanya sementara sahaja? Ataupun potensi manusia yang ada peradaban yang tinggi, yang boleh meletakkan kebenaran di tempatnya? Kebenaran hakiki tidak boleh kompromi dengan kebatilan, ibarat minyak dan air yang tidak boleh bercampur.

Sudah tiba masanya kita meletakkan batu asas untuk menjadikan manusia yang lebih beradab, yang tahu hakikat kebenaran dan hakikat kebatilan, berpandukan epistemologi yang betul. Jika kebenaran hakiki diutamakan, silang sengketa politik semasa sekadar titik bengit yang ketinggalan jauh.

By whybee bangi 2Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 11:18 AM

Salam Tun,

You have shown us a very grim picture of the current world economic situation and see no light at the end of the tunnel.

Here we have DUNGGUs running meetings under the tree.

Dato MOZA yesterday explained that the government have spent or will be disbursing 90% of the money from the first stimulus package before end of this year.

Ask anyone on the ground, who gets anything from this package. NON!

Do they have a think tank headed by the PM cracking their heads trying to overcome this crisis. I dont know. Probably Pak Lah dont know either.

We are already half dead with the current political scenario, three quarter dead with our stupid PM and soon confirmed dead when our politician did nothing to address the worsening economic situation.

Its ok we can carry out as many post mortem after this, better still we can do it overseas if the result is unsatisfactory.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE..... I am going for a vacation.

Wassalam.

By pembarisAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 11:37 AM

salam to chedet and fellow visitors

can chedet throw us some light on where would our great institutions be, say at the end of this year, and maybe by next year, following these 'world economic turmoils'. i'm refering to our epf, tabung haji, asn and the likes, where most of the monnies in there belong to the people.

yes, the economy may go down, and it may buoyed-up the next day, but will our savings go down when the crisis worsens?. are there enough being done to protect such deposits and would there possibilities that our deposits 'evaporate' with the crisis?

can chedet give us the low-down on these resources that the govt would go to in order to turn around, or, to 'fend off' the influence of the 'rest of the world' economic slumps that is happening around us now? would the institutions that have been listed above be spared or their resources otherwise used? where would that lead us the account holders of our hard earned deposits and would we know before it happens that the resources have been used and 'unrecovered' if the turmoils dig in for the worst.

i'm sure there are many, if not most of us, are depositors and holders of accounts in these institutions.

thank you.

pembaris

By etp2020Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 11:42 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Yahudi telah ditetapkan berperangai sebegitu sehingga hari khamat karang,cuma sekiranya kita mengkaji sejarah islam yang lepas dan mengikuti cara2 islam yang sebenar mereka akan tunduk jua. Jadikan sejarah islam yang lepas sebagai guidance kita untuk terus mengalahkan mereka Tq

Berniaga di 60 negara dengan modal yg kecil di

<http://www.rakaniaga2u.com/etp2020>

By mary_amAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 11:46 AM

asalamualaikum...

apapun krisis ekonomi di sana sudah pasti akan mempengaruhi ekonomi kita di sini, di tambah lagi dengan gimik politik sekarang, silap hari bulan mau jatuh juga ekonomi kita. saya hanya boleh berdoa dan berharap PM sekarang dan yang akan naik nanti dapat mengukuhkan ekonomi kita..

By onesoulAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 11:51 AM

Just find way to have food on the table for this financial crisis.

Don't waste time on bailing company this time. It will not work.We to stimulate only internal business such as construction industry so our local can have some internal business activity to start off till the world recovers.

By zaki_77Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 11:54 AM

I wish the leadership in Singapore was as forthright and prudent as you Tun. They seem to living in denial and banking on "business as usual" when (and not if) the Western economies recover. They believe the sharper their recovery, the faster the recovery of Singapore's own economy and the recovery of the bad investments through Temasek and GIC.

I personally have little doubt that the global financial crisis is the beginning of the end for the free market/capitalist world order and it will take a total revamp of the model to even start to realise a viable alternative to the fraud and abuse that was inherent in the "free market" model.

By Kassim Mohd Hussain Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 11:56 AM

Salam Tun,

If the current financial crisis cannot be solved through bailouts, re-indulging in their old abuses stemming from the existing monetary system, cannot be allowed either. And, if it would take years to recover money lost through ordinary business, then the "The entire world financial system is in danger of collapse. It is usury-stricken and bankrupt" "THE GREAT DISORDER UNDER HEAVEN" (Mao-tse Tung's phrase) that is now reigning the world is due to this."

I'm inclined to agree that the alternative, as you mentioned, is to end capitalism and the free market!

Hopefully, if every nation on this planet does this, the entire world will be at least free from the fraudulent-yoke of the current monetary system that has enriched the rogue-few!

By jamn2020 Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 12:01 PM

Assalamualaikum YBhg.Tun,

Financial and Economic Crisis globally, Just wondering How Our present Govt and Finance Minister making all the efforts to recover and rectify.

You proved and do it your way and we were saved in the 1997-1998.

We might become poorer , but SOMEBODY in the present administration have to act fast to come up with a plan to recover with their way. or at least ask ANYBODY who have done their way.

But on the other side,across a blue ocean on the east side an Island a financial Offshore Hub, Somebody which is related to anybody can become richer by launching a New H-HUB, I would say an opportunist to grab the chance despite the difficulty of the masses of the Malaysian in financial turmoil. Sad to say and see our leaders at loss and busy in newspaper making statement rather than looking at real problems of Financial Tsunami.

Hope By April we can get down to real business Insyallah . Wish you could contribute by giving ideas to these ANYBODY, SOMEBODY and EVERYBODY.

I am just a NOBODY who care for my survival and my family and the people of malaysia .

I just Wish we Malaysian could be on the map again and or vanish in thin air .or just become irrelevant ..

You put us on the map AND HAVE MALAYSIA BOLEH SLOGAN but the somebody is making us invisible. TQ

By dennis Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 12:02 PM

Dear Tun,

I thank God for giving you insights, wisdom and health to both run the country for 22 years and still continue to lend advice to the current administration, albeit, unwelcomed.

Please give us some concrete advice, especially to the medium and lower income groups, how to weather through this financial crisis.

By azmany Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 12:08 PM

I believe this feeling is shared among most people on the street. Unfortunately the power that be believed that it's better be kept as the elephant in the room - everybody knows it's there but nobody wants to talk about it.

But the world will go on. Implosion or explosion or economy - we will move on. The question is whether we (rakyat biasa) want to mop in sorrow and self-pity "Apalah nak jadi dengan nasib kami ni... tak tahu lah.." or we soldier on and look for new opportunities in this changing times.

Look at the bright side. The once-giants of businesses are now shred to pieces. This will allow smaller, unknown companies from small, unheralded countries like Malaysia (albeit with less debt overhang and kita-boleh attitude) to walk up to new customers and say 'We can do it for you - good quality & technology, competitive price and stabil economy' (don't mention the forbidden word - politics). A year ago these people from, say China or Middle East, may eksyen at us and prefer to listen to the Mat Sallehs. But now.... we may be a better option - especially if our offer is backed with financial support from local banks (who have money but too scaredy cat to lend out nowadays).

We play our cards right - we may become like Korea in the 80s to the troubled world. Of course if our business proposal come with no-nonsense support of a strong government - it will be a cinch. But let's not be dreaming too much - ahhh... the good old days when the mere mention of our leaders will add 50% premium to our proposals. Don't we miss that.

When stomachs are full - people do tend to be less restless and not bicker over the smallest of things.
By XBBAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 12:13 PM

Dear Tun,

Whatever it is, I don't see our government is capable of doing anything to safe our country, we are going down hill faster than expected. Everyday our paper only talk about politics, and we all sick and tired of it. I hardly read the paper now adays. I prefer to read international news from internet.
By pendudukAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 12:19 PM

Salam Tun Sekeluarga..

Bolehkan negara-negara Islam mengambil kesempatan diatas kelemahan sistem ekonomi dunia untuk mengukuhkan kedudukan Umat Islam? Saya berharap Tun dapat memujuk pemimpin-pemimpin dan tokoh-tokoh Islam bersatu hati membina semula kegemilangan Islam.
By Ali BabaAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 12:37 PM

Tun,

God may have been providing room for boycotting US products by tightening spending and improving saving.
By antikmalayaAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 12:41 PM

Dearest Tun,

It's good to hear again on the topic of bail-out. In 1997, the Asean Tigers' economy went into crisis due to the greed of the financial/currency speculators. Malaysia economy was badly hit, affected the capital market severely. Debts arose and infrastructure projects suddenly stalled.

When you came out with the rescue plan - 'Bail-Out' ala Danaharta, Capital Control and Currency Fixing, the idea was ridiculed and shot down not only by the western economists but also by our own economist, you know who! At that time, I read with great interest and anticipation with one big puzzling question in me - What make Dr.M so confident about his formula?

Your popularity at that point in time was quite severe due to the DSAI's case. As far as I can recall, none of the people that I have met shown any comfort in your rescue plan. In fact, as you know, the ordinarily

Malaysian love to look down at any good efforts but when it comes to milling rumors, even the professionals got themselves trapped by their own perception. I called it imagination! Some had said "Oh, this is Mahathir's plan to rescue his cronies".

But surely, most of us had failed to understand the underlying intentions of the rescue plan. Enough warnings and concerns have been said at international gathering about the potential damages if the practices of the speculators were not curtailed. The Jews got irritated because they were singled out and the Arabs have no appreciation at all over the issue as they were so comfortable with their oil money. Which was why the proposal on Dinar Gold was not popularly accepted by the OIC.

If we are to observe the scenario today, we as Malaysian should be proud and thankful because we had a leader who fought hard and hard enough for justice, fairness in order to make this world a better living place to live. The Malaysian success story in pulling itself out from the economic slump of 1997 is no easy feat when the rest of the world was rejecting our home-made formula. They had wished that we fail because if we did fail, that would be the demise of Islam and Bumiputera's privileges.

By Allah's will and greatness, Dr. M is still around today to see the rewards of his works, warnings and concerns where none of the capitalist were of interest to take heed of. Today, the western effort to bail out its banks, though they were at once adamant to let companies to fail under a capitalist system could finally end-up with pockets full of monies but of no value because their formula to print more monies will eventually backfire. Until today, they have failed to address the crux of the problems which resides in their biased system and practices.

Well, let them suffer and suffer hard. Paper money will collapse. Capitalist system will collapse. Fancy financial papers and instruments will collapse. Riba will collapse. And interestingly, the Democracy system will also collapse. Mankind has been given a full-proof system by Allah swt but we fail to apply them. Will Islamic economy replace the Capitalist economy? I hope so.

I wish you the best of health and may Allah swt take good care of you. 'A great leader will find pain in even doing the right things' - Based on my own observation of the past great Muslim leaders.
By Puteri TanjungAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 12:56 PM

YAB Tun

Just want you to know that an UMNO VETERAN wrote this in Kadir Jasin's blog.

"Dato KJ.

Satu tulisan yang baik.Saya setuju dan tak setuju dengan tulisan Dato.Saya ingin memberi pandangan dengan akan sumbangan dan kesilapan yang di buat oleh mereka semasa menjadi Menteri dan Perdana Menteri.

Tun Mahathir.

Saorang yang mempunyai persenolity yang kuat.yakin kapada diri sendiri,banyak membaca dan mempunyai visionya sendiri untuk menjadikan malaysia sabagai negara maju.Samasa menjadi perdana Menteri,sungguh pun ia mempunyai ahli kabinet yang tak kurang bijak saperti Musa Hitam dan Tengku Razaligh,style Tun mentabir Negara macam one man show.Akhirnya Musa dan TRazaligh mengambil keputusan untuk menentanginya.Berlaku lah pertembongan sengit pada tahun 1987. Sejak dari awal Tun menjadi PM pada tahun 1981,ia telah banyak membuat kesilapan.Antaranya membena Daya Bumi diberi kapada kontrektor jepun dengan harga 100% lebeh mahal dari local kontrektor.Bezanya \$200 juta ringgit.Kemudian Tun cuba mempertahankan harga Tin.Scandal MAMINCO.Kita kerugian hampir \$400 juta.Menubohkan Sogoshasha.Akhirnya di tipu oleh orang di percayainya Abdulah Ang.Kerajaan rugi hampir \$100 juta.Menubohkan Perwaja.Eric Chia buat angkara.Kerajaan kerugian hambir 5 billon.

Kalau hendak di sebut banyak lagi.Akhir sekali di akhir pemerintahannya ia membelanjakan hampir \$40 billion wang Petronas untuk membenakan Putra Jaya dan Twin tower.Satu pembaziran yang tak dapat di maafkan.

Tun juga bertanggung jawab untuk melahirkan beberapa Billionair seperti Ananda dan YTL dan Syed Mokhtar.Dan bertanggung jawab untuk memamatkan beberapa Ahli Korporat Melayu yang ia pada mulanya membantu mereka.Tan Sri Ibrahim Promet,Tan Sri Halim,Tan Sri Tajuddin,semua dibiarkan mati katak dalam krisis kewangan 1997.

Jadi,Kadir you tak usahlah puji sangat Mahathir tu.Dia macam ayam sabong,bekukok sedap tapi ekornya banyak tahi.

Tun Daim,saorang persenoliti yang menarek.Saorang batu api yang melagakan pemimpin UMNO secara tak sedar mereka di ketepikan.Ia baik dengan semua orang seperti Tun Musa,Tengku Razaleigh,Anwar Sanusi.Akhirnya mereka ini habis di lenyapnya.Ia juga baik dengan Lee Kuan yew dan saya tak tahu samaada ia menjadi spy Singapura. Banyak keputusan yang ia buat lebih menguntungkan Singapura.Perundingan untuk membangunkan tanah Railway di Singapura salah satu darinya.Keputusan yang Daim buat tanpa di rojek kepada kabinet.Membatalan CLOB merupakan satu yang merugikan Malaysia capital market.Dia beritahu semua orang Effective Capital milik UMNO,tapi yang banyak untung ialah Akbar Khan,orang kuat Daim.

Samasa Daim menjadi menteri kewangan pada tahun 1984 ,Mahathir amat percaya dengannya.Ia di anggap sebagai economic Czar.tapi Mahathir tak tahu ia juga banyak private deal yang menguntungkannya.Rekod Daim samasa menjadi Menteri kewangan kali pertama amat impressive.Banyak budaknya seperti Tajuddin,Halim,Wan Azmi,Razaleigh,Rashid Hussein menjadi billionair secara mendadak,terutamanya samasa pasaran saham naik mendadak tahun 1994 - 1997.

Semua orang tahu bahawa kejatuhan Anwar dalam UMNO dan Kerajaan di rancangan oleh Daim.Ini di sebabkan Anwar tidak terutang budi kepada Daim.Tak dapat di napikan tanpa Daim,Anwar tidak akan kemana.Daim lah yang bertanggung jawab meminta Mahathir menjadi Menteri Kewangan.Daim juga bertanggung jawab bagi Anwar mengalahkan Tun Ghafar.Anwar apabila menjadi Menteri Kewangan telah mula hilang pedoman,ia menjadi amat sombong dan mula mengorek apa yang Daim buat samasa menjadi Menteri kewangan.Anwar juga banyak membuat keputusan yang merugikan Daim dan budaknya.Contohnya ia lah keputusan Anwar untuk membenarkan Tan Sri Loy dari MBF untuk mengambil alih syarikat Sri Hartamas.

Ini merupakan projek yang paling Daim idamkan.Projek ini mulanya di miliki oleh Tan Sri Syed Kechil dan Wong kee Tat.Waktu krisis pasaran saham tahun 1985 Daim yang masa itu menjadi menteri Kewangan enggan menolong Syed Kechil.Syed Kechik jadi bankrup dan Sri Hartamas di bawah receiver.Samasa Daim berhenti menjadi menteri kewangan Daim telah meminta proxy nya,Dzulkipli untuk membeli saham Sri Hartamas.Anwar yang tak tahu ekor pangkal telah mendengar nasehat Murad dari bank negara untuk memberi projek ini kepada Tan Sri Loy.Sudah tentu Daim marah.

Tun Daim yang mula nya menjadi menteri kewangan yang baik,telah dilantek menjadi Menteri kewangan kali kedua selepas Anwar di pecat.Dalam masa ini lah Daim menjadi begitu rakus.Banyak projek di luluskan tanpa pengetahuan kabinet dan Mahathir.Akhirnya Mahathir memechatnya dan saya percaya sampai sekarang Mahathir berasa very bitter apa yang Daim lakukan.

Pak Lah sebagai Perdana Menteri.

Saya masih ingat pada masa itu,apabila hubungan Daim dengan Mahathir telah menjadi renggang,Daim secara terbuka meminta pemimpin UMNO untuk memaksa Mahathir berhenti dan Pak Lah menjadi Perdana Menteri.Tun Khalil,Setiausaha Agung UMNO, merupakan antara orang nya yang memainkan peranan ini.Saya juga di maalmukan oleh Megat Junid,sabelum ia mati, yang ia dan Daim lah merupakan orang yang mempengaruhi Mahathir melantek Pak Lah sebagai Timbalan Perdana Menteri.

Tun Daim yang mulanya merupakan musuh yang ketat dengan Musa dan Pak Lah dari team B, tiba-tiba menjadi kawan baik. Saya yakin Tun berbuat demikian kerana ia sangka ia boleh menggunakan Pak Lah yang ia tahu amat lemah dari segi quality leadership.

Kenaikan Pak Lah banyak di bantu oleh budak BTN seperti Anwar zaini, Shagul hamid, Rozai, Dr Kadri dan Pak Wan, Pak mentua Anwar. Mahathir pun tahu samasa Pak Lah dalam kabinetnya tidak ada satu pun idea bernas yang ia sumbangkan. PR nya first class. Ramai kawannya tidor tak lena bila pak Lah jadi PM. Tapi akhirnya mereka ini menyumpah Pak Lah kerana satu pun projek kerajaan mereka tak dapat. Siapa yang salah di sini kadir. Tun Mahathir tak boleh cuci tangan.

Tan Sri Nor MOF2 merupakan persenolity yang amat menarek. saya setuju 100% dengan You yang ia lah yang merosakna ekonomi kita sekarang ini. Ia juga yang memberitahu Pak lah supaya membatalkan banyak projek yang Tun rancang sabelum ia bersara. Ia juga yang memberitahu Pak Lah akan pembaziran Mahathir. Semua yang you sebut itu betul. tak payah saya nak tambah. Memang ia denga Zeti tak sebulu. ia tak mahi menyambog kontrek Zeti. Zeti terpaksa menunggu di pejabat Pak Lah 4 jam untok berjumpa denganya dan memaksa Pak lah menyambongkan kontrek nya pada hari itu juga.

Ia juga sabotage Tan Sri Ali Abu Hassan. Yang patut menjadi MOF2 ialah Tan sri Ali dan bukan dia. Sampai sekarang Tan Sri Ali tak boleh lihat mukanya.

Memang benar, Pak lah kena kelentong dengannya. Pak lah yang banyak tak tahu hal ekonomi ikut sahaja apa yang ia recommended. Untok berlaku adil kapada Pak lah banyak projek dan kontrek untok anak beranak Pak Lah, untok Noni, untok Khairy di beri oleh MOF2 tanpa pengetahuan Pak lah. Sebab itu dalam interview Anwar zaini dengan Pak lah, ia tak tahu menahu akan kontrek yang di perolehi oleh Scomi.

Saya tak mahu menyebut banyak direct nego kontrek di beri dengan harga gila2 dan tahu berapa banyak mereka buat duit. Itu antara ia dengan Allah. Saya boleh sebut di sini tapi nanti you kata mana boktinya. Jadi fitnah.

Eloklah saya simpulkan disini bahawa Najib mempunyai tugas yang berat untok membetulkan kewangan negara. Saya percaya Negara kita sudah kehabisan wang dan kita akan benkrup jika harga minyak dan harga kelapa sawit di tahap ini. Deficit kita akan lebeh besar dan nilai ringgit akan jatuh lagi katahap \$4.50.

MOF2 dah tahu nansibya. Ia memberitahu kawannya di tasek gelugor yang najib dah clip wingnya. Ia tak lagi dapat approve kontrek2 yang besar. Najib dah tahu tembelangnya. Dengar kata tempatnya akan di ganti oleh professional dan bukan ahli politik.

Saya berharap cerita pengliporlora saya ini tidak ada unsur fitnah dan boleh di siarkan. Salam."
By megrah Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 1:00 PM

Hope their 'Golden Boy' (Anwar) a.k.a Pakatan Riot chief de mission have the remedies how to solves his 'funder's' problems. Sure is he not only 'Master of Nothing' as said by many.
By sudin Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 1:03 PM

Assalam'kum Tun.

I've read a lot on your paramount & unparalleled efforts to solve our own 1997/'98 financial crisis - Tun learned from basic the full mechanism of the financial system (till you're an expert?), then dedicated whatever precious hours available to develop the numerous remedial methods and to choose & implement the most likely workable one, Tun single-handed fought against the speculators/hedge funds managers that have full backing from western governments/world financial institutions together with their slanderous mass media, and all those amid the so-called & uncalled-for Reformasi & Keadilan lies directed at Tun and led by the PKR adviser. That the crisis was defused in record time & your 'Malaysian

way' remedy also greatly helped other affected Asian nations to minimize their damages, spoke volumes about its success.

I doubt that any present world leaders are experiencing the financial crisis in a situation you're in then. Worse still I've greatest doubt that PM 'no quality' Pak Dol bother to know the mechanism & options to find solution, well there is already someone from Pekan happily volunteering as scapegoat when our economy crumbles. PM Dol has long ago spread the word that his purportedly brilliant son-in-law is an Oxford graduate, so why quiet on the economic crisis? Rakyat sedang menderita dan akan akan lebih sengsara tapi PM Dol hanya fikir bagaimana nak tambah kekayaan keluarga & kroni/pengampu.

I dearly & greatly hope the present government (PM Dol & son/son-in-law not included - they are liabilities) is sincere, to study the world economic crisis and be ready with best solutions.

By daniel noorAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 1:13 PM

Salam Tun,

Hanya satu mansia aja di Malaysia ini yang mendukung ' bailout ' yg di lakukan oleh negara Barat itu. Tidak laen da tidak bukan ialah Anwar Ibrahim ! Pembodek negara kuasa Barat.

Saya amat bersyukur sekali kepada Allah kerana Anwar tidak di jadikan PM negara ini. Kalau tidak Malaysia akan di jadikan ' the 53rd state of USA ! "

By izhamAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 1:17 PM

assalamualaikum...

Harap Tun sihat dan ceria selalu...

lama dah tak hantaq komen..

Pasal PPMSI ni kan,,Pelik la Tun,orang2 yang dok bangkang PPMSI mcm tak mau bagi orang melayu terus maju jer..padahal,budak sekolah dan cikgu2 byk yg sokong kalu PPMSI ni diteruskan..

Hari tu,saya tengok TV,pengacara TV tu cakap "Layarilah laman sesawang"..puas saya fikir rupa2nya laman sesawang tu laman web rupa2nya..

Ntah la..Rasanya GENG2 GAPENA ni mcm ada yg TAK KENA jer..

Ok lah Tun,,nak pi mkn sat..

By miniclubmanAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 1:20 PM

Salam Tun, i hope after March you will play a vital role in advising the new Government on some creative economy custom made for Malaysia. If your son wins the Ketua Pemuda, continue to input him to be a better and concerned politician in this 21st century.

By Ali BabaAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 1:20 PM

Tun,

Their leaders labeled some moslems as terrorists. Now, their people have to face the real horrible future for quite long time. Is their financial and economic collapse or crises caused by their leaders at Wall Street? Or by their leaders at Capitol?.... Or maybe by the collapse of World Trade Center on 9/11/2001...??? WTC collapse done by terrorists, right!?

By SwiftletAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 1:41 PM

Hi there!

How to revamp the sick world financial system when the world dominating economies already spent the money that they did not have? Now they are issuing bonds and urge countries like China and Japan with high saving rate to purchase them!

I have a very layman approach, all the west needs to do is be frugal and stingy on every expense and learn to earn for one's livelihood instead of creating complicated financial market that most of us do not understand. People with bad spending habits need to learn not to be the ostrich that hide its head in the

sand! Find out the real reason and resolute only to spend within means. Spend only when one can afford it. We are in trouble because other people had already spent the future money that they did not have years ago and are trying paying for it now.

Try to watch this video to understand the magnitude of problem, <http://vimeo.com/3261363>, it is a messy situation! Tun, do you have a better solution to rid the world of this mess?

For one, I think the world currency should revert back to gold or other precious metals or even reviving the barter trade. Having a US Dollar control system outweigh its reliability, how much longer can the US hold on before going under?

In the west, the financial market has tanked and it is just waiting for government to perform CPR and hook up life support. It makes school training irrelevant, no more projections by analyst or financier are needed as government will bail out at the end! There go the teaching profession!

For the scheme of thing, when USA was under incompetence at the highest political level of George Bush Jr's leadership and greed and corruption at the highest financial level and arrogance at the highest national level, and here I am in Malaysia under corruption and abuse at the highest political and judicial level. So, nothing's new under this sun. As tax payer, I fund the now not so SMART mega project like the tunnel here, and the people in the west fund the CEOs and everybody else's high living! Like what God warned in the gospel, do not put your trust in what is corruptible where moth eats and rust consumes, but put your trust in God.

Swiftlet

By SeAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 2:00 PM

Apa sudah terjadi kat negara kita ni?

Baca blog banyak-banyak apa guna? Tun tak payah la blog banyak sangat, buat sesuatu, dan buatlah dengan secepat mungkin!

Saya tak tau la apa yg hanpa ni syukur sangat -- macam lah keadaan sekarang baik sangat.

Buka mata, tengok jauh sikit. Malaysia sekarang ni sangat tenant, kalau bukan Pakatan Rakyat, dapatkah hangpa ni semua nampak bodohan UMNO-BN?

By I copyAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 2:01 PM

Tun yang di hormati,

Tahun 1997-98 Malaysia menghadapi masalah kerana tidak dapat memenuhi 'commitment'. Rasa nya isu 'balance of payment', kalau salah mohon perbetulkan.

Sekarang negara-negara Barat menghadapi masalah kerana masalah perbankan , masalah ekonomi dsb.

Masalah ini telah melibatkan semua negara dunia samada yang kaya dan yang miskin.

Negara kaya seperti Jepun, China dan Singapura pun tak terkecuali.

Rasanya mereka lebih teruk terkena bahang masalah ekonomi ini dari negara-negara miskin.

By Tauke KedaiAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 2:12 PM

Syabas Tun! Very well put. Short and sweet.

I am not surprised with some executives who talk but whatever they talk about does not reflect in their deliverables.

By NoSnailAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 2:15 PM

Tun,

What crisis ? Its just the transfer of fund, from the poor and medium class to the rich. they money isnt gone just a transfer of master

By the poor malaysianAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 2:16 PM

Dearest Tun,

You're always right is just that why can't our current leaders see this, the only solution for Malaysia to overcome this terrible time is by seeking Tun advise not denying it. I feel sad for the country when such a time we are bickering within ourselves and denying the pragmatic way of solving the Malaysian current external problems.

The oldest party in Malaysia will soon face problems when all the Malaysians feels that the current leadership does not care about the ppl but it's own interest of power and greed in controlling the opposition state. Definitely they have forgotten who puts the opposition there???? Let's just say playing hard ball now is like getting the ball bounce back at your face hard. If there is a snap election i guess Perak will be fully grasp by the opposition. In times like this the harder you try the bigger the fall. I ingat tingkat 4 banyak kena belajar lagi bukan di Ofortt tapi dari Tun. Kalau situasi sekarang bagi Tun mungkin kita sudah beli Oxford Universiti untuk Malaysia seperti Proton dan Augusta.

The only way out for Malaysia is Tun. Trust me Tun, if Tun were to appear more in the newspaper, Malaysians will definitely have the feel good factor already. Whatever Tun says or recommends does have a pragmatic approach which turn things around. How i wish i could be your student taking your advise and approach, guess someone just doesn't know how to cherish what good things they get in life.

Even the western powers reformulate what Tun has implemented previously. Tapi ada orang yang nak belajar dari Tingkat 4, kursus buat \$\$\$\$\$ shj... isk isk.

Betul sedih lah. Jangan khuatir Tun, Tuhan akan memanjangkan umur Tun untuk Malaysia. Orang jahat mesti mati muda...

the poor malaysian.

By ARFarahAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 2:16 PM

Thank you for your insight, sir. As always - concise, precise -making it easy for the layman to digest. Vintage Mahathir!

Bless you, sir. May Allah always keep you in His care.

By Jed YoongAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 2:23 PM

Good afternoon, Tun.

This crisis is financially fatal, even the very rich.

Some very rich ppl lost their millions of dollars of savings in Lehman's. Being very rich, they also have very, very, very high expenditures/commitments usually. They may be able to sell off their assets but now values are low, so they are also making losses on that.

Depending on their background, whether they became rich from poor, or they were born rich, they will react differently to the situation. There are some bleak stories of rich ppl unable to cope.

There is also some conspiracy theories floating around. Among them that the big Western invst banks were just running scams and siphoned all their customers' funds before crashing the banks and markets.

How true is this? No idea. But in my view, plausible. That Madoff thing may be just some cover up of something even bigger.

By sykesAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 2:25 PM

ASM Tun,

Tu le, dulu Tun dah kata jangan dok harap green back saja kita kena sandar kat dinar or whatever sound not so arab (terrorist le konon2 nya). La ni semua padan muka their economic terrorist will "kill" more people than the suicide bomber termasuk le kita yang masih merangkak nak recover ni. And I also wonder where is these trillion dollars coming from (maybe from the paper pulp company eh??) US can do wonders (sic)

By Atui DtabasanAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 2:31 PM

sejak krisis 97-98, ana ingin sekali melihat bahawa tindakan yang diambil oleh Tun akan menunjukkan hasil yang diharapkan. Ana juga mengikuti perkembangannya walau bukan secara akademik, membaca juga tulisan Menteri kewangan kedua ketika bersama-sama Tun menghabiskan masa di Argentina membincang hal ekonomi, dan sekarang bila krisis melanda semula, terasa begitu bangga dengan tindakan Tun dahulu. Kini semuanya adalah sejarah. Bagi ana Tun bercakap dalam bahasa yang mudah difahami tidak kira apa bidang yang Tun bicarakan. Memang benar komen Prof Emiritus Khoo Kay Kim yang Tun seorang yang tidak pernah membosankan. Moga panjang Umur Tun.

By chedeenAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 2:32 PM

Askm Tun & fellow bloggers

It has been a long time I haven't been here, busy as of late. I'm no economist nor am I a financial advisor, but I would like to share my views on this.

I personally don't think it's fair that we have to go through what the Americans and the Europeans are going through. Like Tun mention, their abuses in the financial and monetary system is their own downfall. Big companies/Financial Institutions like GM, FORD, CitiGroup etc are all out begging for funds and they seem to have enough of it. Just last month on CNN, GM the worlds biggest auto-maker was asking (more like demanding by the sound of them) financial aids from other countries like Germany and Sweden (concerning Saab and Opel if I'm not mistaken). While CitiGroup, has sold off most of its subsidiaries and it's share prices plummeted still despite of their measures and bailouts.

Ironically, we are depending on this countries i.e America and Europe for trades and investment, if they suffer we also suffer.

That is what has happen or is happening. The question now is what can we do about it? I agree that bailouts is not going to give an impact of great magnitude to bounce back the world economy. Though we see minor improvement, it is not stable. What will stabilize the economy? One of the way I see if we invest more on Islamic based financial instrument or investment as it is not being effected by the conventional method. Maybe somebody with more experience and knowledge on this matter can explain it better.

Wishing Tun & family good health and good fortune. Also, to the others.

By arahAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 2:55 PM

Another piece of excellent write up that sum up all the news in the media about economy which nobody really understand. Thanks Tun for making me realised it all now. But why suddenly the dollar is in demand recently, another puzzle for me. Semoga Tun sekeluarga berada dalam keadaan sihat sejahtera. Maaf zahir batin.

By mazlanAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 2:57 PM

Assalamualaikum

Saya hanyalah budak kampung yang serba kekurangan tetapi ingin juga memberikan pandangan dalam

hal ekonomi Negara sekarang ini. Rasanya ekonomi asasnya amat mudah dan praktikal. Kapitalis mencipta teori dan membentuk kerangka yang kompleks agar mudah dimanipulasi oleh mereka. Maka terperangkaplah kita dalam sistem ekonomi mereka yang berbelit-belit dan penuh tipu daya ini.

Islam mengajar kita amanah dan jujur ketika menjalankan muamalat. Tiada spekulasi, riba dan gelembong ekonomi yang akan meletup bila musimnya tiba. Tolong menolong adalah prinsip asas ekonomi Islam (Qard Hassan). Kalau Negara kita mengalami masalah ekonomi kita wajib membantu. Salah satu bentuk bantuan kita adalah memberi pinjaman kepada kerajaan dan berbelanja tapi berhemah. Membayar zakat dan cukai. Saya cadangkan kerajaan angkat dulu keperluan mandatori mencarum kepada KWSP (bahagian pekerja) agar pendapatan boleh belanja kita meningkat seterusnya meningkatkan penggunaan dalam negara. Biarlah kerajaan meminjam daripada EPF untuk meningkatkan perbelanjaan kerajaan dalam infrastruktur. Kita semua hendaklah bersatu bekerja keras membangunkan negara ini kerana inilah masa yang sesuai untuk kita mengatur langkah menjadi negara yang kuat dan berdaulat dalam semua segi (ekonomi, politik dan kemanusiaan)

Kerajaan yang ada perlulah berubah, meninggalkan kemungkar dan maksiat dan menjalankan amanah dengan berhemat dan teliti dalam membuat sesuatu keputusan dan perbelanjaan. Saya mencadangkan agar kerajaan memacu sektor pertanian dengan lebih agresif lagi dengan mengatur semula modal insan dan kewangan. Kita mempunyai tanah yang luas serta subur. Amat memalukan bila kita mengimpor begitu banyak barang makanan untuk keperluan dalam Negara. Sebaik mungkin kita perlu menjadi negara yang mampu memenuhi keperluan kita sendiri kerana kita mempunyai banyak sumber asas. Langkah lebih ekstrem lagi adalah meningkatkan perlindungan kepada ekonomi kita jika perlu. Kurangkan impot barangan yang kita boleh keluarkan dengan meningkatkan cukai dan levi.

Inilah pandangan budak kampung mungkin ramai yang tak setuju.
By Zahari SAutor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 3:04 PM

Assalamualaikum YBhg Tun Dr. Mahathir,

Based on what's going on in the US and Europe, I personally do not believe that the bail out will work and it will take longer than they expected for the economies to recover.

The current situation cannot be compared to what happened to Malaysia and other Asian Tigers of the 90s because our problem then was an excessive speculation on the respective currencies. It started with Thailand all the way to Brazil and Argentina.

What is happening in US and Europe is that the whole financial sectors are affected. The banks, merchant or investment banks who securitised the sub-primed assets and sold to investors or other banks. Insurance companies like AIG are impacted because they provided guarantees for these sub-primed which finally became toxic assets. Not spared were the two mortgage financiers, FannieMay and FreddieMac which required bail out money in October 2008.

In addition, US is facing huge problem in their back bone industry, automobile manufacturing as recent sales indicated a 50% drop in sales across the board.

The major different between Malaysia and US situation is that in 1998, Malaysia has a strong fundamentals and we were facing a credit crunch because we were following the contractionary policy prescribed by IMF. Alternatively, US fundamentals is rather shaky and it worsened when the price of petrol was shooting through the roof and finally the credit crunch which happen because banks were not lending as to protect their own liquidity in shoring the sub-prime and toxic assets crisis.

In Malaysia, it was a policy decision and it cost the government almost nothing to implement the currency control measures where as in the US and EUROPE, trillions of dollars have been created and pumped into problem industries and companies just to bail them out. For example, AIG has received more than USD100 billion just to shore up their accounts which showed USD60 billion deficits and this is not the last of the worsening financials of AIG. More is to come.

So, the bail out by US and EU governments will not lead to swift recovery because of weak fundamentals and rising unemployments. You see, when the confidence is gone and the perception is gloomy, people tend to save more money in the time the economy require spending from all quaters; consumers, business and governments. As of now, I don't see such a thing happening in the US.

As of Malaysia, the main industry that is being affected is the electronic manufacturing because consumers in US, Europe and to a certain extend Japan are not spending on new gadgets. Once our factory workers are retrenched by the bus loads, consumer confidence will reduce and this will have a strong negative impact across the board.

Finally, I do not see any concrete plan by the government of the day on how to arrest the recession and stabilise the economy before we can rise above the crisis. So Tun, please lead the way...

Wassalam

LoyalCitizen
Shah Alam

By Terus TerangAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 3:05 PM

Hi All, ada yang puji Dr M dan ada yg disebaliknya. Tapi bila kita lihat rekod, saya rasa tak salah dipuji.

Ramai persoal pembinaan twin towers. Pembaziran. Tapi saya lihat twin tower dah jadi landmark untuk Malaysia. Makin banyak filem Hindustan tayang twin towers dlm pembikinan klip2 lagu mereka. Ini secara sedar atau tidak menjana ke arah tourism (salah satu sumber pendapatan negara kita). Ini baru satu. dah tentu ada kelebihan lain yg kita tak nampak.

Ini pandangan saya sahaja. Sebagai rakyat yang humble, ini yang saya nampak.

Saya setuju dgn Dr M yg mengatakan peperangan di Gaza bukan based pada keagamaan. Ia hendaklah diselesaikan secepat mungkin atas dasar perikemanusiaan. Tetapi saya hairan...Kenapa Dr M belum tulis mengenai orang2 Tamil dibunuh oleh tentera Sri Lanka dan LTTE di Sri Lanka.

Apakah pandangan dan tindakan Dr M sebagai Chairperson of The Kuala Lumpur Foundation To Criminalise War (KLFCW)?

By MII66Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 3:07 PM

Salam Hormat TDMM & TDSH,

Wow ! That is scary BUT alhamdulillah we have shahadah where rezeki Allah will provide as long as we work hard. With present situation we even have to work harder. If TUN have any small renovation work both architectural and interior design maybe TUN could allow me to take up the opportunity. Hope TUN do not mind me being direct because I believe if we don't ask we don't get.

Thank you SIR!

By akeeAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 3:11 PM

this bailout will be like pouring water into river to fill it up.

the money system has very much over ballon-ed with fake credit over the pass few centuries. those kind of money has been balloning all over the world like bubble & ballon everywhere which was gravity by industrialization.

today the money system become very sick for consuming too much of air. money which was created from Lies (tricky complicated unhealthy fake credit) will eventually have his pay back day. maybe now is the day.

money same as human is evolving as time goes by. money although seem lifeless, have evolved into lifeless evil that is haunting the lifeless Earth/Resources to become Hell.

..that is why money also got 'duit halal' & 'duit haram'..

human is getting more, food resources is getting less & cannot coup up with the daily demand.

when the last fish is fished out from the river, then only human will reliase that money cannot be eaten.
By Mohamed IsmailAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 3:41 PM

Salam Tun,

Terima kasih kerana update blog... Apa2 pon.. Sy tak nampak kerajaan kita bersedia nk hadapi krisis ekonomi.. Nampak lagi sibuk dengan keadaan politik semasa...
By normal citizenAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 3:45 PM

Dear Tun,

I just have one question need your clarification.

How do you come into conclusion that Phileo Allied Bank should go and acquired by Malayan Banking in 1997/98 ?
By abbasAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 3:47 PM

Here you are telling, reminding and spooking us that the economy is not getting any better at all. Get to work, get to work, get to work!

But in reality..,

Malaysian politicians still playing with time and not only that, they are playing with each of the rakyat's piece of brain too. I don't know about you all. But I can't wait for next PRU, the feeling right now is, I'm getting out this time just to finish all this nonsense. Even if I don't win , my satisfaction would still be that, - ' I didn't vote them'.

You see, right now It feels like they have segregated us the rakyat into groups.Each group is taken care of by a politician or two and is further divided into issues.Accordingly, these group shall be formed based on the rakyat's sentiment on certain issues [that they harped, if they harped , when they harped] – the how strongly or poorly factors [how the rakyat is taking it- the extend ,to put pressure] is very important to them too. Base on this they strategized.

Strategize what?How to make them looked good.How to make the rakyat see that they are the ONE.How keeping them in power is VITAL. Notice that its all about them.

Hai rakyat, kita kena main.Mereka guna kita untuk kesinambungan karier mereka.Sedikit pun tidak mahu berkorban.Walaupun tahu yang masa tidak menunggu kita.Satu kelompok mereka akan cari kelemahan demi kelemahan.Uji /sesakkan mahkamah, uji/sesakkan polis dan paling memualkan sudah berani menguji /mengajak Sultan supaya melatah.Satu kelompok lagi tugasnya ialah lagak bergaya hero dengan mengutarakan isu isu rakyat di Parlimen. Bacalah rentak mereka.

Orang melayu guna orang melayu,guna orang melayu,guna orang melayu,guna orang melayu,guna orang melayu, lah! Ada yang bersorak..hip hip hooray! Apa lagi, masih tak nampak.

Ceritanya , beliau adalah cucu hj mena__ r. Dah tua dah.Beliau menjadi anak yatim piatu semuda umurnya 9thn atau kurang. Beliau menceritakan pengalaman beliau ketika zaman jepun dulu ,tentang , pada suatu malam, kumpulan lelaki melayu yang memakai topi berbucu- bucu mengepong rumah [rumah yang dipilh oleh jepun untuk menjadi markas atau pejabat mereka , tidak pasti, cuma mengikuti saja

cerita orang tua ini yang didiaminya bersama neneknya yang pekak dan sedikit rabun serta makcik dan seorang pembantu wanita. Mengikut beliau, makcik nya dan pembantu telah diheret dengan tali di leher ke hutan pada malam itu juga. Itulah kali terakhir beliau nampak mereka. Beliau menghilangkan diri kerana takut mendapat nasib yang serupa [saksi kejadian] dan terpaksa berdikari pada umur semuda itu kerana takut beliau pula yang akan jadi sasaran kumpulan itu.

Entahlah, cuma cerita-cerita dari seorang perempuan tua yang telah melalui liku-liku kehidupan yang derita ketika zaman jepun dan komunis dulu. Bukan angkara jepun tapi sekumpulan orang melayu yang perjuangannya dipesongkan, perasaan yang hanya bermula dengan cemburu yang kemudiannya bakari oleh kemarahan yang tiada noktah.

Sekarang ni, beliau tanya saya, "melayu-melayu macam tu dah keluar semula ke"?

Macam mana nak jawab ya.?

Assalamualaikum Tun berdua. Semuga Tun berdua sentiasa diberkati dengan tahap kesihatan yang baik.

By anaku5Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 3:49 PM

Dear Tun,

Semuga dalam lindungan ALLAH hendaknya.

Rata-rata rakyat biasa dah merasai bahang dari kemelesetan ekonomi. Malangnya tiada langkah-langkah konkrit yang sedang diusahakan oleh pemimpin negara. Apa nak jadi dengan Malaysia. Ekonomi merudum, rakyat sengsara, pemimpin masih leka berpolitik tak habis-habis. Malu rasanya bila DUN pun bersidang bawah pokok. Bergolek-golek omputih gelak, mundur benar Malaysia. Buat dasar hanya bawah pokok. Apa sebenarnya yang ingin dicapai oleh pemimpin kita hari ini?

Perdana Menteri mana? Makan gaji buta ke biarkan perkara ini berlarutan. Jangan lepas tangan saja. Sudah-sudahlah berpolitik. Buat lah kerja pulak. Rakyat menderita ooooo

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 3:51 PM

Dear Tun,

The western countries have been cursed by Allah for practising riba' in their banking system. Now their banking system has collapsed. They should now look into the viability of Islamic banking system.

They have been played out by the greedy Yahudi (Jews) who created the banking system to suit their objective of controlling the world financial system.

By ingatAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 3:59 PM

Hairan – peniagaan tulin perlukan pinjaman , banyak karenah ...

Kerajaan mencanangkan bantuan untuk rakyat bagi membela nasib mereka bersabit kegawatan ekonomi dunia sekarang. Kerajaan juga telah memperuntukkan berbilion ringgit untuk tujuan itu, Perbagai agensi ditubuhkan untuk membantu orang melayu untuk berniaga,

Tetapi saya kurang faham kemana perginya peruntukan tersebut. Saya ingin menceritakan hal peniagaan kawan saya. Beliau menjalankan peniagaan menghanar barang dengan lorinya sendiri. Perniagaan kebanyakan dengan cara tunai. Apabila mula berlaku kegawatan, peniagaan turut tersebak. Maka setelah berfikir panjang, dan tiada jalan lain beliau mengemukakan pinjaman Tekun Bahagian Cheras. Malangnya pelbagai karenah dan saolan yang di kemukakan. Pejabat Tekun minta resit peniagaan, Dari awal telah dinyatakan kebanyakan peniagaannya secara tunai. Tetapi ada pula orang yang senang dapat. Kami berkawan kami tahu siapa dapat. Perniagaan kawan saya ini telah tergugat. Saya harap pinjaman sebegini biarlah orang yang telah lama berniaga dan sekarang mereka menimpa masalah. Saya bersimpai dengan beliau dan hanya boleh menasihatinya supaya bersabar jangan putus asa. Memudah-mudahan pihak kerajaan bantulah bumiputra yang tenat ini. Isu begini selalu

kedengaraan.
Walinong Sari ,
By BenderbuzzAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 4:03 PM

Salam Tun.

Nampaknya tindakan negara maju untuk menyelamatkan ekonomi mereka tidak pula diberikan sebarang ulasan oleh pakar ekonomi yang menggemari Anwar Ibrahim. Hampir tiada langsung komen kedengaran yang akan mendakwa kerajaan Britain dan US cuba menyelamatkan kroni mereka.

Apapun harap-harap Najib dapat bertindak pantas,bijak dan berkesan bagi menghadapi situasi yang kian gawat kini. Mungkin penubuhan pasukan MTEN baru boleh difikirkan seberapa segera.
By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 4:31 PM

Finding Solution To School Bullies

KUALA LUMPUR, March 4 (Bernama) -- The police will discuss with the education department on appropriate measures to overcome bullying in schools.

Bukit Aman CID director Datuk Seri Mohd Bakri Mohd Zinin said the police would help the department by giving suggestions and guidelines on how to deal with the problem.

"Although the issue is not yet critical, the police believe that it should be handled together.

"This is to ensure that our country is not inherited by a generation involved in crime.

comment:

Hisham pun sama macam Pak Lah. Tidor je !! Sampai sekarang tidak dapat mengatasi masalah buli di sekolah. Apa pasal benda yang senang untuk mengatasinya boleh jadi satu masalah yang serious dan tidak dapat di tangani dengan berkesan.

Jawabnya, Hisham's priority is FLIP,FLOP !!!! NO serious long term commitment to tackle the problem.
"Tenggelam timbul" attitude !!

By OngAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 4:41 PM

i would like to express my disappointment in Federal Government for not expressing their objection to the recent statement by Kedah Menteri Besar (which I read over the newspaper recently) to stick to the increase of Bumi Quota in Housing development in Kedah from 30% to 50%. I know that the policy on applies to "swap" Malay Reserve Land in Kedah, but such policy was based on 30% under the previous housing policy.

I cannot understand why the Federal Government is keeping quite these day on this Bumi Quota issue in Kedah. And I think Kedah is not sparred from the World Economic crisis.

As a Kedahan, I think that such policy is not fair to non-Bumi. Last was 30% (which I think was okay). But now it is 50% (which I think is absurd).

So, Tun, could you please let me know your views on this policy as you have successfully led our country for more than 20years.

James
A very disappointed Kedahan
By antidotesAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 4:48 PM

The other thing that we should take notice is that these people responsible for the credit crunch are the same people who are playing future commodities especially in the oil trade.

They are the same people responsible hiking the oil price up. Now they don't have enough money to do that. The oil price are back to normal. Even lower than previously forecast.

By ah_hengAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 4:55 PM

Tun,

Great to see you running here and forth to London ;) I remembered you came to London around the same time last year. And I even took a picture with you (http://www.xanga.com/ah_heng/654971556/item/)

Anyway, back to your comment. With due respect, I am really tired with all the criticism on what the US or European have done trying to "save" their countries. Naturally, with their economic size all numbers will run into trillions... But that doesn't mean they should just sit down and watch them fail. I am sure you didn't do that when Malaysia went into such crisis in the 97-98.

So, what's your thought on how to revive these bad economic condition? I am sure you will agree with me that if "we" manage to bring them back to their feet, it's beneficial not to those Yankees and "fish and chips" blokes, it's also good for MALAYSIA.

Wong.

By mantobaAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 4:55 PM

Tun.

DSRY membuat ulasan dan kenyataan menarik semalam. Beliau mengatakan antara banyak sebab kenapa berlaku nya kekeliruan, perbalahan dan tercetus nya kekecuaan dikalangan rakyat adalah di sebabkan kurang atau lambat dalam penguat kuasa undang2. Terlalu lambat bertindak oleh penguat kuasa undang2 untuk mengekang sesuatu yang telah berlaku menyalahi undang2. Bergitu lah antara maksud nya yang saya faham.

Beliau juga ada menyentuh peranan AG yang tak nampak kelibat nya dalam mana2 masaalah pelanggaran perundangan yang sedang melanda negara untuk tampil membuat kenyataan atau mengambil tindakan yang tegas.

Ya lah saya pun perasan juga mana pergi Gani Patail. Negara kecu dengan pelbagai masalah perundangan. Dia sedap2 tidur. PM pun kurang sentuh isu2 yang sedang melanda negara yang membabitkan politik saman menyaman, tembak menembak, persidangan bawah pokok, menghina Sultan,DLL. Kalau bolih cuba mengelak diri bila ditanya oleh Press.

Maka kerana itulah tak ada jalan penyelesaian yang efektif dan permasalahan itu terus berlarutan. Tidak ada NOKTAH nya seperti yang berlaku di Perak. Masing2 mengaku dipehak yang betul.

Negara sudah cukup banyak mengubal2 pelbagai akta dan kanun tapi penguat kuasa nya amat minimal atau tidak ada langsung.

Maka itu sekarang ada rakyat mengambil kesempatan untuk menghuru harakan negara. Mereka langsung tidak takut untuk melanggar undang2 atau perlembagaan negara.

Saya rasa AG ni patut diganti dengan orang lain yang lebih effisen dan berani melaksanakan penguat kuasa undang2 yang dia punyai kuasa.

By wIAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 5:12 PM

Tun,

Your comments only make me feel sad for the affected people, especially the jobless. There is very little that ordinary folks can do. From the economist's point of view in a global recession if those who have the means & refuse to spend some money & adopt only austerity measures it will make the situation at home & the world at large worse. Coupled with this financial crisis is the cruel act of terrorism to wreck more havoc, physical & mental pain to others. So we can see we are living in uncertain & fallen times. I suppose we can ask for spiritual help from God. Moslems from Allah. It's important to have inner peace first before we can reach out to our fellow beings. Need also to extend a hand to those who genuinely need our help

by giving alms at church or zakat at mosques. When others look the other way we should pray to God to help them get on the right path.

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By azrinAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 5:18 PM

These countries forget the basics of economy, and even Singapore, learnt the lessons we had and braced for a bad streak with all their cash where it should be... in gold and not circulating their physical currency.

US on the other hand, is so busy trying to destabilize the world by giving countries like IRAN the Intaglio Machine which literally prints money to destroy Iraq but these Iranians printed USDollars instead...cheaply.

If not for our Agriculture, we are sitting ducks again, and for Thailand and Indonesia, their economy is self sustaining because their money never left the country. It's pouring into as the world needs to eat and have to pay for it. Europe imports most of their food from us, Indonesia and Thailand. Indonesia in retrospect has over 750 Million Metric Tons of Gold in reserves to back their currency and we have somewhere about more in that region for our RM150Billion of currency in circulation. (25*25*1million numbers x(1+5+10+50+100 RM notes..do the math, max number of currency, but only 1% is in use) compared to Singapore having just \$4 billion in circulation and \$1.4B in 100/50/10/5/2 notes.

Whatever it is, we should start getting our own citizens to grow their own food. Wherever possible, on the roof tops, on the corridors, on vacant land and TNB reserve land (which UK placed them under Allotments Program) and don't rely at all on foreign worker. DISALLOW renewal of Work Permits for this 3 years and WHOLE HEARTED AMNESTY. Anyone who wish to go home..can just go..and never to come back. Save money, time, labour and man hours processing and feeding these illegals.

The point is.. that is what UK, Europe is doing to make sure their currency is circulating again..and ECO NO MONEY is what happens when people who are greedy trade over nothing. Now they are selling their reserve gold bullion to cover their shorts and oil drops.

Rasulullah SAW prophesied that of the the problems of RIBA and Money, and in this end of time..it happens, before Kiamat.

We must learn and adapt quickly. And the Government can take the first step, No TOLLS and PRE CRISIS oil prices of RM1.30/l.

You have been wise to do the harsh thing before Tun, and this time it will work again but on the bigger scale. The Yahud is doing what U doing..but without Allah to bless it..it will fail.

Best of Health

Azrin @ <http://www.zyraz.com>

By JamalAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 5:18 PM

Dear Tun,

What is money (or the numbers in your bank book, bank statement, etc.)...it all has NO intrinsic value at all.

Money has NO value. Its value is derived from what it represents. What it is backed with.

It is like an IOU where by when we present it the creator of the "money" he must be able to exchange it with something of value (product or services).

Money is just a medium (of exchange) allow trading to take place efficiently. Otherwise we will be going

around barter trading to no end.

Money started off as a receipt given by goldsmith as evidence that someone had deposited gold pieces with them. Pretty soon the receipts were accepted by traders as representing the gold. So when they needed to, they can go to the goldsmith to redeem the gold by presenting the receipt. It can also be likened to the pawn ticket ;-)

Soon the goldsmith realized that they can make profit by lending to people these receipts (which they can print at a very low cost) when there wasn't any gold to back it. The profit is derived from the interest these goldsmiths charge for the loans on these receipts.

So these receipts that the goldsmiths printed did not really have any gold to back it up!!! Yet they were able to profit from it.

That is how bankers/banking was born!

Eventually money (the paper kind and the bank statement kind) became the thing they use to make Trillions...from practically nothing!!.

Can banking be called trading in its true sense!!!???

Trading is for exchange of items of value, eg gold for services or goods, etc...

And Free Trade should involve only Real true trading.

In this sense Banking does NOT qualify as an activity worthy to be called or be associated with Free trade/market.

We can have free trade/market without banks. Banks do not belong in the free market world.

I dare those expert economists to change their paradigm and look at real free market economy without banks - There lies the real economy real which will be real easy to understand, not for just those experts.

Free Market Yes!

Interest bearing Banks NO!

By princessnari09 Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 5:33 PM

saya merupakan pelajar lepasan institut perguruan..yg telah menghabiskan kpli pada nov 2008 tapi hingga kini belum mendapat tempat..tidak seperti kawan yg lain....saya tidak mendapat tempat ekoran dulu saya pernah meletak jawatan dalam kerajaan...hal yang demikian terjadi kerana pada ketika itu saya hanya bekerja sebagai kakitang sokong...dan setelah mendapat kpli saya meletak jawatan dgn izin dr ketua jbtn.....pada awal tahun...saya telah mengisi data yang mengatakan saya pernah bekerja dgn kerajaan...dan meletak jawatan...tapi kpm tak memberitahu apa2 pun..pada bulan nov 2008...mereka beritahu yg kami...yang ada kes letak jawatan tidak boleh post...kami ada seramai 226 org....sekarang dah 2 bulan lebih menganggur...pada akhir bulan ni pihak spp telah meluluskan kami untuk posting as DC41...tidak seperti yang dijanjikan oleh Pn.Norhamidah Awang,BSM,KPM...mengatakan kami akan dilantik as DG41....namun itu tak mengapa...kami masih boleh terima...kini..pihak BSM,KPM...lepas tgn kes kami....dan menyerahkan kes kami kepada bhn penempatan sekolah...tetapi....bahagian tersebut mengatakan yg kami akan dipost kalo ada kekosongan d sekolah...sedangkan sekolah yg sy harus post dulu...masih kosong...dn dalam berita..masih banyak kekosongan...knp ini harus terjadi?tolonglah kami untuk menyelesaikan masalah ini..kami bukan orang senang....dan berkedudukan,,,tetapi kami rakyat Malaysia..knp diperlakukan sedemikian..?

sampai kini tak dapat jawapan dr pihak kpm...sampai bila kami harus menunggu?....

By daniel Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 5:55 PM

I just wonder where did the pre-crisis money go? somebody must have made billions of dollar profit out of it. What happened to those who made those abuses and frauds ?
By Nothing but windAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 6:09 PM

The current world Economic Meltdown is said to be worst in decades by the majority of globe. The British generally say that current Economic Crisis is worst in a hundred years and some go on to claim that this is the " Worst Economic Crisis Ever".

This clearly shows how severely the Britain is affected. As Tun Dr Mahathir assumed, Britain would have had large reserves (presumably from its Colonial Days) and predictably bulk of it was pumped into the economy of late.

Obviously, Britain and many Developed Nations, would take quite some time to recover. This recession is certainly worse than that of 1988 and 1998.

It is my opinion that, the British faced worst economic crisis this time around is due to its non acceptance of EURO as its currency. EURO is now claimed to be the world's powerful currency and is the official currency of around 20 European countries.

It is not a coincidence that that Britain is suffering more than any other European country. Perhaps, it is time for Britain to put aside its pride and ego and convert to Euro.
By JamilAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 6:14 PM

Dear Tun,

You were right about the steps that you took during the financial crisis of 1997/98. I can still remember the "advise" given by the so called experts - local and home grown - about letting our banks and business failed because they were not competitive enough!!! Now they have to eat "humble pie"! The economics professor of a once prestigious local university with a strange name (not insulting him), was vociferous condemning your policies handling the crisis, but now is holding an important post in an international organisation giving economic advice - hope people realise what an idiot he was and is!!! But of course, he is an economic "idol" for people who are against you.

Problem with economists (or economics experts) is that they will never admit their mistakes - there is always be "on the other hand" argument!

I think you should have a certain sense of satisfaction about being proven right but as usual you never like to take credit for success unlike some (you know who!) who is now claiming that they are responsible for saving the country.

And Malaysians as usual, Mudah Lupa.

I pray that you and family are in the best of health and will continue writing on righting what is right (how's that for playing with words).

Hj Jamil
By char koay teowAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 6:18 PM

La ni seluruh dunia menhadapi masalah ekonomi yg ketara, tetapi kat Malaysia ni macam tak ada ahli politik yg memandang serius tentang perkara ini, mereka ni cakap, fikir, action semua lambat, semua lambat daripada negara lain, mereka sedang membincang tentang privatisation pasukan bola sepak negara diparlimen??? WTF..

government servant kat malaysia ni dah terlalu banyak (bilangan gov servant/jumlah tenaga kerja di

malaysia)x 100% sehingga kerajaan:

- 1.terlalu beban dengan costnya--- Gaji bulanan,pencen,bonus...etc
- 2.Gaji mereka tak boleh tinggi-- terpaksa kerja partime-jual burger etc
- 3.pengganggu yg tinggi- kerajaan terpaksa upah those fresh grad yg keluar dari Intituisi tinggi yg mereka bangga
dgannya..uitm,kukum,.....

sebab kerajaan practice 30% saham utk perlabur asing yg nak invest kat negara kita ni,sehingga perlabur asing tak nak invest kat sini so rakyat tak da kerja..kena tunggu kerajaan..semua tunggu bantuan...

hopeless leader will bring Rakyat to nowhere..

By PantherAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 6:24 PM

Saya copy n paste je samua ni, letak kat depan balik supaya semua dapat membacanya....

Salam Tun,

Thank you sir for your insight on the economic crisis that we face today. I, as small a person as I may be, am also worried of the days ahead as we are told to expect a worsening economic condition by the media.

You have made it very clear that the crisis that we have to face today is much more alarming than the 97-98 crisis. However I am looking at it at a slightly different perspective. During the 97-98 crisis, when you implemented actions to curb the economic crisis such as pegging the Ringgit, bailing out the companies and such, the nation as a whole went through an adjusting period that did not affect the common man as much as it did the big corporations. On the other hand, the government of the day has chosen a different track whereby the people are asked to shoulder some of the burden by raising tariffs and prices. Is this because the situation today is worse or is it because the leader is still unable to find a certain formula best to fight this crisis? I am sure Dato' Seri Najib, whom I believe is an economist can rise to the occasion but I feel that he came into the picture a bit late. The world economic situation and its inter-relations with our nation's economy need to be analysed in great depth. But with the political turmoil that he has to face today, I hope that he can find the strength to persevere through these rough times and make our economy better.

My plea to you, Tun, is that you help the government out and advice them on how to deal with the economic crisis. I am sure that some would not agree with me due to their different political beliefs and to all of you, I would like to share the following article :

THE FINANCIAL CRISIS OF 1997 – 1998

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.

By Nor Mohamed Yakcop

(23rd. October, 2003)

By PraxisAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 6:36 PM

"Gentlemen, he said,
I don't need your organization, I've shined your shoes,
I've moved your mountains and marked your cards
But Eden is burning, either brace yourself for elimination
Or else your hearts must have the courage for the changing of the guards. "

By Ir. Syahrizan Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 6:57 PM

"Recession is when your neighbour losses his job, Depression is when you lose yours" ~ President Truman

By kamarulzaman Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 7:06 PM

Salam Ybhg Tun,

Komen kepada Puteri Tanjung;

Memang bermacam2 ketidakbaikan dan kebaikan telah berlaku semasa pimpinan Ybhg Tun Mahathir. Membina Daya Bumi, Putrajaya, KLCC, Plus, KLIA, masalah MAMINCo, Perwaja dan bermacam2 lagi. Malahan bermacam2 pergolakan dan scandal telah dikatakan berlaku semenjak Tun Mahathir memegang tampuk pimpinan pada tahun 1981.

Walaupun berlaku bermacam2 scandal seperti yang digembur2kan, tetapi segala keperluan rakyat sentiasa dapat dipenuhi. Rakyat sentiasa gembira dan negara aman tenteram. Kebanyakan rakyat bekerja dengan motivasi yang tinggi untuk membangunkan negara.

Peluang pekerjaan bersepah2 kerana terlalu banyak projek sedang dilaksanakan.

Kilang2 sentiasa sibuk membuat pengeluaran untuk memenuhi permintaan kerana terlalu banyak projek sedang dilaksanakan.

Rakyat yang mulanya menunggang motosikal kapcai telah mampu membeli Proton Saga ataupun Perodua Kancil. Ada orang kampung sekarang mempunyai dua tiga kereta di halaman rumah.

Harga minyak bahanapi dan barangan keperluan sentiasa terkawal menepati kepada pendapatan purata rakyat.

Profesional Melayu, Cina, India dan malahan mat salleh drpd luar negara berganding sama rata membangunkan projek2 besar negara tanpa unsur2 prasangka.

Nak balik kampung pun senang dan cepat dengan adanya PLUS highway.
(nak buat PLUS highway pun dulu banyak jugak dengar scandalnya)

Kegiatan politik karut dan remeh jarang kali berlaku.

Pasaran jual beli saham menjadi aktiviti sampingan yang sangat menguntungkan.

Restoran makanan mahal dan murah sentiasa penuh dengan pengunjung samada malam atau siang hari kerana rakyat mampu berbelanja besar.

Rakyat tak ambil pusing dengan 'scandal2' juta ringgit seperti yang dinyatakan kerana keperluan rakyat sentiasa terjaga.

Cakaplah apa jua scandal yang telah Tun Mahathir lakukan tetapi BN sentiasa mendapat lebih daripada 2 per 3 majoriti didalam Parlimen. Undi daripada kaum Melayu, Cina , India dan lain2 lagi.

By Raden TzukoAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 7:11 PM

Assalamualaikum,

Yang Dikasihi Ayahnda Tun
dan para Pembaca

Saya amat tertarik dengan bisikan ungkapan "melentur buluh biar dari rebungnya", "menarik rambut didalam tepung, biar rambut tak putus tepung pun tak berterabur", "berhenti makan sebelum kenyang", "jika menghulur parang biar hulur tak jatuh sambut tak luka", "bila merendam pekasam biar tangan tak kecut pekasam tak basi" , "meniti tali biar tali tak lucut lutut tak bengkok"

Iktibar dari ungkapan ini adalah "eloklah menyelesaikan masalah yang kita pikir kecil sebelum ia besar, kerana kalau dah besar umpama buluh dah tua... bila di lentur kuat sangat... dan terlepas libasannya amat menyakitkan.

Iktibarnya golongan pemimpin WAJIB memikirkan cara mencegah negara kita terjebak ke dalam lubang krisis ekonomi lebih teruk melalui kesepaduan dan pemuafakatan berbanding POLITIK KANAK-KANAK yang sering menyengat mata dan telinga bila ditonton dan dibaca dimedia

Iktibarnya APA-APA PUN TINDAKAN RANGSANGAN / 'TERANGSANG' / PEMULIHAN EKONOMI YANG DIJALANKAN DI NEGARA KITA NI.... BIARLAH AGIHANNYA DITUMPU PADA ELEMEN YANG KRITIKAL SERTA PADA AGIHAN YANG FAEDAHNYA...SEKATA SERTA DAPAT DINIKMATI... OLEH RAKYAT SECARA UNIVERSAL... KERANA.... KERANA... KERANA.... RASANYA... YANG RAKYAT DAPAT RASA ...LA.. NI...HANYA .."RANGSANGAN BEBANAN EKONOMI" DARI RANGSANGAN EKONOMI ... UNTUK PIHAK TERTENTU JE KUT....

Iktibarnya untuk golongan tertentu.... yang berkaitan dengan polisi ekonomi negara dan membaca ulasan Ayahnda Tun... ini ... AMBIL LAH IKTIBAR DAN DAPATKAN PENYELESAIAN YANG TERBAIK TERDAYA... Setelah berusaha barulah kita Bertawakkal kepadaNya

Hai belalang.... kalaulah kau diwujudkan berjuta-juta dan nilai kau berbillion-juta.... bole lah ayah jadikan kau sandaran untuk pulihkan ekonomi negara ini.... Apa daya ayah ni nujum ajer... tak leh pulak nak magic kan ko jadi bernilai emas berbilion juta... untuk didambakan demi negara tercinta ini... hai belalang.... nasib baik jugak kau juga lah belalang....

Moga Allah kurniakan segala yang terbaik buat Ayahnda Tun dan Keluarga kerana Kami Amat Sayang Ayahnda Tun...

Wassalam

By jebat2020Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 7:11 PM

Salam Tun,

I agree with your comments as I was train in financial industry and I live in England for many years. Obviously, your opinion is valid about England & US bailout.

But to compare it with your success in 1997-98 is not really compatible. I was in M'sia at that time also. After all Malaysia is a small country with small economy. Also Malaysia trade mainly within Asean countries. Obviously we also trade with UK & US but not at larger scale. Also in 1997-98 the world economy is strong and only in our region had a problem. Our currency is being manipulated as it was happen to South American countries earlier.

This time the crisis is more real. It worst than most people thought. UK, Europe & US economy collapsed mainly due to the outrageous and greedy bankers and people in their financial industries. Many

complicated financial instruments such as CDO were introduced with the idea to steal the money quickly. Many Ponzi schemes also were created by clever looking city blokes in grey suits. Also these plus the sub prime mortgages and more other factors has caused this disaster.

Obviously, if the west collapse it will bring down the rests. we have seen Japan, China, Singapore etc all have been affected. I'm sure Malaysia will be affected badly sooner or later. We call it here, the second wave, will effected countries like Malaysia and the rest including Middle East.

I can only wish the best for Malaysia as Pak Lah knows nothing about the economy. He even don't know whether to resign or not or when to resign or not. Najib obviously will have to take this burden. I can only wish him best of luck as I'm sure he needs it!.

Good Luck Malaysia!

By shahimahAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 7:11 PM

I guess their Economic Hit Man (EHM) missed the target this time. Terkena batang hidung sendiri. As for us pulak, our MOF2 and Najib should start to sit together and put an end to beating around the bush.

By HananAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 7:21 PM

Dear Dr. Mahathir,

- 1) Do you think that the economical collapsing of almost all countries can be a catalyzer of a global war, e.g. WW3?
- 2) If there is a possibility, can we do something to avoid it?
- 3) Can a war solve economical problems?
- 4) Can we learn about it from history or experience?

It would be interesting to read your opinion. May be it is worthy another post of you.

Hanan, Israel.

By shahrulAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 7:28 PM

can we buy them? at least we can open a new malaysia in europe. iceland also OK.

By Redhuan D. OonAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 7:40 PM

Tun,

Somehow i wonder what happened to all our scholars from days before Merdeka till now? Where are they? It seems to be a desert. I scout the local TV channels and i hear not much inspiring intellectuality. Either they are trying to fill up the air time with face saving statements or just play it safe. No one delivers hard hitting facts in the face like you do.

It is good thing this blog.

Redhuan D. Oon

PendAtang Dengan Izin

By antikmalayaAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 7:44 PM

Comment on Puteri Tanjung:-

I wonder why a person like Dr.M who is so corrupted and incompetent as depicted by you can survive for 22 years? If he is so, why are the Arabs referring Malaysia as Mahathir, a Muslim Leader. Do you think a corrupted person should fight against the Jew? Isn't that committing suicide?

By RepublicAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 7:49 PM

Selamat malam tun

Did I hear "people's money" is being used unwisely?
By Tun Mai Ulat BuluAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 8:01 PM

Correct Tun! Correct!
By nyAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 8:01 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

On the day you relinquished your position as the PM of Malaysia, I had wrote a letter to the editor and published in the NST saying that you can still be of service to the country after you are no more the PM as you would still be around to dispense your advice. I was actually wrong! After seeing what happens to the so called developed countries as regards to the financial crisis, Tun can still of service not just to the country but to the world!

Where are those people who said that Malaysia was a 'pariah' country because it did not take the medicine prescribed by the experts then such as IMF and the World Bank...and what are they saying or doing now, looking at the massive bailouts by the western governments of the failed companies in their countries? Don't they ever realized of their own follies?
By ikhwan1999Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 8:08 PM

Salam Tun,

Currently I am in London and I am 95% sure that they will fail. Somehow, something inside my mind telling me that the zionisme is part of this. Their media (which is owned by zionisme) sure are taking part in helping to pull down the public confidence .

Tun, do you think that that the zionisme is pulling a string somewhere.

Please take care. My pray is with you and Tun Siti always
By ibrahimAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 8:24 PM

Assalamualaikum and greetings to Tun and visitors,

Thank you Baiduri.z for sharing the article with all of us. Hopefully world is sharing.

Indeed great man is not born everyday. He is still here; we all just listen and learn as his wisdom pours.

God willing another one may come around soon. This nation and the world need one.

Semoga Tun dan pembaca semua dilindungi yang Esa.
By leo7Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 8:51 PM

Tun Mahathir,

Salam Dengan Penuh Hormat.

I am back after a long while.

The down turn of the cycle is back on our shore and indeed, the rest of the world and this time around it's going to be more intensified.

America is carrying a very big baggage due to their big greed. They now have a new man at the helm

with new financial advisors but the force behind that POWER will be the same, the scrupulous Capitalists and Financiers and their greed is never ending. Blame it on Market Force as usual.

America and its allies would want to have their say in every part of the world and to spread their cost around. Well and good that the FTA with Malaysia is still pending. But, I do not know how far their long arms are taking a swipe at our economy maybe our well learned economists are aware of the situation.

I do watch the EPL on the Astro channels and notice Air Asia logo on the Sleeves of the Football Officials. I wonder whether it is worth the while or whether it was indebtedness. Virgin Air is now a partner. Purchase of new aircrafts were financed through Barclays arrangement, MU's jerseys are now financed by Air Asia an extension of being the official aircraft for MU's Asian tour ect. More UK flights has been approved. I am waiting for the day Virgin/ Air Asia's proposal in taking over of the National Airline. Could it be part of the scheme pushed by the POWER behind the invisible Market Force ?.

I am just hoping that NTR can be as screwed to save the Country. As I see it, PKR is acting as the frontline no. 1 enemy of the country. Are they part of this long arm that I was weary about ?.

By zulharon Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 8:52 PM

Salam Tun and Family

We are concern how our government is going to tackle the financial crisis that we are facing. The western are busy bailing out their banks and corporations and thank god that we are still ok. Tun's idea and suggestion on how we have to work during the crisis is paramount. I also hope that the government will expedite the implementation of projects under stimulus package.

By SeMaLu_61 Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:02 PM

Salam..., ayahanda.

Semoga matahari/bulan menerangi di pagi 1st April dgn terang benderang....

TAKUT NANTI APRILFOOL PULAK!

DOAKAN AYAHANDA SEKELUARGA SIHAT WALAFIAT SLALU

By Mohd Faried Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:17 PM

Salam Tun dan Toh Puan.

Ini yang akan terjadi kalau "tidak amanah" dan "tidak jujur" apabila memegang "wang" di tangan.

Saya merasa hairan dunia barat yang cukup bangga dan selalu mempromosi "pasar bebas" sekarang terpaksa "meludah kelangit terkena muka sendiri".

Saya masih ingat, semasa krisis kewangan berlaku di Malaysia, dan kita perkenalkan "skim selamatkan syarikat kerajaan -GLC" di kecam hebat dan di sindir kerana "tidak bebas", " tidak telus" , dan "mengamalkan kronisma". Sekarang siapa yang tidak telus, tidak bebas dan mengamalkan kroni?

Dunia barat cukup terkenal dengan skim, dan tipu daya yang tajam, Dari dulu lagi, mereka cuba mempengaruhi minda masyarakat dunia supaya sembah dan tunduk dengan idea mereka, "konon nye mereka ada ijazah HARVERD, STAMFORD, YALE...konon!" sebenarnya mereka sama dengan budak tadika KEMAS.

Saya juga teringat semasa penjualan AGUSTA yang tidak tulus dan tidak jelas, masih kabur dan samar-samar. Sampai sekarang tiada sesiapa pun yang berani bersuara. Dan betul kata Tun, bangsa ku mudah lupa dan rakyat Malaysia suka di beri gula-gula, untuk lupa, tak ambil kesah dan buat tak tahu aje! Janji periuk nasi saya tidak terjejas. Tergadai ilmu teknologi AGUSTA pun tak apa!

Tun ekonomi Malaysia alhamdulillah masih selamat tetapi saya tidak tahu akan bertahan berapa lama. Adakah setiap kali tukar pemimpin, tukar menteri barulah hendak membuat perubahan "tambah gula-gula" kepada rakyat.

Saya berharap Tun dapat membuat kertas kerja dan hantar ke kementerian yang terlibat bagi membantu rakyat Malaysia yang masih takut hendak berbelanja. Buat masa sekarang rakyat hanya beli barang yang penting sahaja. Terutama sekali kategori makan. Kedai-kedai lain akan tutup dan bungkus!

Dengan usaha Tun tu, rakyat akan nampak usaha dan sayang Tun pada negara ini, walaupun dah bersara.

Tun kami perlukan idea Tun. Kami perlukan aura dan kata-kata semangat dan idea-idea bernas Tun yang berjaya kalahkan idea barat kuno ni.

Saya dan keluarga mendoakan Tun dan Toh puan sihat dan Anak Tun akan menjadi PM Malaysia. InsAllah.

HIDUP TUN! HIDUP TUN! HIDUP TUN!

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:21 PM

Salam Ayahanda Rakyat,

Tun, I am very, very sorry to have mentioned the name of Daim in my previous comment which Tun did not post in chedet. I only came to know that he is another "Melayu bersikap Yahudi (mudah lupa kerana bermentaliti Capitalism), hanya mementingkan dirinya tanpa mengenang budi (tidak mengenang budi means west democracy), another bas..rd after reading the comment from "By Puteri Tanjung on March 5, 2009 12:56 PM". The writer must be a chinese due to the writing. The story of the late Tan Sri Loy was mentioned who died in England during the hard time in 1997. His late 2nd son was killed in a car crash few years back, the worst tragic moment for the Loy's family. The late Tan Sri Eric Chia's image was damaged too due to this financial crisis. Tun, greed and power could lead to misfortunes if we do not believe in god.

Now I heard voices that there could be a World War 3, can we believe it? According to these voices, dollar is equal to America + gold. Now, US\$ is rising abnormally and very unstable (volatile lah). Would US \$ plunged or keep rising abnomarmally as mentioned by the writer to RM4.50? The rising of US\$ could be another speculation to create fear or greed in human mind because the bailout did not work? When there is a war, gold price will increase thus US\$ will increase too. I doubt US\$ can hold on to her value. If she does, then Iran will be force invaded like Iraq, and the world will never have peace and fairness.

I do not understand why Yahoo news keep on saying that Iran has nuclear power? An Iranian who visited our Genting Highland 2 years had told me that their government had cut off all the budget for nuclear power research and development because of oppression from the United States of America ("You represent all races?", asked Klaatu, Noah turned alient, to the USA secretary). Thus, Iranians hate their government because it has caused all these scientists out of jobs or work as a sales representative for the American company.

I strongly believe that there won't be any war. I remember I told an investor by profession that Bush will not invade Iraq. He told that Bush would invade, yes he was right. I answered, if Bush declare war on Iraq, the USA will be the enemy to the world. Now it proved that I am right, and now USA is suffering due to their ignorant and greed.

On local front, I do hope that the mini budget will be aimed to lessen the burden of the rakyat, please focus in saving our economy, forget about US or European markets.

To bloggers, if you want to stop the war of WW3 from happening, please do not invest in Europe and US

currencies and their share markets. Let the real supply and demand determine the true value of these currencies to make sure these speculators suffer being poor for the rest of their lives. This is what god wants us to do, I learned this from Klaatu, the alien!!!

By razorAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:42 PM

Now, can anyone in the opposition or cabinet ministers without an economic portfolio write a deep and detailed insight into the global financial situation as you can, Tun? ;-)

You will always be my favourite Prime Minister, Tun! haha!

By ashraffAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:44 PM

Akum Tun,

Saya mohon pada Tun,dengan keadaan politik negara yang tidak stabil dan ekonomi dunia yang kucar kacir, tolonglah bantu untuk pulihkan kedua-duanya terutamanya politik. Biarlah orang melayu yang menguasai politik. Kembalilah kepada politik dan pulihkan Malaysia, please

By SeMaLu_61Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:45 PM

salam ayahanda,

your views and comment are superb.please don't stop writting.The country needs ayahanda to show the right path..

wassalam.....

By Syameer FirdausAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:51 PM

Salam Tun,

It's good to here from you again! I'm write here to tell you something. Hope you listen..... Ya, semua orang tahu Tun adalah pemimpin yang paling berwibawa yang telah membawa Malaysia ke suatu aras baru dalam dunia moden ini. Tanpa idea pemikiran Tun, tak mungkin Malaysia akan maju seperti ini. Tun tidak perlu menjadi economist pun Tun boleh berfikir seperti mereka malah lebih baik lagi. Pendapat Tun memang susah nak sangkal.

Tapi Tun, mengapa tidak Tun beri pendapat mengenai isu PPSMI ini? Saya sebagai salah seorang pelajar sekolah menengah di Malaysia yang memperjuangkan PPSMI akan lega dan bangga jika Tun bersuara tentangnya.

By Nothing but windAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 9:58 PM

Dear Tun Dr M,

During any economic crisis, the countries which are immediately and severely affected are those company's in Developing Nations. The Developed Nations (normally) will be the last to be affected.

This is due to the fact that mostly, it is the Developed Nations which invest in the Developing Nations. Hence, if at all economic crisis takes place, it is the main priority of (most) the investing company to manipulate the overseas investment to sustain the company's stability and resistance.

Only when the restructuring of overseas investment is not adequate, the corporations will move on to restructure its home or base company. Normally, in developed countries, the financial bail out by the government would normally concentrate on the critical International concerns which are on verge of affecting the local Parent Companies and its related investments and manpower.

By kadiologyAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:22 PM

assalamualaikum tun.

dulu masa saya kecil kecil tahun 80an dulu, saya dan sepupu saya 3 orang dah pandai main monopoli kat kampung kami di kampung kelubi, jasin. bayangkan masing2 umur 9-12 tahun dah pandai main monopoli dari lepas makan malam sampai ke pagi. dalam main monopoli tu kami lantik seorang banker untuk menjaga duit olok2 monopoli tersebut. mula2 kami ikut undang2 monopoli itu yakni apabila seseorang itu sudah kalah (duit habis), maka dia terkeluar dari game tersebut.

tapi sebab kecil kecil pon kami dah jadi capitalist, jadi apabila salah seorang sepupu saya habis duitnya, dia terpaksa menjual hartanahnya. tetapi akhirnya duit jualan hartanah itu habis juga dan dia terkeluar dari game monopoli itu. tetapi kerana ingin terus bermain, saya, yang paling banyak duit dan hartanah, meminjamkan duit kepadanya dengan syarat dia bayar balik sedikit demi sedikit setiap pusingan monopoli itu bersama interest! tapi seperti di jangka akhirnya dia tetap bangkrap dan berhutang dengan kami.

saya pula semakin seronok dengan uwang berjuta! tetapi saya masih mahu sepupu saya terus bermain dan tidak mahu hutang dia terhadap saya menjadi NPL. maka saya dengan cerdiknya telah meminjam duit dari banker untuk saya kemudian pinjamkan balik kepada sepupu saya! hah!

tanpa di sedari, apabila banyak pusingan monopoli sudah di lakukan, yang kaya tinggal saya sorang dan sepupu saya yang 3 orang tadi pon bengkrap. tetapi mereka tak puas hati dan terus mahu bermain! dan saya sebagai along yang prihatin, meminjamkan mereka duit. dari mana saya dapat duit tu? dari banker kami lah yang jugak tamak haloba walhal dia tak main pon game tu tapi hanya tukang jaga duit.

dan seperti di jangka apabila hutang bertambah dan lebih banyak wang di perlukan, duit olok2 yang di sediakan dek monopoli tu pon tak cukup! maka apa yang kami buat? kami CETAK DUIT dengan koyakkan buku matematik kami yang ada kotak2 tu untuk di jadikan wang.

akhirnya pusingan monopoli itu tidak habis kerana setiap kali duit habis, kami hutang, kalah lagi, hutang lagi. tetapi akhirnya kami berhenti apabila buku matematik yang kami koyak untuk di jadikan duit tu tinggal kulit aje.

nampaknya saya yang tak paham bahasa ekonomi pon dah jadi penyangak mata wang pada umur 9 tahun.

By Puteri TanjungAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:35 PM

YAB Tun and readers,

HOW BAD IS THE ECONOMIC CRISIS?

This was what George Soros said at Columbia University:

"The seriousness of the crisis cannot be exaggerated. The closest comparison that I can think of is actually the collapse of the Soviet Union."

By melayujatiAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:36 PM

Tun, even you are not economist but your comments is better than the the economist. We will see what will happen next.

By Aku313Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:41 PM

salam Tun..

i just want to say thank you for saving the country from Anwar before.

Semua kebenaran sudah terkeluar dan saya tak dapat bayangkan bagaimana TUN hadapi semua fitnah dengan tabah dan tidak memudaratkan diri TUN.

Terima Kasih sesangat TUN. Jsaa mu di kenang sampai bila2.

Dan juga terima kasih kepada isteri TUN, Dr Hasmah. Send me and my family salam to her.

regards,
me

By sharat-sAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:44 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

I always wonder.... who determined how much a country should have?

can the king of malaysia or the leader in 3rd world countries print their own money???? whats the value of money this days....

like what u said...where all this money come from.... i know... money factory...got u directors... US President and UK PM

salam,

<http://sharat-s.blogspot.com>

By altenetf4Author Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:51 PM

Assalamualaikum w.b.t YBhg Tun,

Saya berbangga dengan Tun kerana di mana mana di UAE, sekiranya menyebut Malaysia...sudah pasti nama MAHATHIR MOHAMED akan terpacul dr mulut samaada Arab,Pakistan,India, Afghanistan etc. Mereka sungguh berbangga dengan pencapaian Tun menaikkan nama Malaysia di mata Dunia, melawan kehendak USA, menangkis krisis ekonomi97. mereka berbangga dengan Tun. Sudah tentu sebagai rakyat Malaysia saya juga turut terharu dengan sambutan mereka. Malah lebih terharu lagi apabila mendengar/melihat rakyat Malaysia sendiri mengutuk Tun. Hanya doa kesejahteraan dari hati saya terhadap Tun yg mampu diberikan pada waktu itu (di saat mereka mengutuk Tun).

Ok berbalik pada isu yang dibangkitkan oleh Tun, saya juga berpendapat berkemungkinan Dinar Emas adalah jalan yang terbaik. Ketika Tun menyatakan tentang pentingnya Dinar Emas diperkenalkan, ramai pemimpin dunia memandang remeh perkara ini. Tetapi baru baru ini saya ada terbaca artikel di Gulf News tentang penggunaan emas sebagai simpanan walaupun bukan sebagai matawang. Mungkin sedikit sebanyak ini dapat menyokong pendirian Tun dalam pengenalan Dinar Emas?

<http://www.gulfnews.com/business/5minute/10256205.html>

By ExcellentThoughtsAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 10:59 PM

Dear Tun

I like the way you analyze things you are brilliant.
I hope our deputy PM if he becomes the Prime Minister
he will have you as an adviser or appointment you for
a special role to help us out of the mess we are in.

Take care....

By DaimagAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 11:18 PM

Trillions dollars and pounds are poured into market and the market will be full of money! The market will cheer up but soon, a world scale inflation is awaiting. Yet another darkness...yet another free fall but this time, it will be nations' central banks.

By truthseekerAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 11:37 PM

Salam Tun and fellow bloggers,

1. We have manipulators at our country's level
2. Not surprising though, we have manipulators at global level
3. Those developed nations talked about letting the markets do their work but in reality some greedy traders in cahoot with leaders of big nations manipulated the markets
4. Now when shit happens, then they seek the nation, the people to help them out...its happening in our country too. Maybe at a smaller scale but look at some of the losses from glcs; TNB? Maybank? proton...others? The market is not allowed to take its own course but the manipulators (so happened related to dollah)disrupted the process.

Tun you're one of those with the heads, hearts and actions to make things happen..things beneficial to the rakyat, especially during this bad time. But, for political and personal reasons, these nincompoops will never admit you're helpful.

By mnsAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 11:42 PM

Assalamualaikum YABhg Tun,

Apa yang Tun hujahkan diatas ada kebenarannya. We are confident the current financial crisis worldwide could be solved amicably by "Spiritual Wonder Boy or White Spiritual Boy or Morning Star or ASBLP or 189DBS", we guess you know what we meant. Insyallah we're able to access to it, but you are the one and only who can assist to break the ice, for us to move forward. Walallahu'alam.

Terima kasih.

MNS

By Mr RAZkEIIAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 11:48 PM

Salam Tun...

This is the worst economy crisis ever... Based on what i read and hear, it will be much longer to recover from this than the previous one....

I'm working in Electronics Manufacturing..

For the past few month...

I see my friends been VSS due to this...

I feel so sad....

And SO MAD...

When everyday i read the paper... It's just about politics been the headline...

"Die nak saman nie" , "Perlantikan tak sah" , "Sidang Bwh PoKok"

Can't they have enough of this....

Better unite and help the people WHO VOTE FOR THEM...

get through this economy crisis...

People are suffer right now...

Wish that u still be our PM...

Maybe the condition is not this worst....

Some of the BIG people says that when TUN was PM, it was "KUKU BESI"

But for me...

You DO THE RIGHT THINGS FOR MALAYSIAN PEOPLE...

PEOPLE NOT SUFFER WHEN U're OUR PM...

I always respect TUN...

DULU, KINI dan SELAMANYA...

Semoga tun sihat selalu....

By malayaheartAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 11:58 PM

Salam Tun,

this is my first appearance since few months seeing u blogging. keep up good works and always take care of your health. i'm always by your side, even though i was so far from you.

By amin tan Author Profile Page on March 6, 2009 12:02 AM

Dear Tun,

You are quite right about the government nationalising the banks in uk but i disagree using the word fraud on the banks. the banks in the uk made genuine mistakes in their investment portfolio especially linked to the subprime mortgage lending debacle in the usa. It all started with the bush administration. Bush was the real culprit but the sad thing is he didnt even know that he ordered the subprime lending maybe he didnt understand the meaning of subprime. The economy was further aggravated by the war in iraq and afganistan. But bush didnt understand all these. he is not so bright and a slow learner. Tony Blair although an oxford graduate followed the fool, bush with the approval of british parliament. What the current us and british governments are doing is correct. it is classical economic theory using expansionary measures to stimulate the economy or to reverse the contractionary spiral. It is different from our 1997 crisis. our pre1997 economy was a bubble economy of share market. But Tun was superb with the capital control to stop the currency traders otherwise our country would have gone to the dogs.

amin tan

By Mehomelanau Author Profile Page on March 6, 2009 12:03 AM

Salam Tun and all dear bloggers,

My sub-topic : "Message to Najib, the PM-in-waiting"

Financial crisis and bailout. The whole world is in crisis and in frenzy over what to do to bring their economy back on its feet. "Except Malaysia is not badly affected by this turmoil", so says our inefficient and ineffective government of the day, including Najib. What a sad and silly thing to say.

Hope and pray that once Pak Lah eclipsed into oblivion and Najib takes over, Malaysia can stand up again on its own.

But awas Najib, be forewarned - don't you ever dare to think of copycat-ing your predecessor's failed management style and keep parroting his denial statement or else the whole of Malaysia will curse you and your generations down the line.

Be smarter than Pak Lah or at least as smart as Tun M, if not better. Don't be bodoh sombong not to seek advice, learn a thing or two from Tun, or drink from and sink in his reservoir of experience. Yes, he made mistakes during his tenure as PM, but it's silly now to dwell on them. Yes, you may dislike him because he talks too much over this blog – about or against the government of the day, including criticising you. But again don't be bodoh sombong because he has eaten more salt than you, so his tongue is already thick and salty so much so that he can say anything now. Why not just come over and drop by, ask for a pinch of that salt from him so you can also talk as good as him or who knows better than himhehehe.

You see Najib, don't underestimate common people like me can offer you a great piece of advice, that is if you care to listen. Again, don't be bodoh sombong not to listen to others. Don't just listen to Rosmah alone as she is only good as your bedroom mate. Her smart make-up tips doesn't help you in turning around this country already deep in political shit and economic dung.

So Najib, think over this advice carefully before you say good night tonight. Think Malaysia.

Tun, how my advice? Good or not? Ulih nyak meh?

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 12:05 AM

1. Masa semakin suntuk. UMNO mesti diperbetulkan dengan cepat segala kepincangan yang berlaku di dalam UMNO yang dah parah.

2. Najib tidak ada jalan lain melainkan mesti tegas.

3. Jika ada konco-konco Pak Lah yang menang dalam pemilihan dan memang diketahui umum bahawa mereka tidak layak, Najib MESTI sidelined mereka. Mereka dah jadi KAYU BURUK. Mereka Haprak. Mereka HP6.

4. Perwakilan yang memberikan kemenangan kepada mereka memanglah BANGANG dan TONGONG.

5. Saya rasa Najib mesti reorganise the whole structure of UMNO. UMNO is in a battering state of affair. Dah tonggang terbalik !!

6. I don't think Najib would be able to handle the mess created by Pak Lah without getting full support from his new team. So his choice of new team must be seen by the rakyat having the highest credibility and integrity. THIS IS VERY CRITICAL.

7. I would suggest Najib to select the most senior high powered and respectable UMNO members to advise him on UMNO affairs.

8. He should consider having an independent UMNO Presidential Advisors to guide him in the administration of UMNO as well as the running of the government. He cannot rely totally on Majlis Tertinggi because I can bet that some of them are still behaving like old UMNO way of thinking.

9. Having Presidential Advisors is good for Najib to get second opinion in his decision making process so that the decisions made by Najib are well supported by everybody. NO MORE FLIP-FLOP, HAPRAK and HP6 DECISIONS CONTROLLED BY 4th FLOOR OXPOD STREET SALESMEN OR CONMEN.

10. UMNO NEEDS TOTAL OVERHAUL. Make no mistake about it.

11. Umno is now like a junk car whose mileage has clocked exceeding more than 100,000 miles. A lot of new parts got to be replaced to make the car functioning well again.

By andi70Author Profile Page on March 6, 2009 12:07 AM

Salam Tun,

it seems we are in better position in both scenario. the 97-98 crises pass away because only our region was affected, but this time round, the whole world is crumbling. as i have mention , malaysian government need to spruce up the initiative to create as many entrepreneurs and SME in basic necessity all over malaysia.

just allocate RM5 million to a town, and build a yellow noodle factory to supply for the whole district. Duplicate and we will have 12 towns supplying basic needs. well, capitalism didn't work, communism is still surviving, islamic way is sure to win.

look at al-arqam. if not for azhaari wishful thinking, they is one of the best organisation ever to expand economically in the region. learn from them, the secrets etc. duplicate. the way is already proven, we need not seek it far away. it's just within our grip.

in the end, we will have a strong domestic economy, and with God wills, export the surplus. that's how a nation should work. duplicate japan with their cottage industry. let people have job, and the economy will spin.

Tok Det, if only the government was thinking of "rakyat"..
By kuuleemAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 12:48 AM

1. saya sokong sangat2 dengan "rahman" dalam ulasannya tentang daftar bahasa melayu.
2. jom tengok dalam ruangan utusan pada 5/03/09 di ruangan sains dan teknologi; yang bertajuk "Akses e-mel dengan cepat dan mudah" oleh NAZRUL AZIM SHARUDDIN berbunyi ;

MENGGALAKKAN lagi penghasilan telefon (HEHEHE) bimbit berkualiti (HEHEHE), Nokia baru-baru ini telah tampil dengan dua model (HEHEHE) terkininya bagi kelompok siri-E (HEHEHE).

Didatangkan dengan papan kekunci QWERTY penuh untuk model (HEHEHE) E75 dan papan kekunci QWERTY kompak (HEHEHE) untuk E55, kedua-dua model tersebut menawarkan perkhidmatan terbaru untuk e-mel (HEHEHE) syarikat(HEHEHE).

Dengan fungsi (HEHEHE) itu, ia dapat memberi platform (HEHEHE) dan penyelesaian terbaik kepada syarikat-syarikat korporat (HEHEHE) menerima dan menghantar e-mel kepada pelanggan dan pengguna mereka pada bila-bila masa.

Menurut Naib Presiden (HEHEHE) Nokia Asia Tenggara, Chris Carr, komunikasi (HEHEHE) dunia tanpa sempadan kini memerlukan pengurusan sesebuah syarikat sentiasa mengakses (lagi HEHEHE) kepada emel dalam usaha meningkatkan produktiviti (HEHEHE) mereka.

"Justeru, telefon bimbit ini menawarkan pengguna dengan sambungan aplikasi (HEHEHE kat DBP) seperti Microsoft Exchange dan IBM Lotus Notes yang secara tidak langsung memberi penjimatan dalam kos (HEHEHE) operasi (HEHEHE) tanpa perlu berbelanja untuk pembelian perkakasan atau pelayan," katanya.

Selain itu, prestasi perkhidmatan emel pada telefon bimbit berkenaan turut dipertingkatkan dari segi sokongan HTML (HEHEHE lagi kat DBP), paparan lebih luas, fungsi (HEHEHE) e-mel asas serta susunan fail yang lebih teratur mengikut tarikh, maklumat penghantar dan juga saiz (HEHEHE panjang).

Pada bahagian atas paparannya pula, terdapat pautan untuk kalendar (HEHEHE kat GAPENA), nombor (HEHEHE panjang kat GAPENA) telefon dan juga pengurusan tugas.

Mengambil inspirasi (HEHEHE kat BEKAS MENTERI PELAJARAN) daripada kejayaan siri Nokia Communicator yang berasaskan e-mel, fungsi kedua-dua model itu telah diperkembangkan agar lebih pantas dalam menyokong aktiviti (HEHEHE) membaca, mengurus dan respons (HEHEHE kat DBP) kepada e-mel.

Ciri lainnya pula adalah mempunyai kuasa bateri (HEHEHE kat DBP) tunggu sedia yang lebih lama iaitu sehingga 28 hari, perkhidmatan Nokia Maps menerusi Sistem Penentu Kedudukan Global (HEHEHE) (GPS), permainan video (HEHEHE) N-Gage serta sambungan kepada Ovi Files (HEHEHE) untuk perkongsian data bersama komputer.

Nokia E75 bakal berada di pasaran pada Mac ini sementara E55 pada suku kedua tahun ini.

4. dah baca?
 5. tengok perkatan sebelum (HEHEHE) inilah kerja DBP dan GAPENA selama ini memperjuangkan bahasa melayu. makan gaji buta buat kerja halai balai.
 6. jawablah nanti kat akhirat.
 7. sedih sebab Tun tak dapat tinjau2 kerja depa masa berkuasa dulu
- By Ali BabaAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 1:06 AM

Tun,

DSA seems to be broke..... If DSA is broke, do you think he'll keep begging PM for bailing him out.....???

By Tauke KedaiAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 1:17 AM

Sekarang baru depa tau langit tinggi ke rendah...

By milshahAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 1:31 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Yes, the world is in recession. There is no where to run. From the capital of capitalism the US, fortress European Union and even Japan are in recession. Economies are contracting with negative growths and there is no sign of recovery. Some predicted it will last at least two more years. The worst part of it is that we don't know whether we are already at the bottom or the worst is yet to come.

Such is the gloom and doom of today's world economies.

There was a time when the US was hailed as the greatest economy in the world. Its economy is the most developed and regarded as the model economy for all to follow.

When the East Asian 1997 crisis happened, the western economists, politicians and businesses were quick to lecture the East Asian countries how badly we managed our economies. They say it was not due to speculators but just bad management. Corruption, Cronyism and nepotism was the words of day.

The IMF, ever arrogant, started imposing conditions on the East Asian economies in return for IMF rescue loans. The imposing picture of the IMF President witnessing the signing of the agreement by Mr. Suharto will forever be etched in the minds of Asians. We are after all Asians. How could we ever compete with US or the Europeans? How could we know about economics or the world of finance?

We should not bail out our business or banks. Let them go bankrupt. We should raise interest rates. We should open up our markets. No restrictions. Let the free market rule.

It was latter found out that economics text book remedies by the IMF made the economies much worse than before.

Malaysia, under Tun, ever the fighter, fought back and did the opposite what IMF "advised" to do. We imposed the now famous capital and currency controls. Pegging the Ringgit to the US at RM3.80 a dollar and barring capital funds from leaving the country.

Now, as Tun had written, the so called developed nations are doing exactly what we did during the 1997 crises. Lowering interest rates near 0% to help businesses, bailing out, etc,etc.

Having said that, it seems the western nations are not as superior as perceived to be. And maybe, Asians are not as stupid or inferior as some would like to believe.

I think the time has come that Asians started thinking for themselves and not looking to westerners on how to manage their economies.

Look at what Tun did during 1997 crisis. Did he asked the West or IMF for advise? No. Even though he was a doctor by profession, he took the time to study economics and finances and helped the nation pull out of the 1997 financial crisis. Something for us to ponder and learn.

We are just as good as the West. We must break the inferior mentality that the West is always better and what the West does is always right.

Only then can we truly be free and out run them of becoming a developed nation.

Regarding the US trillion stimulus package. I doubt the US have that much money. It is so easy to print money. Having the world ever addicted to the dollar makes it more easier. Its time we go back to gold based or gold dinar concept.

We should go back to doing business the way it was meant to be. A buyer, a seller, and product.

No more complex transactions which is more speculative. Speculative is gambling. Look at the havoc they cause during the 1997 financial crisis. A gambler always loses. When you put gambling elements into the economy, then the economy loses. People will suffer. Unemployment rises. Businesses go bankrupt.

Riba or interest should be banned. How could you earn income simply by lending out money? There is no economic activity or buying or selling involved. Its just transferring of wealth from A to B. It is oppressive and get rich quick scheme.

The sub prime crisis was the direct result of interest based economies which made the burrowers unable to pay as the interest kept on increasing. If the US is smart, they should let the burrowers just pay the principal amount via restructuring the loan installments and waive the interests. Thus, they can pay the loan without having to deal with interests that keep increasing their loan amount. When the borrower pay, the people get to keep their house, the bank get there money back. No bankruptcies. No Non performing loans. Everybody is happy.

On the other hand, selling and buying give products and services to the people, increasing their standard of living and in return obtain profits.

A total revamped of the world financial system is needed. Do not wait for the US or western to take lead. We need to be proactive.

This is my opinion, an ordinary Asian from Malaysia.
By 'Manusia Biasa'Author Profile Page on March 6, 2009 1:38 AM

Dear YABhg. Tun,

The global economic crisis is damaging the western countries. Most of these contries are consumer countries and normally the downturn will affect them on the first phase and now, I can see the impact of multinational manufacturers in Malaysia retrench a lot of people and close shops. Manufacturing countries normally will suffers 6 mths-1 year after. People on the street who are jobless need to survive so crime rate could be alarming. People tend to be afraid, stay at home and this will worsen the economy.

Leaders action must speaks louder than their words and must be a fast decision maker like what you did in the past. I have a strong believe and instinct that your son Mukhriz, possess these qualities. Even my chinese friends support him for the Umno Youth top post.

'Berani Berubah'
By NASHAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 2:27 AM

Salam Tun

As you said Malaysia is not that badly effected by the economic crisis as compared to the rich countries.In spite of this situation our government should not so much in alarming people on this matter.Nowadays because of this alarm people are so scared to spend and thus reduce cash liquidity in the market This make the crisis worsen

Thanks
By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 2:30 AM

Dear Tun,

Quote:

"I may be wrong of course. Maybe by more trillions of dollars of bailouts the rich would achieve recovery. But I have my doubts."

comment:

I think you are qualified and have the experience to help these destitute western countries how to bail out their bankrupt banks and corporations.

Of course, it does not come free of charge. I am sure you will ask a professional fee in GOLD DINAR equivalent to a trillion dollars!!

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 2:50 AM

Smart Tunnel Spared Several Areas In City

KUALA LUMPUR, March 5 (Bernama) -- Syarikat Mengurus Air Banjir dan Terowong Sdn Bhd (Smart) said its storm water tunnel (Smart Tunnel) prevented several areas in the city like Masjid Jamek, Jalan Tun Perak, Lebu Ampang and Jalan Melaka from being inundated on Tuesday.

comment:

Thank you, Tun. Without your vision to build the Smart Tunnel I think the whole of KL would have been inundated by floods and causing a lot of damage to properties and lost millions of ringgit.

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 3:18 AM

(Bernama) -- Jerlun Member of Parliament Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir today urged the government and opposition in Perak to come to a compromise and address the main issues like the current economic meltdown.

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Comment:

I am in favour of Emergency Rule or even going back to absolute monarchy rule, period. Perak adalah jajahan Sultan Perak yang berkuasa mutlak ke atas jajahan negeri Perak. Tuanku berhak menentukan siapa yang boleh mentadbir negeri. Forget about democracy. It is dead in Perak.

This Pakatan Opposition is not worth a sen now. They simply don't have the mental capacity to rule the state. They are all dungus, period. We don't talk about hak rakyat now. kalau pemimpinnya menderhaka kepada Rajanya sendiri dan kurang ajar.

To Pakatan Rakyat, please don't claim that you get the support from the rakyat. The rakyat just got fed up with your antics. The rakyat is all behind the Sultan. So please stop all the nonsense, you dungus !!

By seaman87Author Profile Page on March 6, 2009 3:35 AM

salam sejahtera..

TUN,

kegawatan ekonomi skrg dapat kami rasa...selaku yg berada lama laut tidak langsung ambik kisah masalah politik yang melanda negara..tapi masalah ekonomi yang melanda sekarang amat membimbangkan kami..banyak kapal yang drifting di persisiran.. ini menunjukkan betapa lembabnya

ekonomi sekarang..

harap tun dapat memberi nasihat yang membina untuk memulihkan ekonomi sekarang..

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 3:45 AM

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The Pakatan Rakyat had failed to govern the State. They are now behaving like dungus. They feel that they are getting support from the rakyat. No. The rakyat is always behind their Sultan whatever it takes. So Pakatan can just forget that the Sultan would reinstate them to rule Perak. No way. They have embarrassed their Sultan and don't expect the Sultan to kowtow them. That will be the last thing to happen. Democracy is dead in Perak. Make no mistake about it. You can go to whatever courts you like but at the end of the day the Sultan calls the shot.

Jangan memperkotek-kotekkan Raja Melayu. Thats my advice to Pakatan. Enough is enough. There is a limit to whatever action you take. At the end of the day Pakatan will be the greatest loser. You just cannot win as far as challenging the Royalty is concerned. Don't try your luck by instigating the rakyat. Don't push the Sultan to the extreme. The rakyat will rally behind their Sultan.

By sitinurAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 4:14 AM

Asalamualaikum bapak..

hmmmmmm....orang bijak tak akan ngaku dia bijak...cam padi...

selalu yg tak bijak yg duk mendabik dada ngaku dialah paling bijak..

saya lebih percayakan bapak dari dolah yg duk suka2 hati kata ekonomi m'sia bagus

manjang...hampeh...haram takleh percaya....

muga bapak sentiasa di bawah lindungan Allah selalu...

terima kasih atas segala penat lelah jerih payah bapak selama ini tapi sayang dicemarkan dolah yg dah mati sebelum mati....

By kamal ahmadAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 8:04 AM

Salam kasih dan hormat Ayahanda Tun.

Well I am sure politicians in The UK would be peddling resilient lines like: "UK will emerge stronger from the global credit crisis". But as of now, I believe they have not the faintest idea yet what that particular resilient would actually be like. More or less, they are just managing a day to day survival to see what kind of big picture it would take them to. But the existing relation between their government and their private businesses, would change definitely. 2/3 years down the road we could expect to see more GLC players on their side and also we could see more protectionism measure being taken by them to protect these GLCs (after all, GLC: it's their tax payers money now – national interest). Organizations like the EU would be use for this protectionism measures. Or maybe, they may grow to be more paranoid and just set up a few more "protectionism entity" to legalized and push through their protectionism policies across the globe.

They would fast learn the values and benefits of consolidations. So we could expect to see stiffer penetration into their markets in the future. There would be more constraints then opportunities for foreign

players going into their markets. We could also expect to see their GLCs going more aggressive abroad in chasing after business deals. Their GLCs would make use of all the tools their governments may have in pushing through their agendas. So we may see more political pressures being applied to smaller overseas nations such as Malaysia. Tun, the (your) very famous Malaysian PNB vs. Guthrie PLC (now Guthrie Malaysia Berhad) dawn raid on their stock exchange back on the morning of 7th September 1981; they could do the same on us here and now – I say we better watch out! We better ensure that all our GLCs are helmed by loyal, patriotic and highly intelligent CEOs. No prom queens & turkeys here please.

They would curb back on public spending and this would mean more coporatisation taking place on what's puny that's left of them already. Meaning that their economy would be rife with corruptions sooner or later. And they would not want to hold long to their GLCs. After they have once again found new wealth in their GLCs, maybe say 10 years down the road they would be saddled with the dreaded disease of non performing GLCs that has been headed by political nepotism/cronyism appointees and the likes. I say they could survive 10-12 years tops on these modules before another meltdown.

New and tighter regulations would soon be introduced in their banking systems. The GLCs, with the backing of The US and The EU would catch up again fairly quickly I imagine. But it may not last, and the next cycle would see more Asian players (mainly from China) in control of their GLCs.

Tun, I guess you could flat out say that the module they are taking today in bailing their scrawny little fish and chips arse was once applied by you decades ago in sunny Malaysia. Back to a time, when they had laughed at you, disapprove of you and scorned you, back to a time when the sun had not yet set on their stiff departments today.

P.S: Although I was just 11/12 years old when that famous Guthrie raid took place, I had never felt that kind of pride again Tun! It made me dropped all my Beano books and went deep into the economics. That was a very nice way of sending out your calling card to Margaret Thatcher. Mahathir? Whose this Mahathir? Dr? Is he a Veterinarian? Then they go like: What the #@\$%*&!!! Then they know who Mahathir was, would be and still is! Call it anything they want, a "Malaysian Nationalistic Coup" or what not; in simple Queens English, you kicked their yawning asses that morning Tun! :) Long live Tun! I hope you would write a posting on that Tun. Share it with the younger generation Malaysians today.
By rozannahAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 8:33 AM

Tun, the word is out....BANK OF ENGLAND HAS STARTED TO PRINT MORE MONEY.....!!!!ITS IN THE NEWS.....!!!
By TAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 8:39 AM

Tun, I think there is a great difference between the current global financial tsunami and the Asian Financial Crisis.

The condemnation from the US and Europe against the Asian Financial Crisis bailouts were largely due to the fact that the bailouts in Indonesia and Malaysia were mainly to bail out friend, family and cronies. Whereas in the current global financial crisis, the bailouts in all the countries are to ensure that the global financial system does not fall apart. All the bailouts are open, transparent and go through proper approval from the relevant authorities.
By JOETAMCHIAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 9:04 AM

A'kum....
Pertimbangkan langkah utk berdagang bersandarkan penggunaan emas....
ataupun dinar emas....
Jangan disandarkan kepada dolar US.....
Jangan taksab kpd dolar.....

"US dollar... Dollar Kelentong...."
ia hanya sekeping kertas yg d cetak

Sekeping Kertas Ada Harga Diri.....?????????
Lu pikir la sendrii.....!!!!!!!
By JOETAMCHIAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 9:11 AM

Kita sbgai negara Islam boleh mulakan contoh.....
Negara peMula mengGunakan Dinar Emas.....

Janganla berterusan menjadi bodoh....
Jangan biarkan negara ditindas.....
By antikmalayaAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 9:40 AM

Dearest Tun,

Banyak kritikan yang telah dibuat terhadap Tun. Mengapa ini berlaku?
Sampaikan rakan sekeliling yang pernah berjuang dengan Tun pun hari ini mengutuk Tun samada dari belakang atau hadapan. Kenapa sekarang bising? Adakah mereka ini talam dua muka atau Tun sendiri pernah memerintah dengan kuku besi?

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Kita kena bertanya pada Tun:

ADAKAH TUN BERJUANG UNTUK BANGSA, AGAMA & NEGARA ATAU UNTUK KEPENTINGAN DIRI SENDIRI??

Bagi saya, pejuang yang berjuang diatas diri sendiri akhirnya akan tumpas dan kecundang juga dan pastinya tidak akan berani membuat kacau keatas kepentingan orang lain. Kerana nak sorok kepincangan diri sendiri.

Masih butakah hati bangsa aku ini!!
By mgpunyaAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 9:51 AM

YABhg Tun,

...END OF CAPITALISM...?
By cucu tok buyungAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 9:53 AM

TUN.

Kemelut politik di Perak maseh belum reda. Setiap hari ada saja berita yang berkaitan dengan isu politik Perak. Kedua2 pehak sentisa mengatakan mereka dipehak yang benar. Masing2 cuba menggunakan mahkamah. Namun itu mereka terus melakukan atau memprovokasi keadaan walaupun kes mereka maseh diselesaikan mahkamah.

BC juga turut membuat ulasan dan masuk campur. Dan mengeluarkan kenyataan. Petikan dari kenyataan akhbar.

KUALA LUMPUR: Kekebalan Speaker Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) termaktub dalam Perlembagaan Persekutuan dan tidak ada akta atau undang-undang lain yang boleh mencabarnya kecuali Parlimen sendiri meminda perlembagaan.

Andai nya sesungguh lah speaker sebegitu kebal bagaikan Raja atau Sultan kerana tiada undang2 yang sedia ada yang bolih dipakai untuk mengatasi perlakuan, tindakan dan keputusan mereka , saya rasa tak setuju dengan akta ini.

Saya rasa dah tiba masa nya Parlimen harus meminda akta ini. Menetapkan semua speaker DUN atau Parlimen hendak lah dilantik dari kalangan individu yang tidak berparti atau bebas dari pengaruh mana2

parti. Ini lebih adil. Mungkin mereka ini dari kalangan Hakim2 mahkamah. Bukan nya dari anggota parti yang meneraju kerajaan.

Dalam kes Dei Siva, sebagai speaker yang sepatut nya berkecuali membuat keputusan telah bertindak sebalik nya.

Dia kelihatan membuat keputusan berdasarkan sentiment atau kecenderongan nya dan ketaksuban nya kepada parti yang di anuti nya.

Ini suatu tindakan yang berat sebelah.

Seorang speakaer mestilah menjalankan tugas mengikut peraturan dan undang2 dan juga setakat authority yang dia ada. Tidak lah selebih dari itu kuasa speaker. Dan kuasa sepenuh speaker hanya lah ketika waktu di dalam dewan dan yang berkaitan dengan perjalanan persidangan DUN atau Parlimen. Di luar dewan dia dianggap manusia

biasa. Tapi Siva telah juga cuba berkuasa sesuka hati nya didalam dewan mahu pun di bawah pokok. Dia juga sewenang2 nya memecat Setiusaha persidanagan DUN nya. Perlakuan nya melampau sebagai seorang speaker. Ini lah gara2 bila pertama kali merasa kedudukan tinggi dan ada nama, mula lah berlagak dan nak tunjuk kuasa. Kap lam ya nga betul lah dia ni.

By priss01Author Profile Page on March 6, 2009 9:59 AM

It is interesting to note BN still has money to waste by paying the 3 frogs to jump in Perak but there are still several commenter blaming PR for not working with BN to solve the economic crisis.

Very nice article. Trying to divert you supporters attention.

btw I hear Najib has taken a trip out of Malaysia, just to be safe huh ?. At this age you are still able to skim and plan, no bad.

In the end we will have to answer to GOD for our actions in life.

What We Do In Life Echoes In Eternity

By ezaniAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 10:04 AM

Salam Tun. Again another very good blog. I noted the points :-

1. The subprime crisis was acheived through fraud and greed.
2. Asian countries have not recovered to 1997/1998 pre-crisis level
3. The western countries cannot recover unless the scale and method of their recovery follows the trend of subprime and mortgaging techniques that they had used which caused the collapse
4. Trillions of dollars may be required for there to be any visible improvements to be seen immediately.
5. Obama will not have an easy job. Hie recovery must be of the right scale (trillions). Some visible things he has done right :-
 - a. Capped the bonuses of greedy executives of top Fortune companies to US\$500K
 - b. Closed Guantanamo by this year

Hillary also did a good job by visiting Indonesia as a side tour.

However he is facing pressure by the GOP who say his economic measures are not detailed enough and they don't want to support it.

By antikmalayaAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 10:07 AM

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By JamalAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 10:10 AM

Dear Tun,

We need a real alternative that will work. May I suggest the following;

- 1) That interest bearing banks be abolished and investment institutions (II) to replace them. These IIs will be an institution which invest or fund projects purely based on shared risk taking. No such thing as sure returns as the present day banks are practicing.
- 2) These IIs will have full service to its customers without the element of interest. They will have ATMS, funds transfers, trade payments, non interest bearing loans.
- 3) These IIs will be able to take deposits and savings. But these funds if not used for investments and projects will be have its amount deducted (2.5% per annum). Non productive funds must be made productive by this process to be given out for social activities such as basic medical services, basic education, supporting the poor and such other services.
- 4) These IIs will be supported by a whole new industry of projects consultants and managers.
- 5) Non productive funds held can be excused from the 2.5% deduction if it is used for loans (secured ones ofcourse) without interest.
- 6) These IIs earn their keeps from a part of the 2.5% deducted amount, fees for banking services and earnings from project consultancy and management and control.
- 7) These IIs will not be able to give funds for investments and loan from money they do not have (creating money). But will be supported by the government central bank who will have the sole right and responsibility to create new money.

So as not to overload my fellow readers...I will continue with this viable proposal later...especially about nations raising funds for its development..how can we do it without resorting to interest bearing BONDS...
By mazharhAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 10:10 AM

Salam buat Tun sekeluarga dan peminat-peminat bog Tun,

Firstly, my advice to all bloggers is that you must read Tun's book entitled' "THE MALAYSIAN CURRENCY CRISIS - HOW AND WHY IT HAPPENED". It is a fascinating reading and Tun has reduced the complexity in finance and economic, more so currency and forex trading into a common jargon adn layman understanding.

Secondly, during the 97/98, the event was clear..the WINNES were George Soros and the Quantum fund, whilst the LOSSERS were the Asian Government, economy and the people. Bit it is very strange that the is no body to be declared a WINNER in the current crisis.I am sure that since the crisis is a market driven and emanated from the financial innovation, somebody must be making a huge profit at the expense of others. So the question now is whilst we have indentified many lossers in the current crisis, we have yet seen somebody who emerge as winner - yet.

Thirdly, western or conventional economic theory is no more relevant. Adam Smith and Keynes must give way to the ICT revolution. Economics theories arose during the period of feudalism and peasantry, and no more relevant to this era.

Fourthly, in the previous crisis there was NEAC. But anything to that effect now?

Fifth, our so call economic expert Dr. Jomo (adviser to UN), a contrarian to Tun, - is useless.....

Sixth - the solution....Read the book by Tun first; the wisdom and solution contain therein...
By ezaniAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 10:13 AM

Hello Tun

I was just reading the Star Online today and it is interesting to note that there were 4 Malaysians in the Forbes Asia "Heroes of Philantrophy" list, 2 of them from Sabah royalty - i.e. Tuan Yang Dipertua Negeri Sabah and Datun Raya Erom, his relative. The other 2 Malaysians are Jeffrey Cheah Sunway Group and Lim Kok Wing. Mana UMNO Melayu yang kaya-kaya ni ? Sumbang la sikit kepada kebajikan...
By katun66Author Profile Page on March 6, 2009 10:26 AM

Salam untuk Tun yang disayangi,
Thanks for giving your opinion about the world situation right now.
Hope there are key player in the world looking at and think about it. Great advice become useless if no action toward being taken. Please continue giving your brilliant idea and we all will take action and expedite it.

One of my action to recover my financial crisis:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ClrVIBnt6E>
By DavidAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 10:36 AM

Dear Tun,

First, I'm really glad I'm getting most of the benefits under your time as PM, I was born in the year which Tun was PM of M'sia. Thank you as you continue your fight for us after you retire. You inspire me to be a greater person and contribute to our nation.

I'm sad, really sad, neither gov nor opposition really have the commitment toward our economy status and social well-being. Why don't they debate about the progress 9th Malaysia Plan, progress of budget 2009. If not, at least any preventive steps to stop it getting worst. I believe Economy problem to lead to greater social problem. If every politician in Malaysia stop using trick against each other, use the time & resources working towards a better plan to help. I believe Malaysia able to move few steps towards Vision 2020, Which is only 11 years after!

Semoga Tun dan Keluarga Tun sihat selalu,

Best Regards,
tkh135
By bluesgangAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 11:01 AM

1. Sometimes we go to very deep complex diagnosis of things. YEs most of us are learned people from universities. Thats what most of us do.
2. Some even proposed alot of theories the reasons behind it and even methods to solve it. But most people forgets how high your education and prowess, we at the end of the day are just mere mortals.
3. Im an educated guy, well paid by my employer cause of my qualifications, skills and knowledge. After 30 years of my life, ive noticed one thing, science (whether it is applied or social) is just the best guess, it is not the exact answer of all things.
4. We forgot that there are higher power or rules of nature that govern us. And im a believer of karma or in Islam Qadha and Qadar. Or white guys believes "what goes around, comes around".
5. Have everyone thought that what happened to them can be considered as karma? Look what the western have done to the third world countries and specifically moslem countries.
6. They have made the people from these countries lost their identity, lost their sovereignty, humiliated, splitting them to factions, disrupting their unity and most important lost of hope and trust towards their own religion and culture.
7. So what happened to them now? Is it exactly what happened to these countries that they have been playing around?. Their own people are losing hope, some even shot themselves, family institution deteriorating, divorces on the rise (in US today, every 3 marriages, 1 will endup in divorce), trust towards their leaders and systems dwindling, jobs are loss in the millions. Most doesnt know what to do.
8. This is just the beginning, whats next?
9. See...what happened to them is almost similar what happening to the countries they have corrupted, disrupted and devastated - loosing hope. Is it coincidence or karma?
10. For them western, they should learn something, what have happened to them is almost similar happened to the great civilization before them. "Nothing last forever".
11. One thing will last, a pure sincere friendship based on respect not friends for benefits. And these friends will help them out. But sadly most of them are not their real friends, they are just bunch of puppets, stooges and proxies. We got a few in our country. But of course friendship based on money and interests will not last. These so called proxies will soon betray them too cause they knew they are just proxies, they definitely doesnt want to go down with them too...
12. Well i hope that these so called western civilization learned something, they should start making real friends and respect them instead of creating trojans and proxies meddling around with each countries affairs in the name of democracy or human rights. God have given them strength to be a good brother not a bully.
13. And they should start doing good things instead spreading lies through media, simply give ppl name terrorists and beat them up without finding true causes. And they should start walk the talk, what is really human rights and democracy all about.
14. And they should start to listen to us or else we start to listen to their competitors China and Russia. Is that Karma? yes. 20 years ago they have been banging these socialist countries and pulled their pants down, i still remember in 1991, the russians cant even afford to buy a bread. Now look what they are today. They got more millionaires in Moscow than New York. The US are calling them threats but I simply called it karma, u deserve it US people.

15. Well finally, alot of people considered this situation is trouble. But we Asian should consider this an opportunity to break free from them. Imagine Japan can build their own plane but was dissalowed cause of some post WW2 arrangements. Now the PM can just say it in the open, Honda and Mitsubishi should make their own planes for domestic travels and other asian markets. If US and Western start open their mouths, give a ring to Mr Putin, Mitsubishi and Tupolev should work something out over here, just ignore boeing and airbus, what can they do? another war? it will bring their economies to their knees. So they blackmailed to bring out their interests and capitals? so get the Fcuk out, we bring China and Russia in to replace them.

16. And finally, dealing with a bankcrupted guy is not good for business. So...do we should continue do business with US or Western countries? We should, but not exclusively, we should work with guys got money and skills. Let the karma teach these western countries a lesson. So when they learned, we can talk again....

By bluesgangAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 11:15 AM

1. I think Obama and other Europe guys stop being a fuzz and give a call to Tun Mahathir to ask for advise and give a speech in all their Universities especially Harvard business school to teach their students on "how to run your government and economy".

2. Tun, i think u forgot one more thing, one of the reason these Western economies collapsed cause their Universities have been calling Anwar for speech to their students. No wonder their bankers and economists are becoming a big FOOOL!!!! cause they are listening to Anwar hahaha.

3. The only thing Anwar have achieved economically during the opposition took over the states is giving more jobs to lawyers thats all. Look what happened in Perak, engineers, businessmen, accountants have no jobs. Only lawyers are busy settling cases for some assembly under a tree and whatever circus there. And these lawyers got paid handsomely either PKR side or BN side. SO the conclusion is, when Anwar become PM of Malaysia (God Forbids), the only people that going to benefit from Malaysian economy are lawyers.

By niamAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 11:27 AM

for young ppl like me. i love to read ur article. not mean i love u but limit to ur article. dear Dr.M (ur famous nick before). i love how your problem solving method. i know each solution depends on situation. as a young ppl who still growing up, i hope u can write something about leadership.

i know its hard to be 1 or to teach 1. if u can show us a guidelines. i think its more than enough. maybe about body language, talking or maybe flirting if u still like to do it. haha.

i like to read your article. full of knowledge & wisdom. each time i read acticle & tell it back in my class. everyone can't blink. of course they will blink.

hope ur idea a knowledge i can pass it to next generation. make this country proud.

thank you n have a good day sir.

By HLongAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 11:50 AM

Dearest Tun,

Good health to you and your family. If our (Malaysia) economy foundation is as strong as what our DPM mentioned months ago, then our currency should and would get stronger as this period.

So it look like our economy foundation is infact "lembik" but not as claimed by the government. You had done a right decision during 97-98 for not getting the "bailouts" from IMF, and suspended the free trade of RM. Else every Malaysian is still repaying the LOAN to this "LOANSHARK".

By the way, any comment on the "Mogolian girl" news reported by the French reporter?

thanks TUN.....

Good luck to our Badminton WIRAs that fighting at England now....

By senbonzakuraAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 12:06 PM

The Government will borrow £37 billion and use it to buy shares in RBS, HBOS and Lloyds TSB. It hopes to recover some of the costs from the banks' profits.

The RBS rescue provides an example of how this will work. The Government is taking £5 billion in preference shares in RBS, which will deliver a "coupon" or guaranteed return of 12 per cent, giving the Treasury an annual return of £600 million on that part of its investment. The rest of the Government's investment will be in ordinary shares. They will pay no dividends because the banks have said they will suspend dividend payments until their financial situation has improved. However, this £20 billion investment in RBS will have to be funded by borrowing - which will involve the Government selling bonds paying around 4 per cent interest. That could cost the taxpayer around £800 million a year. There are though, other aspects of the bank support package that could bring in some money for the Government: the Treasury will charge banks a fee for insuring their loans to one another. Treasury officials said the Government investment would not immediately be self-financing. But in the long-term, they hope that selling the bank stakes back to private investors after markets have risen and the economy has improved may ultimately deliver real returns for taxpayers.

By cucu tok buyungAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 12:57 PM

TUN

Keadaan politik bercerlaru masa kini yang juga dilihat telah mengheret institusi di Raja telah menimbulkan keresahan dan kebimbangan pehak istana.

Ada segelintir masyarakat dan individu telah cuba menyanggah atau pun menentang perlembagaan dan mencabar perundangan negara. Mereka juga terang2an mencabul kedaulatan Raja2 Melayu.

Sekarang kita dapat lihat Raja2 Melayu telah pun menzahirkan kebimbangan mereka mengenai permasalahan ini secara terbuka.

Raja2 Melayu adalah sebahagian warisan, maruah, semangat dan kebudayaan orang2 Melayu di Malaysia. Kita maseh perlukan raja sebagai payung negara. Amat malang jika institusi ini runtuh.

Kerajaan Melaka dulu nya amat terkenal dengan Sultan2 nya. Kini Melaka sudah tidak ada Raja.

Orang2 Melayu mestilah kembali bersatu mempertahankan kedaulatan institusi ini demi maruah bangsa. Ini bukan satu institusi kuno. Maseh banyak negara maju Barat yang mengekalkan kedudukan Raja2 mereka mengikut perlembagaan negara masing2. England, Sepanyol, Denmark antara beberapa negara Barat yang maseh punyai raja, dan mereka sangat dihormati dan disayangi rakyat mereka.

Saya ingin menyarankan pada Duli2 Sultan dan Raja2 agar lebih berhati2 mengurniakan bintang2 kebesaran. Hanya individu yang benar layak dan benar2 patriotik dan benar2 berjasa terhadap negara sahaja yang wajar di beri gelaran. Kita tak mahu lihat lagi ada 'badut2' konon nya rakyat Malaysia tapi cakap melayu maseh lagi Wa.. Lu.. bergelar Datuk. Tokeh kerang pun di anugerah Datuk. Tokeh balak haram pun dapat Datuk. Pada mereka yang menderhaka hendak lah menarik balik anugerah itu, supaya bintang2 kebesaran ini dilihat lebih mulia dan tidak dipersalah gunakan kedudukan nya. Kerana kita pernah lihat orang2 yang bergelar Datuk ini sentisa mencari kesempatan. Contuh nya, "Mana atak Polis boleh saman sama wa. Wa Latuk lo..."

Gelaran2 ini telah menjadikan modal untuk kepentingan diri setengah2 pehak dan untuk bermegah2 dan tunjuk kuasa.

Contuh terbaik Ngeh and Nizar, sekelip mata dapat gelaran Datuk. Kini menyanggah dan menderhaka pada Tuanku Sultan yang bergitu adil terhadap mereka. Mereka ini tak layak memakai gelaran ini. Tak malu sungguh. kalau mereka gentleman pulangkan kembali bintang itu pada Sultan.

By PulauAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 1:30 PM

Dearest Tun

Economic issue is too difficult a subject for AAB. He is only concerned about Islam Hadhari.

A PM whom has contributed almost nothing during his five year tenure.

No foresight and lack intelligent. He has even destroyed our national unity. The Malay has become weaker and poorer.

Keep on Writing, dear Tun.

By hematomaAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 1:43 PM

Dear Bloggers,

Good comparison!!

FACTS AND FIGURE

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The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

Total Area: 244,820 km sqr

Population: 60,975,000

Total GDP (norminal) : \$2.78 trillion

Malaysia:

Total Area: 329,847 km sqr

Population: 27,730,000

Total GDP (norminal): \$186,718 billion

By hanizaAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 1:48 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

There goes the arrogant rich country who always thought they are super powers and always right just because they are rich. Even they thought they were right when invading Iraq was due to mass destruction weapon cause, which of course was proven very wrong and they finally say it was wrong. But only after thousands of innocence lives gone.

The economic crisis we are facing today is because of their greeds and arrogance. The system that is created by them to make the rich countries richer and the poor nations poorer.

I hope this is an awakening call for the rich Arabs nations and the rich Muslim countries to kick start and make the dinar trade (base on gold)a reality in huge scale. Of course i'm not an economist, or near anything to it but i'm an ordinary civilian who are trying to make a living. I don't even fully understand how the system actually wors but we have to take ourselves out from this.

Love to hear "under the same sun" by scorpions

By Ali BabaAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 2:40 PM

Daniel,

Perhaps kept or saved or taken by 'decried alien' (as described by Theodore Herzl).....

Well, since unable to find out the decried alien located..... so, no legal action been taken yet.....

By akeeAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 2:40 PM

KU LI is still doing his best to rescue Perak, even standing at the edge-line of the gray area (the area where good, evil, BN doing & PR doing meets) trying to rescue Perak.

Tun, Perak needs your RESCUE ROPE! Ku Li has thrown his rope to rescue Perak. your rope which is made from magical pen can surely hold perak weight from drowning, maybe can even put Perak back to where it first came from.

..Lies seem to be lifeless. but if lies were born/created/birth, it can grow/transform/evolute (like money) like any other growing/transforming/evoluting life such as child/cell/virus.

..the earth are full of invisible lies that is growing fast to cover/force the earth to become hell.

..most of the religions today have lies tainted all over them which they will never be heading to pure-ness/Great TRUTH of God.

the only place today where human can seek TRUTH (Law of God, Law of Nature, Law of Gravity, Law of Science & any other laws)is only in the Quran & the 1st bible, NOT in religions or their brand.
By speedbirdAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 2:48 PM

your far sightedness is second to none in malaysia. You are the true leader and until now noone can prove of your involvement in any corruption. If you had involved in any corruption, by now Pak Lah and his people would have exposed it by now.

May Allah bless you and give malaysia a true leader like you in future.

<http://bestrecipeonline.blogspot.com/>
By akalAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 3:08 PM

ASSALAMUALAIKUM TUN,SAYA PELAJAR JURUSAN AKHIR SAINS EKONOMI, SAYA SEDANG BUAT ANALISIS EKONOMI.DISINI SAYA HARAPLAH SANGAT TUN DAPAT BERIKAN PANDANGAN MENGAPA NEGARA MALAYSIA TIDAK DAPAT MENYAINGI EKONOMI SINGAPURA DAN MATA WANGNYA SETELAH SEKIAN LAMA.HARAPAN SAYA SUDILAH TUN BERIKAN PANDANGAN MENGENAINYA DILAMAN INI.TERIMA KASIH TUN SMOGA SIHAT SEJAHTERA.(BANGGA DGN IDEA TUN MBANGUNKAN PROTON,PETRONAS DLL.)
By Puteri TanjungAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 3:27 PM

Antikmalaya,

Er...please read carefully my "comments". I was merely forwarding to YAB Tun what an UMNO Veteran had written in Kadir Jasin's blog.

I didn't expect YAB Tun to publish it. I just wanted him to be aware of some of the things that had been written suddenly.
By DinodinoAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 4:03 PM

Dino: As'kum Ayahnda Tun,
harap Ayahnda Tun sekeluarga sentiasa dilindungi dan dirahmati Allah.Saya amat sedih dgn suasana tidak tentu dan celaru yang melanda Malaysia bumi bertuah yang amat dicintai ini. Bilakah agaknya rakyat akan sedar siapakah dalang sebenar disebalik kegawatan ini.Saya sebagai salah seorang anak watan yang pernah mengharungi hidup selesa diera pemerintahan Ayahnda Tun cukup terasa dengan gelombang yang melanda negara sepanjang tempoh pemerintahan AAB. Beliau seorang yang tidak mempunyai ketokohan yang sepatutnya dimiliki oleh seseorang yang bernama pemimpin, hanya taksud dengan populariti,hanyut dibuai mimpi mimpi indah sehinggalah keputusan PRU12 yang lalu menyaksikan tsunami politik melanda hingga menyebabkan AAB mendapat malu besar apabila kehilangan negeri dan menjadikan beliau

seorang PM yang pertama tidak mempunyai negeri tetapi masih mahu terus memerintah negara. Mengenangkan itu saya teringat sewaktu AAB mengeluarkan DSAI dari tahanan dulu, seorang sahabat pernah berkata demi meraih populariti PM telah mengeluarkan seekor iblis yang bertopengkan manusia dari sangkarnya, dan kamu lihatlah nanti bukan sahaja AAB akan dijatuhkan, malah negara juga akan dihancurkan.

Semuga Allah menjauhkan mala petaka dan elakkan negara dari jatuh ketangan mereka yang sentiasa membuat fitnah dan tidak bermaruah.....AMMIIINNNN.....NNN

By MAMZAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 4:28 PM

Rulers asked to seek restoration of immunity (The Star - 6 March 2009)

ALOR SETAR: The Kedah Royal Household Association will ask the Conference of Rulers to seek the restoration of immunity for rulers.

It said this was needful to ensure that "certain parties" would not "belittle the Malay rulers who are the pillars and protectors of the strength of the Malays."

Association president Tengku Datuk Zainol Rashid Tengku Yahya said the call would be made after a large-scale gathering in Kuala Lumpur soon by 250 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to express loyalty to the Malay rulers.

"If immunity is restored, the issue of mocking the Malay rulers will probably not arise," he told reporters after the flagging off of participants of a treasure hunt organised by the association here.

The Sultan Kedah, Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, flagged off 45 cars participating in the hunt from Alor Setar to Haadyai in Thailand.

Tengku Zainol Rashid led more than 100 treasure hunters in pledging their loyalty to the Malay rulers at the ceremony.

He also warned politicians not to raise the issue of the sovereignty of the Malay rulers in their agenda, saying that if they persisted in doing so, "we will find a way to stop them." -- Bernama

Berita diatas menunjukkan golongan kerabat kini terdesak untuk mengubah semula perlembagaan yang Tun perkenalkan pada tahun 1993 untuk melenyapkan imuniti Raja-raja Melayu. Sekiranya ianya berjaya diubah semula sekadar atas nama untuk menyelamatkan Raja-raja Melayu, saya percaya golongan ini akan menyalahgunakan kuasa dan pengaruh mereka. Siapa yang rugi akhirnya? Rakyat juga!!!

By icucu tok buyungAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 4:49 PM

TUN.

PETALING JAYA 6 Mac – Sultan Selangor sedih dan kesal dengan kebiadapan pihak tertentu yang mempersoalkan kedudukan Raja-Raja Melayu serta orang Melayu di negara ini.

Ampun Tuanku.

Perkara ini timbul adalah disebabkan ada terdapat segelintir orang Melayu sendiri yang menjadi dalangnya.

Ada orang Melayu sendiri yang memulakan sikap kurang ajar dan biadap terhadap Raja2 dan bangsa melayu sendiri. Ini telah membuka ruang pada kaum lain untuk mengambil kesempatan yang sama. Ini berlaku kerana ketaksuban perjuangan politik sempit mereka. Mereka seolah2 telah tidak lagi waras dan sioman. Mereka sudah berani memperlekeh dan menyanggah Institusi Raja2 Melayu. Ini kerana mereka sengaja berbuat lupa akan salah silah Raja2 Melayu, dan kaum2 ini juga buat2 lupa akan asal usul mereka dan bagaimana mereka telah diterima menjadi rakyat negara ini.

Ampun Tuanku.

Di waktu perkara ini tidak pernah berlaku. Rakyat lebih berdisplin.

By OrangBaruLahirAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 4:58 PM

Ybhg Tun semuga Ybhg Tun dan keluarga sehat walafiat.

I think your definition of the problem faced by the region as a whole and Malaysia as part of what was in the past an emerging economy is accurate, not that I am world economist but from a perspective of a realist. Taking thing as it is, into something that makes sense of the reality that we are in.

I dont know of time frame, and what we may want to set our sight as the goals and target for individuals, SME, corporations or for that matter, the nation as a whole.

So far those in the kampung may have yet to feel the impact of the global economy. all the basic foodstuff and basic necessity for them to maintain the upkeep of their family are still there, within reach of their limited income, as for those in the cities maybe they are now feeling insecure about the true value of their wealth that is if they remain working, as for those already facing retrenchment they may already be coming to grips with the situation developing before them.

In any TSUNAMI type situation, the first part of the rescue and recovery process, is always to determine the extent of the damage, from the direct impact of the TSUNAMI and the indirect impact prevalent after the TSUNAMI.

Maybe having done that, the following search and rescue operation, which is essentially to bring about some semblance of normal well being to those directly impacted by the disaster, can begin. Life can never be normal again, if lives are lost and whatever wealth that you have manage to acquire are gone forever.

At least the search and rescue operation will establish the real impact faced by those hit by the disaster, to enable some form of assistance to be planned and arranged for those hit by the disaster.

The secondary impact are loss of infrastructure not related to the imapcted individual, it is about restoring road, water supply, communicaton, health care, food supply, eduaction facilities and at a later part how to help those impacted with some means of rebuilding their livelihood.

The current global economic crisis is aslo a disaster, which maybe does not directly impacts Malaysian as individual, but the secondary impact of the disaster, will destroy the infrastructures that we are familiar with in dealing with our business aborad.

We will probably lose markets, we will probably lose funding instruments, we probably lose our bulk carriers and shipping to those marekts which have been major exporters, and we will probably lose our networks of business connection as they could have already succumb to lower demands, in the faced of fixed cost for salary and others in thier business.

Ours may not be as much a direct impact unless we are heavily hedged in our business, or our insurance coverage are very reliant on overseas insurers, except for those in industries owned by foreign corporation which are heavily into manufaturing for exports.

I would say the government owe us some explanantion on what areas we will be heavily hit, maybe our currency again, maybe our stock again which maybe temporary homes for "hot money" that temporarily needs to be parked somewhere.

I think the biggest challenge for our leaders are not in addressing the short term search and rescue operation, but how to recover and maintain our position within the soon to be poorer world economy.

Do we protect ourselves once again ? Do we immediately reduce our imports? Do we immediately raise taxes ? Or do we simply wait and see ?

I think for those still driven by opportunities, I think we need to find ways of making our money works better for us, not only to sustain our economy but also to ensure we would sheltered against the incoming second wave

Thank you Tun, maybe we again need to reactivate our MTEN and other advisory bodies, seeking not one opinion, but many second opinion.

I have always believe that Allah does not create a situation just for the sake of it, but to help those in need and also to punish those that have transgressed. After all HE is fair to all.

Wasslam

By athoyAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 5:36 PM

Salam buat Tun.

- 1.Thank you for sharing your thoughts on this matter.
- 2.We're like a lost sheep unable to seek our way home.
- 3.The shepherder is sleeping somewhere lost in his/their deep sleep and dream(s).
4. Maybe, InsyaAllah, you may able to apply a few jabs here and there.
5. I sincerely believe so and you in fact have proven yourself.
6. Others would love to have your expert opinion and "service" to rectify and/or remedy on how to overcome this mishap but not our Malaysian, unfortunately.
7. Gajah depan mata tak nampak.. tapi kuman seberang laut depa nampak pulak.
8. So Please Tun, help us out!!!

Thank You.

Athoy.

By 1OnlookerAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 5:41 PM

Tun,

Please do behave yourself and don't try to get your head high by the bad habit of fonding to judge upon other people's financial failure, lest the same kind of measurement be imposed on judging you yourself, which will happen only too soon and too hasty, with the same measurement yardstick that is equally tough, equally sharp, and equally unbearable when being applied on you yourself!

To find time to stay close to God shall be the better thing to do now for everyone of us! Don't you think so?

Onlooker

By wIAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 5:51 PM

Tun,

Now I have read so much anxiety & frustration of M'sians-commoners & educated ones alike.Yes!! the leaders better change their policies before the juggernauts give the country a miss lah.Nanti (miss) lari sampan atau tongkang!!Every where I go I can see the economic slowdown--I don't know whether all our bloggers see at their respective places.Everyone wants to hold back their pocket money simply because the future is uncertain.Nobody knows what will happen the next day.

RT

By AZIFAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 5:57 PM

Tun,

I now understand a little bit about why the world is in this crisis.

Thanks Tun, Only Allah the Almighty knows and Allah is the true path for us to seek the answer. US Dollars & British Pound is now considered Tissue paper. Worthless just like the world war 2 Japanese Currency which my late Grand Father kept a sack full but is worthless after the war. History repeats itself and the greeds of mankind are the true causes for the happenings. Zionist are the mastermind. Muslim countries must now unite for the betterment and refuse the use of US Dollars for trading Oil. Muslim from all over the world brothers must unite, be strong to face the resilient forces of the world devils wearing human faces. Salam Tun with full respect for Tun as a True Muslim Hero. May Allah Blessed Tun, and all Malaysian alike.

By sudin Author Profile Page on March 6, 2009 6:01 PM

Dear Tun.

I wish those PKR hardcore supporters to spare a moment and study the EIR report, and reconsider. To PM Pak Dol, hope you know the country's expectation to be a leader - quality.

This book review appears in the August 13, 2004 issue of Executive Intelligence Review.

Malaysia's Challenge to IMF:

A Lesson on 'Method'

by Michael Billington

The Tragedy That Didn't Happen:

Malaysia's Crisis Management and Capital Controls

by Dr. Marie-Aimée Tourres

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This book, to be officially released on Aug. 25, is the only comprehensive review of the extraordinary confrontation between the Government of Malaysia under the leadership of former Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, and the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the nest of speculators in the Western banks and hedge funds, and the institutions of the Washington Consensus, during and after the 1997-98 financial crisis in Asia. Its author, the Frenchwoman Marie-Aimée Tourres, was a visiting fellow at the International Institute of Strategic Studies (ISIS) in Kuala Lumpur in 1997-98, and again from January 2000 until the present. A skilled economist, Dr. Tourres presents both an economic analysis and a compelling political account, of the Malaysian response to the speculative assault on the currencies of the Southeast and East Asian "Tiger" economies, which began in Thailand in 1997. It is an inside account, sponsored by the ISIS and its director Dr. Noordin Sopiee, (a close friend and collaborator of Dr. Mahathir), by Petronas, the state petroleum agency, and with direct support from Dr. Mahathir himself. Even more important than the fascinating details of the initial collapse, the debates, and the intricate planning of the historic decision to reject IMF policies, imposing instead partial currency controls on the national currency, is Dr. Tourres' insight into the quality of thinking which generated these policy decisions. It is this method of thinking which is the real object lesson for the rest of the developing sector, facing similar but unique crises in their own countries today.

Readers of EIR know that the fight waged by Dr. Mahathir, often acting alone among national leaders of the world against "IMF orthodoxy," was both strongly supported by EIR and its founder, physical economist Lyndon LaRouche, and was covered extensively in the pages of this magazine. Although we had reported occasionally on developments in Malaysia, and Dr. Mahathir's leadership through the early 1990s, sometimes critically, when the currency speculation against the region hit with full force in July 1997, EIR made it a practice to convey the speeches of Dr. Mahathir, and some of his closest associates, on a regular basis. Since 1997, EIR has published extended excerpts from over 20 speeches by Dr. Mahathir, as well as an exclusive interview conducted by EIR's Gail Billington and Dino de Paoli on Jan. 22, 1999. For many developing sector leaders and others, this EIR coverage was the only source of truthful reporting of Malaysia's fight—a point which Dr. Tourres notes clearly in her book.

We thus present this review with a special eye towards the many readers in the developing sector who have closely followed Malaysia's innovations and progress through the pages of EIR, with a recommendation to read the full text. This review will add several complementary references from EIR reports over the years.

The Wall Street Journal's Attempted Slander

Quite by chance, Dr. Mahathir had been invited many months in advance to give a keynote speech to the annual meeting of the IMF and the World Bank in September 1997, held in Hongkong, as the head of one of the most successful "Asian Tiger" economies. When the speculative assault was launched in the Summer of 1997, Dr. Mahathir immediately broke ranks from the other Asian nations, which scrambled to accommodate to the criticisms and demands of the IMF. Instead, as we shall see below, Dr. Mahathir named and denounced both the speculators and the IMF for their subversive actions against the Asian economies, naming in particular the infamous hedge fund operative George Soros.

But the IMF's invitation for Dr. Mahathir to speak could hardly be withdrawn. In an attempt to poison the well for Dr. Mahathir's expected unwelcome truth-telling at the IMF confab, the voice of the synarchist banking circles, the Wall Street Journal, posted a headline story on the front page of its European and Asian editions in the hours preceding Dr. Mahathir's speech, attempting to slander him as a follower of the (supposedly) discredited Lyndon LaRouche! Titled "Malaysia's Mahathir Finds Strange Source for Soros Campaign: Asian Country's Media Tap U.S. Conspiracy Theorist Lyndon LaRouche, Jr." Complaining that the EIR report of April 1997, "The True Story of Soros the Golem—A Profile of Mega-speculator George Soros," was widely circulating in Malaysia, the Journal wrote: "Mr. LaRouche has long been at odds with the U.S. political mainstream, which regards him as an extremist in his views about reforming the global financial system. But his theories receive a warmer reception in Malaysia, where the 60-page EIR report on Mr. Soros has been passed among Malaysian editors, intellectuals and politicians."

If the Wall Street Journal's intent was to dampen Dr. Mahathir's critique of Western speculators, it failed miserably.

The Tragedy That Didn't Happen

Dr. Tourres makes clear that Malaysia, in the years preceding the speculative assault, had been far more careful about "hot-money" flows into the country than some of its neighbors. "In contrast to Thailand and Indonesia (where there was recourse to unbridled short-term private sector offshore borrowing), capital inflows to Malaysia were dominated by FDI (foreign direct investment) and portfolio investment," writes Dr. Tourres. "External borrowing was regulated by Malaysia's Central Bank, which sought to ensure that with the exception of mostly very large infrastructure projects, borrowing was done in ringgit (the Malaysian currency)." Dr. Mahathir takes delight in quoting IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus, who said in June 1997, just weeks before the assault on the region's currencies: "Malaysia is a good example of a country where the authorities are well aware of the challenges of managing the pressures that result from high growth and of maintaining a sound financial system amidst substantial capital flows and a booming property market." Camdessus's tone changed dramatically once the speculative attack had begun, accusing Kuala Lumpur of poor governance!

Still, Malaysia was not immune to the regional hot-money bubble, especially in the real estate sector. While Malaysia was taken by surprise by the sudden attack on the currency, there had been warnings. One person often quoted as having warned of a crash is Paul Krugman of MIT. However, Dr. Tourres notes that the credit given Krugman is "misguided"; that he had warned of a "slowdown," but admits that "he never anticipated such a fall."

The only clear warning, in fact, came from EIR. The Feb. 7, 1997 issue of EIR carried an article by Mike and Gail Billington titled: "London Sells a Killer 'Tiger' Tonic to Southeast Asia," and a national EIR conference in that month featured a presentation by Gail Billington on the same theme—that the Asian Tigers were about to "head down Mexico way," referring to the collapse of the Mexican currency and economy in 1994.

In the speech referenced above by Dr. Mahathir, to the Hongkong IMF Conference in September 1997, the Prime Minister said: "We dismissed the rumor that Malaysia would go the way of Mexico.... But now we know better. We know why it was suggested that Malaysia would go the way of Mexico. We know now that even as Mexico's economic crash was manipulated and made to crash, the economies of other developing countries too can be suddenly manipulated and forced to bow to the great fund managers who have now come to be the people to decide who should prosper and who shouldn't."

Think Globally, Plan Regionally, Act Nationally

Dr. Mahathir repeatedly told the world that if the international financial institutions had found a way to restrain the speculators, he would not have advocated imposing currency controls. He further insisted that if the regional economies had been allowed to create regional safety nets against the speculators, then currency controls might have become unnecessary. Such international or regional solutions were not to be, however. Discussions about a "new world financial architecture" were introduced at many

international forums, but no action was forthcoming. Dr. Tourres quotes President Bill Clinton's Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, one of the few Wall Street bankers who acknowledged the problem, in 1998: "The IMF has changed from 'we have the capacity to advocate but not to force sovereign countries to take actions they do believe to be in their interest,' to 'our approach requires that these countries take the concrete steps necessary to reform their economies'.... If countries don't take these steps, no financial assistance is made available." IMF Deputy Managing Director Stanley Fischer dismissed calls for a new financial system out of hand, insisting that the Asian problems were caused by policy errors and bad governance by the regional governments, not by speculators or the IMF.

Similarly, on the regional level, a proposal supported most vigorously by Dr. Mahathir, and Japan's Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs, Eisuke Sakakibara, for an Asian Monetary Fund (AMF), was discussed at a September 1997 meeting in Tokyo. The idea was to raise \$100 billion, half from participating countries, half from Japan, to provide liquidity in the region for the fight against speculative attacks, and assistance for development. The plan was squelched by U.S. and IMF strong-arm methods, when Japan was told that the scheme would undermine the capacity of the IMF to impose conditions on nations in trouble—just as Rubin had indicated.

Ultimately, Dr. Mahathir had to find means to act nationally, when the required international effort to correct the dysfunctional system did not materialize. As he said in 2002, looking back on the decision to impose controls: "We were strongly criticized by the Western countries, but we never bowed to them in any field, because we are responsible to our country, to our people. They are not responsible for our country. To them, if our people suffer, it is not their problem. But we are responsible. We are elected by the people, and it is our responsibility to look after the people's security and well-being."

Internal Dissent

The IMF had its supporters within Malaysia, and they used them to full advantage to attempt to bring down the recalcitrant Mahathir regime. Foremost among the IMF assets was Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Anwar Ibrahim, whom Dr. Mahathir had once chosen as his likely successor. This reviewer had appealed directly to Anwar in the year before the crisis, in a public letter, to reflect on his failed worldview, after Anwar published a book called *The Asian Renaissance*. The book utterly misinterpreted the European Renaissance, confusing it with the degenerate worldview of the Enlightenment, which rejected all universal truth in favor of a bestial concept of man devoid of any higher moral purpose. Worse, Anwar praised the leading spokesmen for the British Empire's economic policies, Adam Smith and Bernard de Mandeville, as proponents of a highly moral approach to economic policy, through radical free trade and the pursuit of personal greed!

As the speculative assault on the Asian economies unfolded, Dr. Mahathir made clear that Malaysia would not accept IMF help, due to the destructive conditionalities placed on all IMF loans. However, Anwar, as Finance Minister, announced a budget in October 1998 which was recognized worldwide as "an IMF program without the IMF." Sounding every bit like an IMF representative, Anwar told the *Wall Street Journal* in December 1997, "We have reached a stage where we must undertake further strategic but painful measures to strengthen the nation's resilience so that we can withstand any systemic risks. We'll have to take these tough measures if we want to help ourselves."

Dr. Mahathir, reflecting back on this period in a February 1999 interview, said: "Although we didn't ask for any loans from the IMF, the IMF kept on coming here and telling us what we must do, which is that in order to stop currency traders, we must raise interest rates. We must squeeze credit. We must force companies to go bankrupt by shortening the period for non-performing loans. At that time the IMF had a lot of influence over the then Minister of Finance [Anwar] and the Central Bank. They followed IMF conditions." In an interview with Dr. Tourres in January 2002, Dr. Mahathir said that Anwar "kept wanting to cut the operating expenditures ... , wages ... , development expenditures.... Either he did not understand, or he was too influenced by the IMF. He even scolded his Ministers for not cutting further."

In an interview with EIR in January 1999, when asked for his comments on the economic advice given by Lyndon LaRouche to Mexico and others, Dr. Mahathir responded: "This kind of contact must serve a useful purpose, and we would welcome that, certainly. Unfortunately, of course, the words are passed around that the EIR is a fascist grouping, which is trying to—this is told to me by some of your detractors, including my former deputy [Anwar], who told me earlier that EIR is a fascist paper, so we shouldn't listen to it. So that is the way of undermining any attempts on your part to try and promote the kind of ideas the EIR has always been focused on."

Defining the Principle

The Sept. 1, 1998 announcement of partial currency controls was by no means a snap decision. On Dec.

20, 1997, the Malaysian Government formed the National Economic Action Council (NEAC), at the recommendation of ISIS chief Noordin Sopiee, to devise a strategic plan of action for confronting the economic and financial attack on the nation. The NEAC was made up of the top government officials, including the Prime Minister and his Deputy, but also other government agencies, trade unions, corporate figures, bankers, and other civil organizations. The 26 members met five days a week, three hours a day, throughout 1998 and into 1999, with Dr. Mahathir in attendance at all meetings! This body, over time, assumed more responsibility than the Cabinet on certain economic issues, and, although Dr. Mahathir reports that it was not intended to sideline his Deputy Anwar, it did come to represent national interests, as against the IMF policies promoted by Anwar and some at the Central Bank.

Dr. Mahathir also called upon the former head of the Central Bank's foreign exchange department, Nor Mohamed Yakcop, who best understood the workings of the speculative markets (he had been burned before—he was involved in a disastrous loss on the British derivatives markets in 1992, when George Soros brought down the British pound, and caught Malaysia backing the pound). The two men held countless meetings, trying to come to terms with the character of the international financial markets, and devising a means to protect the nation from their power.

It became clear that only a clean break from the long reach of the speculative markets, through currency controls, could possibly prevent the further looting of the nation's economy and its population. There was no doubt in Dr. Mahathir's mind that there was a global crisis, which was the result of the demise of the Bretton Woods system in 1971, when President Richard Nixon pulled the dollar off gold and unleashed the speculative floating-exchange-rate system. In his EIR interview, Dr. Mahathir said: "When, for the first time, countries decided to float their currencies and allow the market to determine the exchange rates—that was way back in the 1970s—I felt even then, at that time, that the sovereignty of countries had been lost. And when you leave it to the market, the market is motivated entirely by profits—actually, greed—and you cannot expect greedy people to act in a sensitive way. If they see how they can make money for themselves, they couldn't care less if they destroy whole countries or they impoverish people." Dr. Mahathir told Dr. Tourres that he had demanded an investigation of the hedge funds by the IMF (the subsequent IMF report claimed the hedge funds were guiltless in the Asian currency crisis), and had written to IMF chief Camdessus, asking for a curb on the currency traders. "Mr. Camdessus merely wrote," said Dr. Mahathir, "to say that the currency trading is so huge, and involved the great banks of the West, that nothing could be done to regulate it."

And yet, the NEAC realized, China had continued to control their currency, while allowing foreign investment in approved categories. After careful study, and discussions with Malaysian businessmen who did business in China, it was determined that some variation of the China model was the most appropriate for Malaysia. As Dr. Tourres notes: "In order to force foreign capital into 'real' economic sectors (in China), rather than investments in equity, controls had generally successfully favoured long-term over short-term inflows."

The Decision

The announcement came on Sept. 1, 1998: currency controls on the capital account (not on the current account); demonetization of the ringgit outside of Malaysia; a one-year freeze on the repatriation of portfolio funds; pegging of the ringgit to the U.S. dollar; and other measures. The official announcement included the following unambiguous reflection on the actual cause of the emergency measures: "The over-riding objective of the new measures is to regain monetary independence and insulate the Malaysian economy from the prospects of further deterioration in the world economic and financial environment. In the process, the nation would be adequately prepared to minimize the impact of a possible global economic crisis and a breakdown in the international financial system." Acting Governor of the Central Bank, Dr. Zeti Akhtar Aziz, who made the announcement, added that "We had to act on our own, considering the international community has failed to come up with any meaningful solution to the global financial turmoil. Ideally, the world should have acted in concert, instead of forcing countries to act individually."

Immediately, all hell broke loose in the Western capitals and the Western press. I will not report here the numerous slanders, denunciations, predictions of catastrophe for the Malaysian people, and so on, which Dr. Tourres reviews in the book. In retrospect, in view of the fact that the Malaysian people escaped the horrible collapse which ripped at the fabric of several of its neighbors—Indonesia perhaps worst of all—the hysteria is quite disgusting. The free-market gurus, and George Soros in the forefront, pronounced Malaysia dead, and called for Dr. Mahathir's ouster.

Most of the critics, including the IMF itself, have now admitted they were wrong, but without taking any

measures to rectify the horrific damage their policies wrought across the region, or to change the system in any significant way. Dr. Mahathir answered the free-market preachers ironically in a speech in 1999: "We in Malaysia subscribe to the free-market system, but it is not a religion with us. It is just an economic system devised by imperfect man. While we should try to adhere to it closely, we see no reason to accept everything done in its name when we no longer reap any benefit from it.... No one declared that currencies should be regarded as commodities and traded like sugar or wheat or coffee.... Indeed, for a long time there was no currency trading, while the world traded and grew economically. Fixed exchange rates enabled values to be attached to goods and services."

Dr. Tourres reports that among the very few international organizations which defended Malaysia's decision was the Schiller Institute, which is associated with EIR. She quotes EIR Asia correspondent Gail Billington, speaking at ISIS in Kuala Lumpur on Jan. 25, 1999, that "by imposing capital controls, Malaysia had become the first country to place the human rights and general welfare of the people before the financial interests." Tourres takes pleasure in noting that Ms. Billington, despite being an American, did not support "Al Gore's outrageous behaviour during his visit a few weeks earlier." Tourres was referring to Gore's open support, while speaking at an Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum in Kuala Lumpur on Nov. 16, 1998, for anarchists who were rioting on the streets outside the conference to bring down the government, in support of deposed Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim.

Lessons

When the evidence of Malaysia's success in averting tragedy became too obvious to ignore, the critics instead switched to a variation on their theme, aimed at justifying their earlier hysteria: Malaysia has recovered from the crisis, they argued, but the currency controls were not responsible, as shown by the fact that those nations which had accepted IMF conditions were also recovering. There are several fallacies in this argument, including the fact that once Malaysia had broken from IMF orthodoxy, the IMF and Washington quickly began relaxing the conditions they had imposed on the other Asian economies, afraid that they would follow Malaysia's lead!

Dr. Tourres notes two other crucial differences. The Malaysian controls imposed "stability in economic conditions," which "helped to avert political and social instability as witnessed in Malaysia's neighbouring countries at that time. This, in itself, was a significant achievement, and possibly the most important one for this multiracial country."

Secondly, although foreign investment returned at a faster rate in South Korea and Thailand, much of the foreign capital inflow in those two nations was "acquisition by foreign companies of assets or equity of domestic companies.... Malaysia did not resort to promoting acquisitions or take-overs by foreign companies as part of the process of corporate and banking restructuring." Malaysia retained its dignity and its economic sovereignty.

These qualities of national independence are challenged across the globe today, both by the collapsing debt bubble in the Anglo-American banking system, and the strategic threat of the Bush/Cheney pre-emptive war doctrine. While the Malaysian policies can not be simply reproduced in other crisis countries, the method of approach, to "think globally, plan regionally, act nationally," serves as a guide to action. Dr. Mahathir, under pressure to lift the controls after the first year of successful implementation, said: "We are not about to do so, not unless the world curbs the currency traders and designs an international financial structure that is less liable to abuse by the avaricious." And, as he said in October 1998, just one month after the implementation of the controls: "We may fail, of course, but we are going to do our damndest to succeed, even if all the forces of the rich and powerful are aligned against us. God willing, we will succeed."

By Puteri TanjungAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 6:22 PM

Joematchi

Careful what you wish for. Saya pernah dengar Yahudi lah yang paling banyak memiliki emas di planet Bumi ini. Kalau benar, Yahudi juga lah yang akan menguasai ekonomi dunia dan melakukan penyelewengan di institusi-institusi kewangan. Can anybody confirm this?

By Syed Akbar AliAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 6:55 PM

Dear Tun,

Up to the 70s, the Japanese were giving the Americans a run for their money. Japanese goods were

flooding the US market at cheaper cost. The Japanese worker was earning much less to make the same quality goods as the American worker. Ultimately the wages of the Japanese worker also went up to match and even surpass the American worker. The Japanese yen was also purposely pushed up in value.

the Americans are now trying to get China to revalue their yuan too. Logically since China now exports so much manufactured goods to China, the wages of Chinese workers should also match that of the US worker.

But there are 1.5 Billion Chinese. Their workforce is in the hundreds of millions. It is not likely that the wages of the Chinese worker will match the US worker. This means the wages of the American worker may have to come down to match Chinese wages. I believe this is what Adam Smith called 'The invisible Hand'. It is working its magic right now.

There is a great equalisation going on around the world. Since real goods and services are now pouring out of China and India at very cheap prices, real wages and prices around the world must adjust to the Chinese and Indian levels.

I dont think the quality of life or the standard of living will change in the US or Europe. It will possibly improve. But it may become cheaper now.

Syed Akbar Ali.

By akumemerhatiAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 7:02 PM

Assalamua'laikum, Tun,

Its great to read your article. One of my friend in UK did his research for his Phd on your succesfull overcome the economic crisis in 1997-98. I am proud of it.

By PangaitAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 7:15 PM

DRIMINALISE WAR!

You are promoting this. I hope you feel guilty having badly discriminate Sabah, to the extent some have remained very poor.. lokk closer hre than trying to teach us looking afar...

By FansuriAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 7:15 PM

Am concerned that since Tun's departure, our country seems to be running into a number of negative directions. Political, financial and social problems are being heard and seen more often than before. Therefore although the measures taken in 1997-1998 to cushion the impact of the financial crisis at that time worked for us, and we should definitely feel the vindication, it may not work this time around for us due to too much distractions and interferences ongoing. sure, the government have introduced a few stimulus packages here and there to help, if not boost, at least to keep the economy going, but it seems like we are in such a mess at the moment.

I sadly miss the tranquility and stability enjoyed in the 1980's right up to 1997. pretty much went down hill from there on ... don't we have any capable leaders out there as good or better than Tun when he was PM? now would be a pretty good time to show yourselves and do something ...

By kamal ahmadAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 7:30 PM

Salam kasih dan hormat Ayahanda Tun. Minta di-izinkan sedikit ruang jika boleh, T. Kasih.

Dear Puteri Tanjung, I think you shouldn't be unduly worried. For some folks who had actually scrubbed the floors of those power corridors, they would know that the writings you have highlighted (copied & paste) are partial truth and partial figmentation (not yours). And I believe YABhg Tun is above the need to reciprocate a comment of any such nature. It was an interesting read indeed; as it was from the "very near" outside looking in. It was a very good read undeniably and I agree whole heartedly, that Abdullah never knew much of what was really happening around him as he was either fully asleep or dozing of the

hours to 5 pm daily since October 2003. It may even have been - that he had actually sleep walked into that BERNAMA interview with Datuk Seri Mohammad Annuar Zaini! Now that part, was the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help us God. Best regards to you Puteri Tanjung.
By mahmudAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 7:36 PM

Oleh : AIDC

Tulisan Killer dalam komen Malaysian Insider (klik di sini) dan youtube channel anwaribrahimdotcom (klik di sini) berusaha untuk merungkai beberapa persoalan misteri yang menyelubungi isu foto bogel Elizabeth Wong.

Walaupun terdapat beberapa percanggahan fakta dengan kenyataan dengan kenyataan mainstrain misalnya tentang status Hilmi Malik yang sudah berkhawin, sedangkan media pedana mengatakan kedua-dua pasangan itu masih bujang, namun secara keseluruhan, isi penceritaannya boleh diteliti lanjut.

Free sex thinking

Pertama hujah Killer mengatakan kegiatan gelap Elizabeth adalah suka bertukar-tukar pasangan seks tanpa kahwin. Hobi Elizabeth ini sudah lama berlaku, tetapi mula terbongkar sejak dua bulan lepas.

Killer menyebut terdapat sekurang-kurang tiga individu yang menjadi kekasih gelap Elizabeth iaitu Hilmi Malik, Tian Chua dan Mat Salleh.

Menurutnya Elizabeth telah lama menjalinkan hubungan seksual dengan Tian Chua (Ketua Penerangan PKR, hingga faktor itu pertunangan Tian Chua bersama warganegara Hong Kong, Mable Au, terpaksa diputuskan. Kali terakhir hubungan Elizabeth-Tian Chua terbongkar ketika ditangkap di Hotel Taipei, ketika misi PKR memburu calon-calon BN di Taiwan.

Tetapi dalam masa sama Elizabeth turut menjalin hubungan dengan pemuda Melayu-Islam bernama Hilmi Malek, ketika pemuda itu belum berkahwin dan hubungan diteruskan walaupun selepas lelaki itu sudah berkahwin.

Lelaki Melayu itu diberi keistimewaan apabila dilantik menjadi Pembantu Peribadi kepada Ahli Parlimen PKR Petaling Jaya Selatan ,Hee Loy Sian.

Amat jarang Ahli Parlimen berbangsa Cina akan mengambil pegawai khas Melayu, kecuali atas sebab-sebab tertentu terutama 'keistimewaan' lelaki Melayu yang tidak dapat ditandingi oleh ahli-ahli PKR lain. Dia juga dikatakan menjadi aktivis penting PKR bahagian Pandan.

Juga dalam masa sama, Elizabeth mempunyai seorang lagi pasangan kekasihnya iaitu seorang pemuda Mat Salleh.

Semua kenyataan media tidak menyebut siapakah pemuda Mat Salleh itu, apakah dia warganegara Malaysia dan apakah dia juga berkaitan dengan PKR ?

Motif sebaran foto : Cemburu cinta tiga segi ?

Di antara ketiga-tiga lelaki itu, siapakah kekasih yang paling disayangi oleh Elizabeth, kerana semuanya dilakukan secara serentak ?

Tian Chua, Hilmi atau Mat Salleh ? Siapa kekasih sebenar yang paling disayangi Elizabeth ?

Komen Killer seolah-olah bersetuju kekasih yang paling disayangi oleh Elizabeth adalah Hilmi.

Dia menulis begini, 'Elizabeth semakin rapat dengan Hilmi dan mereka menjadi semakin intim ketika menyertai Pilihan raya Ke- 12, (Mac tahun lalu). Walau bagaimanapun hubungan mereka menjadi tegang dengan aktiviti-aktiviti "kurikulum luar" Elizabeth. Mereka dikatakan telah berpisah selepas perkahwinan Hilmi tetapi ianya masih berterusan'

Hujah ini diperkukuhkan lagi dengan pengakuan Elizabeth sendiri dalam tulisan di blognya pada 10 Mac 2008, sejurus selepas kemenangannya di DUN Bukit Lanjan.

Dalam membariskan ucapan terima kasih di atas kemenangannya itu, dia turut mengucapkan terima kasih kepada Hilmi, kekasihnya, 'my boyfriend Hilmi who has been incredibly patient and supportive'. klik di sini

Killer menulis, 'hubungan cinta Elizabeth-Hilmi sampai ke kemuncaknya kira-kira dua bulan yang lepas apabila Hilmi menemui foto-foto bogel Elizabeth bersama dengan teman lelaki Mat Salleh. Hilmi menjadi marah dan mereka memutuskan hubungan. Walau bagaimanapun, gambar-gambar (bogel Eli) telah sampai ke pengetahuan aktivis PKR '

Bermakna, walaupun Elizabeth menulis di blognya pada Mac 2008, mendeklarasikan Hilmi sebagai kekasihnya (yang paling disayangi ?), tetapi pada bulan September 2008, Elizabeth masih menjalinkan hubungan seks dengan Tian Chua, di Hotel Taipei, Taiwan dan kira-kira dua bulan lepas (Disember 2008), Elizabeth mengadakan hubungan seks dengan teman lelaki Mat Sallehnya pula.

Jadi, jika menurut tulisan Killer, foto yang ditemui itu adalah foto-foto Elizabeth bersama Mat Salleh, di rumah Elizabeth di Jalan Gasing, Petaling Jaya.

Polis melawat rumah Elizabeth Wong, di Bukit Gasing, Petaling Jaya.

Persoalan yang belum terjawab, siapakah yang merakam foto-foto peribadi Elizabeth-Mat Salleh di rumah Jalan Gasing itu ?

Adakah Hilmi atau Mat Salleh itu sendiri kerana kedua-duanya istimewa dan mempunyai 'kunci' untuk masuk ke rumah Elizabeth ?

Persoalan lain yang juga belum terjawab, apakah hanya dua foto yang tersebar di internet itu sahaja, foto yang dikatakan 'memalukan' Elizabeth ? Sedangkan dalam laporan disebut polis menerima dua keping foto dan satu salinan klip video.

Dua foto itu sudah bertebaran di internet. Tidakkah memalukan pun dan kalau berdasarkan dua keping foto itu, Elizabeth masih boleh 'melawan' jika dia tidak mengaku dirinya, kerana foto itu tidak begitu jelas.

Tetapi bagaimana pula dengan klip video ? Klip video ini masih tersembunyi isi kandungannya.

Apa isi kandungan video, sehingga Elizabeth bertekad meletakkan jawatan ADUN dan Exco Selangor, meskipun dilarang oleh Anwar Ibrahim, pemimpin de facto PKR ?

Barangkali lebih dari dua foto yang dirakamkan, dan kedua foto yang disebar di internet itu sekadar pelindung kepada foto-foto lain yang lebih eksklusif lagi. Apatah lagi bila disebut klip video bermakna masih banyak perkara yang belum terdedah dan amat ditakuti oleh Elizabeth.

Dalam hal ini, Killer merumuskan seperti berikut, 'la sesuatu yang amat menipu apabila Eli menyatakan gambar tersebut diambil tanpa pengetahuannya ataupun kerja BN. Lebih baik dia mengaku ataupun perkara ini akan menjadi semakin buruk'

Sebab itu boleh difahami kenapa Elizabeth berkeras meletakkan jawatan, mestipun dihalang oleh Anwar

Ibrahim, kerana dia tahu isi kandungan sebenar foto dan klip video itu. Klik di sini

Dalam bahasa Killer, Elizabeth memilih langkah pertama iaitu mengaku (menyerah kalah) bahawa foto-foto dan klip video adalah miliknya dengan meletak semua jawatan politik serta mengambil cuti ke luar negara selama sebulan.

Siapa sebarkan foto itu dan apa motifnya ?

Killer merumuskan Hilmi marah apabila menemui foto-foto Elizabeth-Mat Salleh dan membuatkan Hilmi berazam untuk memutuskan hubungan cintanya.

Sebelum inipun Hilmi melahirkan rasa marah kepada Elizabeth kerana aktiviti-aktiviti "kurikulum luar" (hubungan seks dengan pasangan lain ?) kekasihnya itu, namun barangkali kemarahan itu belum benar-benar memuncak, dan boleh berbaik semula setelah dipujuk.

Namun ketegangan itu tidak dapat dibendung lagi pada dua bulan lepas (Disember 2008 ?) apabila Hilmi sendiri terjumpa bukti foto Elizabeth-Mat Salleh.

Menurut Killer, isu pergaduhan Elizabeth-Hilmi juga telah diketahui oleh inner circle PKR. Foto-foto Elizabeth juga turut sampai ke tangan anggota-anggota PKR yang lain selepas 'pergaduhan besar' itu

Menurut Hee Loy Sian, Hilmi berhenti kerja dengannya kira-kira sebulan lepas. Barangkali itu merupakan kemuncak ketegangan Elizabeth-Hilmi, sehingga memaksa dia berhenti kerja sebagai pembantu khas ahli parlimen PKR .

Ini diperkukuhkan lagi dengan keluhan sedih Elizabeth sendiri kepada rakan-rakan partinya pada 5 Februari lalu yang mengatakan "Mungkin ini kali terakhir kita makan malam dengan saya sebagai Exco (Ahli Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri) dan Adun (Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri)" klik di sini

Maknanya Elizabeth sudah dapat menjangkakan apa yang akan terjadi ke atas dirinya setelah Hilmi menemui foto-foto itu dan berhenti kerja serta menghilangkan diri secara tiba-tiba. Klik di sini

Menurut Killer, Elizabeth juga mempunyai dua musuh lain iaitu pertama musuh politik sesama PKR yang masing-masing berlumba-lumba untuk mengisi jawatan exco yang disandang oleh Elizabeth.

Nama-nama yang turut disebut teringin mengisi jawatan exco yang disandang oleh Elizabeth adalah Dr Tan Kee Kwong (bekas pengerusi Gerakan Wilayah Persekutuan), Dr Tan Yee Kew (bekas ketua wanita MCA Klang), Lee Kim Sin (ADUN PKR Kajang) dan Gan Pei Nee (ADUN PKR Rawang). Klik di sini

Musuh kedua Elizabeth adalah segolongan peniaga yang marah dengan dasar Elizabeth ketika memegang Exco Pelancongan, Hal Ehwal Pengguna dan Alam Sekitar, kerajaan Selangor.

Killer menulis begini, 'Jadi, tindakan puak-puak yang bermusuhan dalam PKR mengintai kerusi Exco (yang dipegang oleh Eli) dan kepentingan perniagaan telah menimbulkan kemarahan Elizabeth, kerana tentangnya yang tegas terhadap isu alam sekitar dan pembangunan lereng bukit merupakan saat terbaik untuk membunuh karier politiknya. Oleh itu, gambar-gambar dan klip video yang diperoleh oleh mereka yang tidak berprinsip dan telah digunakan untuk menjatuhkan maruahnyanya. Inilah sebab kenapa mereka ini menemui Malay Mail dan tidak membuat ugutan kepada Elizabeth'

Justeru itu, maka amat mudah difahami jika polis melawat pejabat Malay Mail untuk mengesan orang yang dikatakan menyerahkan salinan foto dan klip video itu. Klik di sini

Pendapat sama turut dipersetujui oleh Iskandar Abdul Samad, Exco Perumahan, Pengurusan Bangunan dan Setinggalan negeri Selangor yang berkata penyebaran foto itu dilakukan pemaju yang tidak puas hati apabila kerajaan negeri melarang pembangunan di cerun Kelas 3 dan 4.

"Beliau (Wong) terkenal sebagai aktivis alam sekitar dan sangat tegas dalam usaha melindungi alam semula jadi. Saya yakin ramai tidak puas hati dengan ketegasan beliau," katanya yang juga Timbalan Pesuruhjaya Pas III Selangor. [Klik di sini](#)

Pendapat ini diperkukuhkan lagi dengan kenyataan polis yang mengatakan 'kes foto Elizabeth bukan perangkap politik'. [Klik di sini](#)

Membaca keseluruhan pandangan Killer, [klik di sini](#)

Kenapa Tian Chua emosional dan sokongan Malaysiakini ?

Dalam kes Elizabeth, Tian Chua cukup emosional. Ketika wartawan cuba mendapat maklumat daripada bekas majikan Hilmi (Hee Loy Sian, Ahli Parlimen PKR PJ Selatan), Tian Chua memotong percakapan Hee Loy Sian. Dia memarahi wartawan kerana terlalu berminat 'menceroboh' hal personal Elizabeth. Sempat dia beri warning terakhir, jangan untkit lagi pasal kes Elizabeth !.

Dalam video terbitan Malaysiakini, kemarahan Tian Chua tidak dapat dikawal lagi. Selepas memberi warning kepada wartawan, dia meninggalkan wartawan -wartawan yang masih terkebil-kebil untuk mendapatkan penjelasan lanjut.

Inilah tindakan paling biadap Tian Chua berhadapan dengan media, walaupun sebelum ini, dia begitu mesra media (terutamanya Malaysiakini) sesuai dengan statusnya Ketua Penerangan PKR.

Laman Agendadaily.com mendakwa, ketika wartawan mereka bertanya lanjut mengenai kes Elizabeth Tian Chua telah mengancam dengan kata-kata berikut : "If you ask me again, I smash your head" ! (Jika awak bertanya saya lagi tentang Elizabeth, saya akan pukul kepada awak !).

Sebagai Ketua Penerangan PKR, Tian Chua mesra media sebelum ini

Malah Tian Chua turut mengugut akan menyaman Agendadaily sekiranya menyiarkan laporan yang menyebut dia adalah bekas teman lelaki Elizabeth. Dia secara tegas menghalau wartawan Agendadaily beredar daripadanya. [Klik di sini](#)

Nobisha seorang blogger menemplak sikap double standard Tian Chua. Suatu ketika dahulu Tian Chua sanggup dipukul polis semata-mata memperjuangkan kebebasan media. Tetapi dalam kes Elizabeth, dia bertindak sebaliknya berusaha menyekat kebebasan media. [Klik di sini](#)

Berkaitan dengan Malaysiakini pula, laman itu secara konsisten menyokong penuh di belakang Elizabeth. Lebih tiga video terbitan Malaysiakini diterbitkan secara berkala memungut pendapat rakyat yang menunjukkan sokongan kepada Elizabeth.

Langkah Malaysiakini itu dianggap sesuatu yang luar biasa. Jarang memfokuskan kepada individu tertentu (dalam bentuk video khas) kecuali untuk Elizabeth Wong dan Anwar Ibrahim.

Siapa Elizabeth kepada Malaysiakini ? Begitu juga soalan sama diulang, siapa Elizabeth di hati Tian Chua, sehingga dia begitu emosi ?

Kumpulan aktivis hak asasi Australia

Tian Chua, Elizabeth Wong, Stevan Gan dan Premesh Chandran adalah 'empat sekawan' yang berasal dari aktivis pelajar Australia yang pro-demokrasi dan hak asasi manusia.

Gelombang 'reformasi' yang dicetuskan oleh Anwar Ibrahim pada tahun 1998 berlandaskan 'keadilan', 'demokrasi' dan 'hak asasi' mendekati 'empat sekawan' itu untuk menyokong perjuangan Parti Keadilan.

Pada peringkat awal penubuhan Malaysiakini pada tahun 1999 (klik sini) empat sekawan itu (Tian, Elizabeth, Stevan dan Pramesh) terlibat sama dalam mesyuarat membangunkan sebuah akhbar internet yang memperjuangkan 'justice, human rights, democracy, freedom of speech dan good governance' yang akhirnya dijelmakan sebagai Malaysiakini.com.

Setelah Malaysiakini ditubuhkan secara rasmi, Stevan Gan menjadi Ketua Pengarang dan Pramesh Chandran mengendalikan pengurusan kewangan sebagai Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif. Klik di sini

Manakala Tian Chua dan Elizabeth pula memilih pendekatan pemain di sebalik tabir portal internet itu serta lebih menonjol dalam NGO yang memperjuangkan hak asasi.

Tian-Elizabeth bergerak bersama, termasuk tinggal serumah di Bukit Gasing dalam menggerakkan NGO yang dinamakan HAKAM (Hak Asasi Manusia) dan ARDA (Alliance for Reform and Democracy in Asia). Klik di sini

Yang menyatukan Tian, Eliz, Stevan dan Pramesh adalah mereka bergerak melalui sumber penaja yang sama iaitu disponsor oleh Open Society Institute (OSI) kepunyaan Yahudi bernama George Soros. Klik di sini dan di sini

Dalam laporan Janet Steele, *The International Journal of Press/Politics* 2009; 14; 91 bertajuk "Professionalism Online: How Malaysiakini Challenges Authoritarianism", (klik di sini) dia melaporkan Malaysiakini mendapat tajaan George Soros melalui Open Society Institute yang turut menaja Southeast Asia Press Alliance (SEAPA) dan Media Development Loan Fund (MDLF).

"Malaysiakini's initial funding came from the Southeast Asia Press Allian(SEAPA). Later they completed a private equity transaction with the Media Development Loan Fund (MDLF) and set up a company with 5 million shares (Tong 2004: 306)"

"In February 2001, the Far Eastern Economic Review quoted billionaire George Soros as saying that his Open Society Institute funded several media outlets in Asia, including Malaysiakini. Although FEER later published a clarification stating that OSI funded the Southeast Asia Press Alliance (SEAPA) and not Malaysiakini, this made little difference to Malaysian authorities and local media, which continued to use the purported connection with Soros to discredit the news organization (Tong 2004).

Laman Minda Madani Online turut bersetuju kaitan Malaysiakini dan George Soros dengan menulis, 'Majalah Far Eastern Economic Review keluaran Februari 2001 melaporkan pertubuhan amal Open Society Institute (OSI) milik spekulator matawang Amerika Syarikat, George Soros turut membiayai organisasi-organisasi media di Asia termasuk Malaysiakini.

Bekas Editor Berita Malaysiakini, Chon Yen Long, kemudiannya mendakwa bahawa Malaysiakini menerima wang sejumlah RM 188,000 daripada Media Development Loan Fund (MDLF) yang dikaitkan dengan OSI milik Soros. OSI merupakan sebuah badan amal yang memberikan dana kepada organisasi-organisasi yang mempromosi idea-idea demokrasi liberal dan pasaran bebas.

Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Malaysiakini, Pramesh Chandran, kemudiannya menafikan bahawa media tersebut mempunyai kaitan secara langsung atau tidak langsung dengan Soros. Beliau walau bagaimanapun mengakui bahawa organisasi tersebut merupakan salah satu daripada 20 organisasi yang menerima dana daripada Centre for Advanced Media, Prague (C@MP) yang merupakan sebahagian daripada MDLF yang dikaitkan dengan Soros'. Klik sini

Kenapa Anwar Ibrahim larang Elizabeth letak jawatan ?

Anwar Ibrahim juga dilaporkan dalam keadaan mood berang apabila menyentuh mengenai isu Elizabeth. Anwar berucap dalam majlis makan malam yang dihadiri kebanyakan kaum Cina anjuran PKR di Petaling Jaya, malam semalam. Klik di sini

Kenapa Anwar berang bila bercakap isu Elizabeth ?

Apakah bila menyentuh isu Elizabeth juga turut berkait dengan Tian Chua yang kedua-duanya 'anak emas Anwar' sehingga kedua-duanya diletakkan di posisi yang sama iaitu Ketua Penerangan PKR (Tian Chua) dan Ketua Penerangan Wanita PKR (Elizabeth).

Siapa Elizabeth di hati Anwar ?

Selain Tian Chua, Elizabeth dianggap sebagai 'lubuk duit' dari luar negara yang disalurkan melalui NGO untuk membantu PKR. Klik di sini

Elizabeth merupakan secretary-general kepada HAKAM dari 2000-2006 dan sekarang masih menjadi penasihat utama NGO itu.

Dia juga merupakan penasihat utama kepada SUARAM (Suara Rakyat Malaysia) yang mendapat tajaan daripada yaysan Yahudi Amerika iaitu NED (National Endowment for Democracy).

SUARAM mendapat grant tahunan sebanyak \$70,000 daripada NED. Bukti klik di sini

Maka tidak hairan dalam Pilihanraya ke-12, aktivis-aktivis SUARAM seperti Elizabeth Wong (DUN Bukit Lanjan, Selangor), Chang Lih Kang (DUN Teja, Perak) dan Arutchelvan (DUN Semenyih, Selangor) bertanding atas tiket PKR.

Elizabeth juga merupakan fellow hak asasi sebuah yayasan Amerika iaitu Carnegie Council for Ethics and International Affairs pada 2002-03.

Carnegie Council for Ethics and International Affairs pula ditaja the Carnegie Endowment For International Peace

Kedua-dua yayasan Amerika ini mempunyai perkaitan rapat dengan Anwar Ibrahim kerana salah seorang kawan baiknya, Douglas Paal menjadi vice president for studies di yayasan itu. Klik di sini

Kalau ditujuk kepada sejarah hubungan Anwar Ibrahim dan Douglas Paal, sudah bermula sejak tahun 1996 lagi, ketika itu Paal bertugas sebagai wakil Amerika di rantau Asia dengan ibu pejabatnya di Taiwan.

Pada tahun 1998, Anwar Ibrahim telah dilaporkan menyalahgunakan dana kerajaan sebagai Menteri Kewangan dengan membayar RM38 million kepada pelobi APPC (Asia Pacific Policy Centre, berpusat di Taiwan, kepunyaan Douglas Paal untuk melobi Amerika Syarikat. Klik di sini

Hasil lobi itu, Douglas Paal yang juga bekas penganalisis kanan CIA di Jabatan Negara Amerika Syarikat (klik di sini) telah berjaya membawa ahli politik berbangsa Yahudi termasuk William Cohen (Setiausaha Pertahanan Amerika) dan Madeline Albright (Setiausaha Negara Amerika) datang ke Malaysia melalui projek 'Dailog Pasifik' anjuran bersama IKD dan APPC. Klik di sini

Berdasarkan latar belakang di atas, memang wajar Anwar Ibrahim berang apabila kes Elizabeth terbongkar.

Apatah lagi Elizabeth mengambil keputusan drastik meninggalkan semua jawatan politik serta tidak menghiraukan nasihat Anwar.

Memang Anwar akan mengamuk, jika sumber duitnya telah dijolok oleh orang dalamnya sendiri.

Bukankah terdapat persamaan antara Elizabeth Wong dan Anwar Ibrahim yang sama-sama terlibat dengan skandal seks gelap dan ketika mereka dilanda masalah itu, mereka sama-sama berlindung di sebalik tembok besi hak asasi manusia ?

By rakyatengahAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 7:47 PM

Assalamualaikum,

Apa yang di maksudkan dengan "they abused the systems or indulged in fraud" dengan lebih terperinci? Dan, adakah sekiranya ia di aplikasikan sekali lagi di Malaysia, sebagai contoh kita di Malaysia menggunakan pakej rangsangan 10 billion, adakah kemungkinan "fraud" itu wujud didalam system itu. Atau ia hanya akan menambah hutang negara?

Hanya bertanya.

By thebigdipperAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 8:07 PM

Dear Tun,

Re puteri Umno; that UMNO VETERAN and Goofy is synonuiomous.

By rakyatengahAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 8:10 PM

Assalamualaikum,

Buat Tun,

Saya masih lagi menunggu cadangan dari Tun sebenarnya siapa yang layak menggantikan Pak Lah. Banyak "Commentor" (Pengikut Hardcore Tun) yang menghentam Pak Lah tidak kira dari kegawatan politik mahu pun kegawatan kewangan. Kadang kadang hentaman itu tidak berasas.

Semua mahu dia turun dari takhta itu, tetapi siapa sebenarnya Tun dan mereka mahu di naikkan.

Mereka diatas pagar tertanya tanya. Mereka yang menyokong UMNO pasti dengan membuta tuli menyokong Najib. Yang mana Nanti mereka akan hentam pula Najib mengikut arah hentaman Tun. Siapa yang memiliki kreadibiliti? Siapa kah pemimpin kita itu?

Sebab apa yang saya nampak kita seperti menendang pemandu Bas keluar tanpa sedar kita tidak tahu siapa yang boleh memandu Bas? Yang nyata itu tindakan yang bodoh, malah lebih elok di panggil kumpulan bodoh.

Hanya ingin tahu

By tujukajaibAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 8:33 PM

Donald Trump will start selling teh tarik if the US go bankrupt

By kamal ahmadAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 9:10 PM

Salam kasih dan hormat Ayahanda Tun. Minta izin untuk sedikit ruang. Terima kasih.

Dear Saudara Jamal, Salam. The II concept you mentioned earlier, could it be a close resemblance to the Mudharabah concept in practice today? And going to your point number 3; it would mean that our deposit would go less and lesser with time...? And going to your point number 5; what would the risk sharing arrangement/ratio be like between fund owners and the II's managements? Could fund owners translates into; as being the II's shareholders/owners? I agree and readily understands on the part of not letting them create "new (and none existent) money". Your idea sounds workable perhaps. But it would need a

total - from top to bottom - overhaul. How would our banking institutions in Malaysia overseas rating be like? I am just kind of wondering. Thank you. Kind regards, Kamal.
By the poor malaysianAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 9:18 PM

Dearest Tun (The Only Saviour to BN & Malaysia),

Is true that by pouring in trillions of dollars would not solve the crisis, as Malaysia during the 97/98 crisis is a very different scenario. We have to think of what Malaysia has in terms of natural resources which needed to recover in terms of export growth which was not fully affected. As for the rest of the world especially developed countries their economies is very much depended on the service industry/paper economy/fake economy.

Just imagine rescuing companies which is very much depended on these economies will definitely end up in one situation (as corporate company) firstly, they will use the money to patch much of the holes in the shareholders pocket, then they have to shrink their business operations due to the loss of businesses or worst the worst sell it off :)..... (Tun we hope to buy another company like MV Agusta in 2-3 years time retain some technology then sell it off to the Chinese sure make some money out of it or maybe some investment for Malaysia ;)

I'm confident that Malaysia will truly bounds back with the method introduce by Tun in being a pragmatic leader. We have all the resources and alliances needed to overcome these, is just the current govt. is still dozing off at times like these or busy getting \$\$\$ out of the country. Guess it may be true that someone here commented that the country has left little money these days : (

I'm confident we still can strive through if we can implement Tun ideas ASAP. Like i said before some apes in the fourth floor cages has to be launch into the space. (Planet of the Ape is where these ppl belongs).

Well the only thing we the poor Malaysians can do is stay strong and united against these goons.

To our dear UMNO, MCA, MIC & others brothers from the grass roots pls realise these soon without Tun, i guess the only options to Malaysians will be the oppositions. Do you agree with me?

Tun may god bless you.

The Poor Malaysian.

By heicalmyAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 9:43 PM

Salam Tun,

Mengikut Baiduri "Is this because the situation today is worse or is it because the leader is still unable to find a certain formula best to fight this crisis?.

Kalau betul katanya maka Ekonomi kita akan susah. Penganguran, Kemiskinan, Jenayah dll.

Perak PKR buat kecoh tidak bolih terima tewas. Lain kali Orang Perak jangan undi PKR Lagi.

Hairan bila ada Nizar ada saja Taukeh .Nizar macam papet DAP.

PAS dan Keadilan harus bertanggungjawab dengan perpecahan Melayu dan kemunculan sifat Durhaka kepada Raja kerana berkompromi dengan minoriti demi untuk memerintah dan gila kuasa.

By AMBAJAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 10:29 PM

Asalammualaikum Tun,

1) Its a bit late for me to submit my views. As we knows, Anwar is in silent to 'buy' 31 member of Parliaments to achieve his goal. The political scenario in Malaysia especially Perak did put him into dilemma.

2) Actually, the main reason of his silent is due to economic reason. His employer the boys in the Washington do not have the financial reserve to forward even a bit to Bro Anwar.

3) Allah is great, disaster that god befell to the greedy and arrogant west did affect Anwar.

4) Malaysia will never be in peace as long as this devil is not send to the darkest dungeon as what you did earlier. The Malays will fight and betray each other, disloyal to Sultan and what next.

5) Anwar will be used by DAP to achieve their objective as requested by DAP's big brother Lee Kuan Yew. As I see, LKY is happily laughing on his way to hell (death call next on the list) that his vision to see the Malays killing the Malays is finally met.

God please further the distant of Anwar from us.....Amin

By ImranAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 10:36 PM

Salam Tun,

Setiap dekad, ada saja cara yang diusahakan untuk merompak ekonomi negara miskin. Yang peliknya bagaimana nilai matawang US masih kukuh berbanding matawang lain. Apa yang cuba dibuat adalah memporak perandakan ekonomi negara lain, biar semua orang percaya ekonomi merudum. Selepas 2-3 tahun, secara senyap mereka akan masuk semula kedalam ekonomi negara kecil dan mencanang keadaan ekonomi kembali pulih. Selepas itu mereka menjual kebanyakan pegangan dan mereka mulakan kembali pusingan menghancurkan ekonomi negara tersebut.

Saya mencadangkan wang EPF dilaburkan lebih besar dalam pasaran ekonomi tempatan sebelum dana luar berbuat demikian (mungkin setahun dari sekarang). Selepas itu, EPF menjual ketika dana luar cuba menaikkan ekonomi secara mendadak.

Sekian.

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 11:00 PM

Nik Aziz Blames Media For Negative Perception Of Opposition

KOTA BAHARU, March 6 (Bernama) -- Pas spiritual leader, Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat blamed the media for depicting the opposition coalition as being disrespectful of Royalty.

The Kelantan Menteri Besar claimed that the media did not accurately report the issue in Perak, making it look like the opposition had triggered the matter.

He was commenting media report lately which often blamed the opposition for disrespecting the Sultan of Perak.

comment:

What crap Nik Aziz statement is. Come on Nik Aziz, you are a Tok Guru, man! Don't talk rubbish. Don't be hypocrite.

Nowadays you seem to be making a lot of conflicting statements. You are not consistent in your principles. Macam lalang ! Why? Maybe you are becoming senile.

Frankly, I have lost my respect in you, Nik Aziz. You don't deserve to be called a Tok Guru. There is nothing special in you actually and I just wonder why certain people give you that much respect (taksab).

I never treat you as a Muslim scholar at all. What more as "spiritual" leader. No, you have not reached that stage. Far from being spiritual.

In fact, in Islam there is no such thing as spiritual person. I think when compare Nik Aziz and my late father, my late father was more spiritual than you.

The best that I could consider you as just "Che Gu pencen sekolah petang" ie. guru sekolah agama di Johor.

The reality is your party is being made by PKR and DAP as as "lembu".

I would sincerely hope that before you die you "tinggalkan lah wasiat" untuk party you to be with UMNO untuk merapatkan silahurrahim dan bersatu demi kesejahteraan ummah.

Semoga Allah berikan taufiq dan hidayah kepada Nik Aziz untuk ubah haluan kepada yang lebih baik lagi. Saya rasa UMNO tentunya akan menerima PAS dengan rela hati dan besar hati.

Fikir fikirkan lah Che Gu Nik Aziz !!!.

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 11:12 PM

Ministry Mulls Over Giving Subsidy To Developers

KUALA LUMPUR, March 6 (Bernama) -- The Housing and Local Government Ministry is mulling over giving subsidy to housing developers to enable them to build better quality and affordable homes in prime locations.

comment:

Pergilah ke Singapura dan belajar bagaimana pemerintahnya uruskan soalan perumahan berkualiti untuk rakyat berpendapatan rendah dan lihat keadaan perumahan yang sungguh bersekh, selesa dan teratur disana. Banyak yang boleh dipelajari disana.

By sabahanAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 11:12 PM

You know Tun, reading your blog is one of my greatest pleasures in life. I am already 56 and this is one the few entertainments I get and it is free of charge. Reading your blog rejuvenates my tired mind because whatever you say is the truth. Just to add one of my views, which may not be true but I think it cannot be dismissed outright. The recent economic crisis was already in the making and was about to erupt anytime. But what precipitated it is I think the recent insane price of oil. This, my tired mind tells me is the work of Bush and his Jewish friends. They wanted to kill of the emerging economies of India and China which were consuming great quantities of oil. They thought their stockpile would see them through. But they forgot that there is a divine hand in everything. So the bubble burst and they ended up losers. What do US and UK export. Academic certificates for which people spend tons of money to obtain. So whatever we bring out is some knowledge which is intangible and a piece of paper which is the only tangible thing that leaves its shores. And we know its products too! I was at Essex 25 years ago but there is nothing I learnt which I couldn't learn at UM. We have one of its products on the 4th Floor and we know its propensity to destroy the country. You talked about the gold dinar, nobody listened. You talked about the Caucus and people called you a recalcitrant. You proposed the bridge and they abridged it. When will they listen to you. This is what I lament!

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 11:26 PM

Ambiga To Receive US Courage Award

KUALA LUMPUR, March 6 (Bernama) -- Malaysia Bar president Datuk Ambiga Sreenevasan has been named among the eight recipients of this year's "International Women of Courage Award."

The award was established by the US Department of State.

According to the Press Office of the US Embassy here, Ambiga would receive the award from US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in Washington on Monday in conjunction with International Women's Day.

It said Ambiga was selected "for championing the rule of law and for advancing human rights, the status of women and religious tolerance in Malaysia.

"Dato' Ambiga Sreenevasan has emerged as a strong voice for tolerance and justice, and has had a direct impact on judicial reform in Malaysia, contributing to strengthening of the role of women in civil society."

comment:

Does she deserve it? No, I don't think so. Why? Almost all Malaysians do know who really she is. Only the elite few within the legal fraternity know her. That is all. Saying that she is championing the rule of law and for advancing human rights, the status of women and religious tolerance is pure rubbish. She does not represent Malaysians of all walk of life. So I can safely say that the recognition awarded to her is just a public relation exercise initiated by Obama administration. No big deal !!

By myvAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 11:30 PM

SALAM TUN ..TUN tolonglah selamatkan MALAYSIA..sejak DSAI tu keluar penjara,kucar kacir celaru jadinya..mereka dah berani buat apa saja yg mereka mahu termasuk melawan Sultan..tolonglah TUN sekali lagi menyelamatkan MALAYSIA..tolonglah..

Semoga Ayahnda TUN sentiasa dilindungi dan dirahmati ALLAH..

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 11:33 PM

Musa Welcomes Abdullah's Announcement On Proposed Sabah-Labuan Bridge

KOTA KINABALU, March 6 (Bernama) -- Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman said the state government welcomed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's announcement that the proposed Sabah-Labuan bridge would become a reality in the near future.

"We have been waiting for this bridge to be built. Thanks to the prime minister for his foresight," he said in a statement here tonight.

Musa said the Sabah-Labuan bridge would not only facilitate travel, but also business and trade between the state and Labuan.

comment:

he, he, he who is talking, man!! A lame duck Prime Minister who is going to leave office end of the month. Gua caya sama lu !!

Did he suggest to have a zigzag bridge since he had cancelled the crooked bridge! kah, kah, kah !!!

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 11:44 PM

Dear Tun,

Perak Speaker Sues State Legal Adviser

KUALA LUMPUR, March 6 (Bernama) -- Perak State Legislative Assembly Speaker V. Sivakumar has sued the State Legal Adviser for allegedly acting on his behalf without authorisation.

The writ of summons was filed through Messrs Tommy Thomas at the High Court (Civil Division) Registry at 3.40pm today.

The Speaker also alleged that the legal adviser had neglected and defaulted his duties to the extent of causing an injunction to be granted against him in a proceedings on Tuesday.

By acting as a lawyer representing him, the Speaker alleged, the legal adviser had also defaulted his fiduciary obligations to him.

comment:

I think speaker Perak ini tiap-tiap malam minum todi. Bila dah mabuk todi fikiranya dah tak siuman. Maka merapu-rapulah dia.
Orang mabuk todi tak layak jadi Speaker.

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 6, 2009 11:52 PM

Dear Tun,

Sultan Criticises Malays Questioning Position Of Malays, Rulers

PETALING JAYA, March 6 (Bernama) -- The Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, today expressed disappointment over the action of a certain group of Malays which continued to question the positions of Malays and the Malay Rulers when these were enshrined in the constitution.

The sultan described this group of Malays as rude, ill-mannered and unabashed, given that they had been nurtured from the time of their ancestors in the customs and traditions, good behaviour, courteousness, and engaging in consultation.

"It is on this premise that the Malays are held in high esteem and respected, (but) where are the Malays now?

comment:

What you always said now being said by the Sultan.

Yes,yes, yes, MELAYU MUDAH LUPA, MELAYU TAK SEDAR DIRI !!

That's the whole truth.

I like to repeat.

What you always said now being said by the Sultan.

Yes,yes, yes, MELAYU MUDAH LUPA, MELAYU TAK SEDAR DIRI !!

That's the whole truth.

Again I like to repeat.

What you always said now being said by the Sultan.

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By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 12:01 AM

Najib Cautions Against Blindly Rejecting Globalisation

PUTRAJAYA, March 6 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said today the people, while striving to empower the Malay language, should not be too obsessed with rejecting elements of other civilisations which can enrich the knowledge, technology and culture of the Malays.

He said that in facing globalisation, it was important to have a rational attitude and consideration in harnessing the logical benefits instead of blindly rejecting globalisation.

"It must be remembered that language is the soul of the nation. Mastering foreign languages does not necessarily erode an individual's identity and intellect but will strengthen his identity and love for his nation and language.

"In the context of Malaysia, mastering foreign languages should not be seen as negating the importance of the Malay language itself," he said in his speech at the International Malay Language Debate Final for the Deputy Prime Minister's Trophy at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre, here.

comment:

I can draw into conclusion that Najib's speech is an indication that he would stick to the teaching of science and mathetics in English Language.

That's a good sign and moving in the right direction.

By jamilmalikAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 12:33 AM

TUN,

THE U.S. IS DOOMED TO FAIL!

THERE THIS JOKE GOING AROUND THAT THE U.S. FEDERAL RESERVES ARE PRINTING SO MUCH MONEY, THE PRINTERS REFUSES TO ACCEPT PAYMENT IN US CURRENCY !!

I AGREE WITH YOU, TUN... YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A SPACE SCIENTIST TO KNOW THAT SOMETHING IS JUST NOT RIGHT WITH ALL THE PROPOSALS COMING OUT FROM AMERICA...

AS THE AMERICANS ARE DIGGING THEMSELVES INTO DEEPER FINANCIAL "SHIT", THE CHINESE AND JAPANESE CENTRAL BANKS ARE SUPPORTING THE US CURRENCY IN THE MARKET.

THE REASON IS OBVIOUS! CHINA HOLDS WELL OVER US\$1 TRILLION IN THEIR US TREASURY BILLS AND JAPAN NOW HOLDS SOMETHING LIKE US\$900 BILLION !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

IF THE US CURRENCY COLLAPES OR BUST, CHINA AND JAPAN WILL BE DRAG INTO THE DEEP WITH THE US...

HOW CONVIENIENT? SEE HOW THE U.S. TRAP OTHERS INTO BUYING THE TREASURY BILLS WHICH IS ACTUALLY WORTHLESS.....

THEY HAVE BEEN SELLING TREASURY BILLS TO FINANCE THEIR DEFICIT...

IT IS SIMPLE YOU DONT HAVE MONEY... SHOW OFF AS IF YOU HAVE TONS OF MONEY,,,,,...
AND THEN GET SOME SUCKERS TO PAY FOR YOUR BILLS...WITH YOUR ""PROMISE"" TO REPAY
SOMETIME IN FUTURE!!!

ACTUALLY, THE U.S. TREASURY BILLS IS "PAK MAN TELO" OR "MADOFF" SCHEME BUT ON A
LARGER LARGER SCALE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

BELIEVE ME.....THE US CURRENCY IS WORTHLESS!!!!!!!!!!

JAMILMALIK

By kaki cendol Author Profile Page on March 7, 2009 1:15 AM

As'kum Ayahnda Tun,

harap Ayahnda Tun sekeluarga sentiasa
dilindungi dan dirahmati Allah.

Bila baca komen Tun dan situasi semasa yang tak menentu,sampai bila nak pulih pun tak tau,teringat
arwah mak saya yang cukup beringat anak cucu dia bila suka buang baju lama,dia kata hampa tak
pernah rasa susah zaman jepun,masa tu susah sampai kain guni pun orang potong buat baju,kena la
belajar makan ubi kayu,tapi yang susah la ni ubi kayu pun kena beli.

Think about it bagus juga biar generasi la ni rasa susah,kalau tidak perkataan susah tu dia orang tak
paham tak pernah experience,baru ada act of survival,ni yang dia orang kenal,ayam kenturky.

Be prepare for the worse,

Expect the unexpected,dont take thing for granted.

Went the going get tough,the tough get going

By Adolfhitler Author Profile Page on March 7, 2009 1:48 AM

Tun Mahathir Mohamad,

It is seems clear that today's economy crisis would be worst than 1997-98. Thus, this crisis, in my opinion
would later on effect the growth of developing country such malaysia.

Furthermore, your Vision 2020 that being once appraise would be vanish. Since you have resign in 2003,
the Vision 2020 never been heard anymore from the mouth of any leader.

Apparently, the reason is just one. You dont have the POWER than you are gone.

My suggestion, you and your son should collaborate to ensure that the flame of spirit that last time being
announce by yourgoodself is continued. Either by campaign or by seminars.

Last but not least, I just feel that our country is in Autocruise mode by Pak Lah,that had been setup earlier
by your good self.

regards,

The Fuhrer'e

By Mike Billington Author Profile Page on March 7, 2009 2:38 AM

To Dr. Mahathir, from his old friends in the LaRouche movement,

I read with delight your comments of March 5, and the 2003
report by Nor Mohamed Yakcop about his collaboration with you in
the 1997 events, as posted by one of your supporters. As you
know, we at EIR (Executive Intelligence Review <http://www.larouchepub.com/>) spread your words
and your policies internationally in those difficult but
inspiring years, both through the articles Gail and I wrote,

through posting your speeches directly, and through several interviews (see http://www.larouchepub.com/pr/1999/mahathir_interview_2608.html) , at a time that most of the world was following George

Soros and his fellow British imperial hedge fund speculators in denouncing you as a traitor to the "Washington consensus" of free trade and globalization, who would destroy his country through such reckless deeds. History has shown who was right, and who has dragged the world along into the current descent into Hell.

I wish to note that your most profound insight at the time was that your actions were temporary at best, and limited to a defense of your nation from international speculators, but that neither Malaysia nor any nation could long survive if the leading powers did not reverse the policy of floating exchange rates, financial deregulation and untrammelled speculation through hedge funds and derivatives. Now, no nation can survive this systemic collapse, unless a totally new system is instituted rapidly (See "How London Goes Down," By Lyndon LaRouche, <http://www.larouchepac.com/node/9392>).

Your recent comments of March 5 are correct in noting that the global crisis today is different from that which Asia faced in 1997-98, since the Asian debts which went bad at that time were largely viable investments in real economic enterprises, caught up in the crushing grip of the speculation against your currency. Indeed, the bad debts today are not "good investments gone bad," which may someday recover, but rather, constitute over a thousand trillion dollars in worthless derivatives - literally gambling debts - with no real physical entities underneath them. They will never recover, and attempting to bail them out will only add more unpayable debt to the bubble, driving the world toward a new dark age.

I hope, however, that you will be proven wrong in stating that the advanced industrial nations "will not be restored," although you are certainly right that the bail out will not achieve that end, but only make things worse. But the proposal of Lyndon LaRouche, to use

Constitutional methods similar to those of Franklin Roosevelt in the 1933 depression, are now on the table, and the subject of intense debate within the new Obama Administration in Washington and in the corridors of power around the world. This proposal calls for placing the entire banking system under bankruptcy protection, just as Roosevelt imposed a "banking holiday" in 1933, clearing out the derivatives and related junk, freezing it altogether, and reconstituting the viable savings and investments of those banks as a basis for new, federal credits under a government-owned National Bank (not a private Central Bank), issuing credits for industry, agriculture, infrastructure and other purposes required for the general welfare. The hedge funds and the private investment funds will undoubtedly collapse - and good riddance - but the chartered banks must be preserved, under strict federal regulation.

The "floating exchange rates" must be eliminated, setting all currencies at fixed values, as you did for your nation in 1998, so that long term investments in infrastructure and industry can be safely undertaken without fear of the currency speculators. Fixed rates worked from 1945 until 1971, when the Bretton Woods agreements were scrapped by the Nixon Administration, unleashing the global casino of currency trading. The "New Bretton Woods," a policy proposed by LaRouche, and supported by you and thousands of others in the late 1990s (see

http://www.larouche.com/hzl/2007/3433-34new_nbw_call.html), is the only option available to stop the breathtaking collapse we see sweeping the world today. In particular, the great Eurasian powers of Russia, China and India must be encouraged to participate, while the call for a "super IMF" being proposed by Britain's Gordon Brown, to establish a new centralized control over the banking systems of sovereign nations in order to save the bankrupt international financial institutions, must be relegated to the dustbin of history, along with the British Empire.

This can and must be achieved, to create a new global Renaissance, based on nuclear technologies, revolutions in food production, and a recommitment to the principle that all men and women are created equal, in the image of God, based on their inherent creative potentials. Your global leadership in this effort is needed today even more than it was in the last decade, and we welcome your recent rededication to that cause.

Your friends, Mike and Gail Billington, for the international LaRouche movement.

By ParpuKariAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 4:11 AM

ASSALAMUALAIKUM AYAHANDA TUN YANG TERCINTA,

LIHATLAH BETAPA KEJINYA ANWAR AGEN YAHUDI NI, BETAPA JAHATNYA PERANCANGAN DI NAK JATUHKAN DS NAJIB, SAYA ADA SATU ARTIKEL YANG SAYA AMBIL DARI KAWAN SAYA, DETAIL TENTANG PERANCANGAN ANWAR UNTUK MENJATUHKAN NAJIB DENGAN DI BANTU OLEH "ORANG DALAM"

SILA BACA DI BLOG SAYA, MEMANG PANAS CERITA INI.

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

TAHNIAH TUN KERANA MEMENANGI THE MALAY MAIL AWARD UNTUK BLOG YANG PALING BERPENGARUH DAN PALING POPULAR....AYAHANDA TUN NI MEMANG HEBAT LA...I REALLY MISS YOUR LEADERSHIP TUN..

By vili83Author Profile Page on March 7, 2009 7:24 AM

that is superbly brilliant!!!...your explanation is far more better than the one who called themselves economic experts..well said Tun!!

By Abu AdamAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 8:56 AM

Dear Tun,

Salam from the UK. I have seen how the economy crisis affected our country and now I am living in the UK seeing what's happening is really depressing and worrying. I work as a GP and has got my own clinic probably the only Malay Malaysian doctor who is running a single handed practice in the UK (I may be wrong).I have realised that your comments towards western countries tend to be pessimistic. May i know why? I belief that this is the "world's nature" for the economy to be up and downs.I am not talking about facts here and not intended to, because I think its everyone's guess.Great talk you gave to us that day.....really admire you...

By icucu tok buyungAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 11:56 AM

TUN.

Ahli UMNO sedang bersiap sedia di hari2 akhir menjelang langsung nya acara kemuncak perhimpunan

setelah pelbagai liku2 dan cabaran yang ditempuhi parti dan ahli2 nya. Harapan ia nya akan berjalan lancar mengikut jadual. InshaAllah. Dan bergitu juga debaran pada seluruh rakyat Malaysia yang akan sama2 turut serta melihat dan mengikuti peristiwa kemuncak nya setelah pelbagai andaian, ramalan, tilikan , fitnah, tohmahan keatas calon2 di semua peringkat.

Politik Umno adalah penentu perjalanan dan corak politik tanah air. Segala keputusan bakal berlaku pada PAU kali ini akan menentukan hala tuju UMNO dan pemerintahannya. Keputusan nya amat penting tidak saja untuk ahli UMNO dan BN tapi juga pada keseluruhan struktur kerajaan Malaysia untuk meneruskan survival pemerintahannya.

TUN, izinkan saya merumuskan dan menyentuh sedikit keatas calon2 yang bertanding.

Saya amat tertarik akan calon2 Ketua Pegerakan Pemuda. Ada tiga nama besar bakal berebut jawatan yang penting dalam haraki UMNO.

Sesiapa yang berjaya di peringkat ini boleh lah dikatakan kerjaya politik nya dalam UMNO dan akan punyai masa depan. Kerana ia selalu dilihat satu platform untuk meneruskan cabaran di peringkat seterusnya. Boleh lah dikatakan sebagai 2nd.liner dalam pucuk pimpinan UMNO. Pengaruh dalam pergerakan ini amat kuat.

Justeru itu lah kita melihat tiga nama besar dalam pergerakan itu berebut tempat yang dikosongkan DSH. DSKT adalah exco pemuda yang telah berjaya mendapat undi tertinggi pada PAU yang lalu. (Itu dulu) Pencabar yang harus diberi perhatian.

DMTM seorang lagi exco kanan pergerakan dan juga MP yang punyai pengaruh tersendiri dan dilihat calon favourite.

Dan KJ penyandang NKP dilihat calon yang berbekalkan Trade mark sebagai menantu PM. Atau pun lebih tepat menantu bakal mantan PM.

Sudah pasti ketiga2 mereka ini punyai wawasan tersendiri untuk membina kekuatan pergerakan dalam semua aspek. Bergitu lah yang di war2kan semasa memperkenalkan diri.

Tapi ahli2 terutama para perwakilan tentu lah lebih bijak dan arif siapakah yang benar2 layak untuk memikul tanggung jawab ini.

Saya ingin melihat DSKT niat dan hasrat tersirat nya untuk mengepalai pergerakan ini dari sudut politikal survival nya.

Beliau pernah menjadi MB Selangor sebelum PRU12. Namun nasib BN tidak baik di Selangor. Kini beliau hanya seorang ketua pembangkang dalam DUN Selangor. Ini menyedari beliau kedudukan ini tidak akan memberi jaminan untuk masa depan politik nya. Walaupun BN berjaya merampas semula Selangor dari PR pada PRU akan datang.

Justeru hanya menduduki KP beliau akan dapat meneruskan perjalanan politik nya.

Untuk lebih adil, DSKT tidak lah boleh dinilai ada kekurangan kriteria sebagai KP. Kekalah BN di Selangor bukan lah disebabkan hanya faktor beliau. Semua rakyat Malaysia dah tahu punca nya penolakan rakyat pada BN pada PRU yang lalu. Sebagai bekas MB beliau cukup berpengalaman dan punyai wawasan yang jelas.

KJ sebagaimana telah ditakdirkan telah menjadi menantu Pak Lah. Walaupun baru merangkak dalam politik UMNO beliau bergitu cepat berlari dan mendaki. Seorang oportunist. Melihat peluang yang terbuka, Pak mertua seorang PM. Terlalu rakus dan menggunakan setiap peluang yang ada untuk membina landasan politik nya. Bukan penghematan saya seorang tapi Semua orang tahu kebenaran perkara ini. Bukan kata beliau tidak punyai aura atau wawasan dalam politik. Seorang terpelajar lulusan Oxford pulak tu, beliau dilihat cepat belajar berpolitik. Tapi beliau ada sedikit kegopohan. Anak muda, darah muda, cepat bergelora. Ini tidak baik untuk menjadi pemimpin. dan ada juga gambaran yang lain yang kurang sehat dalam keperbadian nya. Dan juga ada perkara yang maseh diragui atau dicurigai dalam kejujuran dan keikhlasan dalam perjalanan politik nya.

KJ sudah pasti mahukan teramat sangat akan kerusi ini kerana ini lah saja peluang yang akan menentukan kerjaya politik nya. Selepas ini Pak lah dah tak boleh membantunya jika ia gagal mengatur langkah seterusnya.

Datuk Mukhriz. Pada awal pencalonan telah dilihat sebagai calon favorit. Punyai watak yang consistent dalam keputusan yang di ambil. Namun beliau agak kurang dapat liputan yang luas dalam politik kerana hanya seorang exco pemuda dan beliau tidak juga dilihat sebagai anak mantan PM TDM. Beliau membina politik nya tanpa sokongan dari ayahanda nya secara direct atau terbuka. Beliau maseh 'suci'. Maseh bersej dari sebarang kontroversi. kalau adapun sedikit hangat diwaktu beliau dengan ikhlas dan jujur mendesak Pak Lah meletak jawatan selepas PRU yang lalu. Saya yakin atas rentetan desakan itu lah Pak Lah telah akur untuk meletak jawatan pada PAU kali ini.

Dan saya juga yakin dah pasti beliau punyai bakat, karisma dan kekuatan dalaman diri nya yang kuat untuk berjuang dalam UMNO. Sifat bergini ini sudah tentu ada dalam diri nya. Pasti lah ada antara sifat2 kecermelangan yang telah diwarisi dari kecermelangan ayahanda nya. Beliau patut di beri peluang untuk memimpin pergerakan pemuda.

Apa2 pun segala nya terpulang lah pada para perwakilan yang akan menentukan pemilihan yang telah diamahkan ahli akar umbi calon yang mereka kehendaki. Yang bukan ahli hanya mampu menerima keputusan itu. Sama ada suka atau tak suka akan apa2 keputusan yang bakal berlaku bukanlah hak pada yang bukan ahli.

By pakbelalang Author Profile Page on March 7, 2009 12:24 PM

Call to restore Malay rulers' immunity

ALOR STAR: The Kedah Royal House Association is calling for the immunity of Malay rulers to be restored.

Its president, Datuk Tengku Zainol Rashid Tengku Yahya, said this was vital in light of the unscrupulous actions by some quarters in mocking and belittling the Malay rulers.

"We will ask the Conference of Rulers to seek the restoration of immunity for the rulers.

"We need this because some quarters have sneered at the rulers while others had even criticised them," he said after the flagging off of participants in a treasure hunt from here to Hat Yai by Sultan of Kedah Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah.

Present was Sultanah Haminah Hamidun.

Participants in 45 cars took part in the annual event which was organised by the association.

Tengku Zainol warned politicians against ridiculing the rulers or exploiting the monarchy.

"We need to restore the immunity of our rulers which was taken away from them when the Constitution was amended in 1993.

"Our rulers are the pillars of strength and protectors of the people. We shall not tolerate any more action to ridicule or criticise them."

Tengku Zainol later led some 100 people, including the participants, in pledging their loyalty to the sultan and other Malay rulers.

He said a gathering, involving some 250 non-governmental organisations to express loyalty to Malay rulers, would be held in Kuala Lumpur soon.

comment:

Yes, I think we should look into this matter seriously.

I am in favour for the immunity of the Malay rulers to be restored. It seems there are people, particularly, the irresponsible politicians taking advantage with bad faith to ridicule, exploit and criticize openly the rulers to promote their political interest.

It is unbecoming for these "dungus" to blatantly disregard the feelings and sensitivities of the royalty who

is being regarded by the Malays as their "PAYONG" and as a sacred institution for centuries which they treasure very much.

If we do not check this trend of being disrespectful to the rulers I am afraid soon there will be chaos. Make no mistake about it. Prevention is better than cure.

Lately, some irresponsible politicians have shown their "BELANG" like Karpal Singh who is so "kurang ajar" daring enough wanting to challenge the Sultan's wisdom. This is tantamount to "menderhaka" as far as the Malay culture and tradition are concerned.

I think now the rakyat should be appreciative enough to look upon the Sultans as a symbol of unity. Our Sultans are now much more educated and they have the wisdom to execute their responsibilities as constitutional monarchs with flying colours.

The present set of Sultans are not "pariah" like Karpal Singh who is behaving arrogantly to the extent of claiming himself to be "King". Podaaah !!!

I am a strong advocate of the monarchy system. It is a beautiful institution having an atmosphere of deep Malay tradition and culture and we must treasure this institution as our heritage at all costs.

Now is the time for us to reflect whether the present political scenario that is happening in Perak has caused damage to the royal institution. If so, I think the rakyat owe a public apology to all the Sultans not only the Sultan of Perak and rally behind the Sultans.

I would suggest the Federal Government take the initiative to organise a massive rally pledging respect, support and allegiance to the Sultans.

GET IT DONE !!!

Daulat Tuanku !
Daulat Tuanku !
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Daulat Tuanku !
Daulat Tuanku !

By slrdiariesAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 12:25 PM

salam tun thanks atas infonya... kerajaan seharusnya lebih peka..
saya ucapkan semoga TUN sentiasa kekal sihat selalu...

Regards.

<http://www.slrdiaries.com>

By kamal ahmadAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 12:38 PM

Salam kasih dan hormat Ayahanda Tun. Nampaknya minggu ni, Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcob punya turn kena "aci sesondol". Hehehe! Saya sampai ke hari ini masih lagi cuba mengajuk cara Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcob kita ni bercakap, unik sekali Tun. Macam bunyi Siam Pattani pi meniaga bedak sejuk di Tanjung. Saya cuba nak tiru, tapi tak pernah jadi jugak. "Kita tak tau lagi, tapi kita akan coba".
By heicalmyAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 12:53 PM

Salam Tun,

Puteri Tanjung dapat berita interesting , betulkah semua tu Tun?

Kenapa Tun Pecat ANI AROP dari TNB?

Saya hendak dapat kontrak kecil pun susah.

Bukan hendak jadi Jutawan cuma hendak hidup.

By kamal ahmadAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 1:28 PM

Salam kasih dan hormat Ayahanda Tun. This has gone mostly unnoticed in chedet.cc, but I wish to say that our Police (PDRM) has been taking a lot of pro-active measures in pre-emptying organized crime activities across the nation. Keeping the country safe, and making it safer for all of us law abiding citizens. This is a much welcomed change indeed. Well done; are words all we could say, as ambassadors of our appreciation for our most sincere form of gratitude to our unsung heroes in blue. The nation owes them a lot more than readily acknowledged. Thank you.

By Ali BabaAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 2:53 PM

Tun,

Nothing wrong with capitalism, free market, nationalism, globalization, protectionism, as long as following God's rules. World belongs to God.

It's just about a number of people who overly greedy for worldly possession. They develop their own rules to conquer the world. They're changing God's rules in accordance with their need and saying it's from God. They're empowering their proxy to execute and to shout 'for the sake of human being, peace, justice and new world'.

Since most of God's rules have not been followed.... then, sooner or later, it will lead to chaos, catastrophe, natural disaster in every part of the world. It will definitely affect mankind.

Don't they care for.....? It seems they just care for themselves. So, should someone save their soul in order to save the world and mankind, or....???

By malan3395Author Profile Page on March 7, 2009 2:53 PM

TS Noor Mohd Yaakop semasa keje bawah Tun punya bagus kpl dia. Tp bl jd je org politik hbsla. Serupa jg klau uztaz dh masuk politik lingkup gak. Menteri kewangan kedua sepatutnya bkn terdiri dr politician.

By BajuKurangUnguAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 3:18 PM

Ayahanda,

Saya sokong komentar cucu tok buyung March 6, 2009 12:57 PM mengenai pingat darjah kebesaran ini.

Pemberian pingat ini terlalu diambil mudah tanpa ditapis kewibawaan calon2 penerima pingat.

Saya hanya ingin menceritakan pengalaman saya.

Tahun lepas suami saya yang bekerja dgn kerajaan telah malu alah dan menerima penganugerah pingat selepas beberapa kali/tahun dia menolak pencalonannya. Di majlis itu, saya dapati terlalu ramai (hampir 80%, pada congakan saya) penerima2 pingat adalah bangsa asing. Dan hampir kesemua mereka itu muda belia belaka yg terdiri dari pihak pembangkang. Dan ketika bertegur sapa, orang di sebelah kiri dan kanan yang bukan melayu berkata "Ini time mesti angkat itu semua pingat kasi kita orang. Dulu election kita ada kerja, ada kasi luui (duit), ada tolong ma..". Nantar kami mendengarnya. Tapi apakan daya, telan sahaja la sbb bangsa asing yg berkuasa di negeri ini.. malangnya.

Pemilihan calon dan pemberian pingat menjadi lebih cincai ketika PR berkuasa. Ya, mmg mereka kurangkan jumlah pingat tahun ini, tapi penerima2nya, alahai..

Ada seorg penerima pingat yg amat saya kenali, yg punyalah kaki perempuan, kaki penipu, berhutang sana sini, pun boleh mendapat pingat dan yang paling kelakar dia mendapat Pingat Kelakuan Terpuji (PKT). MasyaAllah, terpuji ke kelakuan dia yg sebegitu? Tapi sbb dia kaya, apa pun OK.. Tahun depan dpt Datuk le agaknya. Biarlah, itu urusan dunia.

Pada saya, pada masa kini, "Datuk" dah tak dipandang tinggi lagi kerana SESETENGAH pemilihan

bukan dibuat kerana ketokohan dan jasa tapi sekadar kerajaan negeri membodek seseorg supaya tahun depan "tolong"lah lagi.

Mungkin ada yg berkata sama sahaja ketika BN memerintah. Tak tahulah saya, tapi itulah keadaannya tahun lepas.

Aduh, sedihnya kerana di penghujungnya, Raja Melayu kita juga yang dipersendakan oleh bangsa asing dan sekarang oleh sesetengah Melayu sendiri.

Entahlah. Apakah kita hanya akan menang bersorak tapi kampung tergadai? Pasti mereka bertepuk tangan sekarang dan memanjangkan langkah lagi. Kita?

By yayAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 3:28 PM

Dearest Tun,

This is the end of the road for western capitalism as we know it.....Malaysia too is impacted by what is happening in the world today.....we must go back to Islamic way of trading, finance and businesses..... to safe us from total collapse which the western world are facing now.....the US unemployment rate has reached 8.1%, in February 2009 alone more than 650,000 workers lost their job in the US.....China also facing the same effect with many factories closed down.....!!!!

Yay.

By mamalinnAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 3:50 PM

Salam Tun,

Semoga tun sihat alhamdulillah. Saya sokong dengan comment saudara Rahman....Bahasa Inggeris adalah global sehingga Jepun serta Indonesia yang begitu kuat dengan adat resam, budaya serta bahasa mereka pun perlu menguasai Bahasa Inggeris di dalam persidangan-persidangan dunia.

Menguasai Bahasa Inggeris bukan bermakna mengeneipkan Bahasa Melayu. Dulu sibuk dengan bahasa baku lepas tu senyap....apa sebenarnya yang dia orang nak....Berbalik dengan pengajaran subjek Maths & Sains dalam Bahasa Inggeris. Pada pandangan saya ia adalah salah satu pendekatan (method) untuk menguasai Bahasa Inggeris. Anak melayu tidak boleh pergi jauh tanpa penguasaan Bahasa Inggeris. Ini berlaku depan mata saya, graduan yang berkelusan dari universiti tempatan yang menggunakan Bahasa Inggeris di dalam hampir semua subjek akan lebih 'excell' di dalam dunia pekerjaannya. Berbanding dengan graduan dari universiti tempatan yang mana bahasa penghantarnya adalah Bahasa Melayu. Banyak paper work terutama di sektor swasta menggunakan Bahasa Inggeris sebagai 'intermediate'. Saya sendiri bekas graduan IPTA yang menggunakan Bahasa Inggeris di dalam hampir semua subjek. Saya tak kata saya bagus tapi perbezaan amat ketara lebih-lebih lagi bila terpaksa membuat paper work untuk presentation. Harap Tun boleh luahkan pendapat Tun.

Apa pun saya masih lagi fasih berbahasa Melayu seperti orang lain....

By kamal ahmadAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 3:59 PM

Salam kasih dan hormat Ayahanda Tun.

Looking at the very present political scenario that's unfolding in the capital Kuala Lumpur I can only tender in a conjecture here stating in no complex terms, in laying the blame for UMNO total destruction at PRU13 on the brand of politic that's taking place now within UMNO itself. Datuk A. Samad Said is now officially a politician. From the very early on, I had voiced my concern on this kind of despicable political mentality within UMNO. And I am deeply saddened when those who are professional jockeys in this game, simply just disregard all wisdom and in the name of voracity and irresponsibility, had chosen to continue riding their horse's right into the turf. I am also saddened at the horses themselves. But you feed imported Australian carrots to these kinds of horses and you keep them happy till the next lap. The floor in UMNO is rickety this time around; and it may send all of you spiraling down to the ground below. It may not hold. But for the love of Malays, I appealed to those very high up within UMNO, you must today, in total – realize what has happened here. Why it happened? What are the prime reasons to it? Who are the

players? What are their ultimate goals? When you have successfully answered all those questions correctly – correctly, you shall begin to see a new set of questions emanating out of the very near future scenario. Answer those set of questions correctly again and you shall see the next set of questions for the next upcoming scenario. Keep at this while learning to apply threat factors and reduce the effect and you may become good and could actually deduce with high accuracy as to what's behind those corners up ahead. This is no prophecy, no crystal ball, no tarot readings, its just applying the faculty of mind/logic over matter and cheap human games - especially of those young greedy turks in UMNO. The roads ahead are never a straight one, and when life throws you a curve ball you had better see it coming from ten miles back already. Good luck,
By HBTAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 4:10 PM

Salam Ayahanda,

Izinkan saya mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih kepada "By baiduri.z on March 5, 2009 10:16 AM" yang sudi berkongsi sama bloggers artikel dari "Nor Mohamed Yakcop (23rd. October, 2003), our current Deputy Finance Minister.

What Nor Mohamed Yakcop wrote is similar to the book written by Mahathir Mohamad - THE MALAYSIAN CURRENCY CRISIS How and Why It happened. Yes, I agreed with Nor Mohamad Yakcop, Malaysia was saved from the crisis by Tun's sincerity, high moral value and willingness to shoulder the burdens and responsibilities with no fear. I was touched by Tun's speech in PAU, live telecasted in TV, that had made me respect Tun until today, a speech that I can never forget. This is why all my comments show my displeasure to that "damn Bodoh PM, son and his bast..rd KJ and his koncu2 including MCA and Gerakan who were trying to push all the blame to our beloved PM.

Once again, thank you, Baiduri for your sincerity in sharing the article with us, it touched my heart.

Take care Tun, may god bless you.

By awedondeAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 4:14 PM

salam tun

pada hemat saya segala yg terjadi pd masa kini semuanya adalah ujian dari yg maha esa utk menguji umt islam khususnya&melayu amnya namun apa yg penting adalah kita sebagai saudara seagama haruslah bersatu serta jgn menyebarkan khabar angin yg blm sahih kebenarannya
By mamalinnAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 4:25 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Semoga Tun dan keluarga sentiasa di rahmati Allah. In the event of current economic scenario, government (including opposition party) should be more focused on to overcome the situation. Both parties should work together. I'm not an expert but govn should implement a drastic action before it getting worse. I've notice that the oppsition party hardly need a power...what is all about? Common guys, the Malaysian had suffered enough through out those years...rebut-rebut kuasa for what? That hard-up ahh...u all till to the extent of "meeting bawah pokok pun jadi"...mak bapak u all must be really dissappointed dengan perangai anak-anak dia yang orang gila kuasa to show off their power....Pls la there are many many generations yang nak hidup in peace in the future like your children and grand grand children maa...Asyik rebut kuasa, gaduh and bertekak kat parliament what did u all get? Overcome the economic turmoil for the benefit of Malaysian rather than your personal benefit..dah kaya nak kaya lagi...Actually this is the main objective for these opposition party and some of BN member which I think they have their own personal agenda to become more richer and richer (I think). I never see they really sincere towards what they said...

I work together in the

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 4:31 PM

Salam Ayahanda,

Izinkan...

//By Puteri Tanjung on March 5, 2009 10:35 PM
YAB Tun and readers,

HOW BAD IS THE ECONOMIC CRISIS?

This was what George Soros said at Columbia University:

"The seriousness of the crisis cannot be exaggerated. The closest comparison that I can think of is actually the collapse of the Soviet Union."//

Dear Puteri Tanjung,

This is indeed good news for Asia. The Georgie Greedy Empire is pulling out from Asia and they have failed terribly. Don't panic and do nothing, just waited out for the storm to end, not long from now, and their next target will be Soviet Union.

To his followers especially our Anwar, KJ, father and son of Bodowi including the Lim's father & son, excludes Mr Karpal Sing (he is a man of honour and priciple, I respect him though he is a hot temper man), are trying to create chaos in our country so that they can topple our government using USA as their bait. Let our police, FRU and court to do their jobs and they are paid to protect our King, country and the rakyat.

Most importantly, let us work hard to make sure Pak Lah and his AK are out from Putrajaya as soon as possible. Take care Puteri and may god bless you and your family.

Till then Tun.

By Awang TeypinAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 5:09 PM

Salam Sejahtera Tun,

To print that kinda of words, like what you have stated in this posting. I felt rather it's not that simple, if it were to be a lay man, like myself for instance..!!

You sum it well.., I guess..!!!

It shows that, you're still prevail in this land call Malaysia...!!
There's no doubt about that..!!

Thank you Tun, and please do keep on, those 'golden words of yours'...coming.

There's still lots of ears out here..ever ready to listen,to what ever kind of advice you have to say..!!

Wasalam from Don B.Jeles...a voter for this PRK P059 Bkt.Gantang on April 07th.2009...!!
By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 5:11 PM

Dear Tun,

I think Najib must be brave enough to tell the "perwakilan" who are the right people to be included in his team. He has no choice but to lead the perwakilan to be rational in choosing new UMNO leaders. If he fails to give the hint whom he wants the leaders to be in his team then I feel Najib would be facing serious problems to make drastic changes to UMNO.

UMNO cannot afford to have corrupted, haprak and HP6 leaders. It will be disastrous!!

Ada setengah perwakilan telah pun dibeli dengan wang beribu-ribu ringgit untuk menentukan bahawa pemimpin yang merasuah dapat kemenangan dalam pemilihan.

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 5:21 PM

1,000 protest against use of English for teaching Mathematics and Science

By : Alang Bendahara

Protesters against the use of English in teaching of Mathematics and Science in schools marching to the Istana Negara.

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat.:

About 1,000 people are defying police blockade at Masjid Negara and marching on the streets to Istana Negara to hand over a memorandum protesting the use of English in teaching of Mathematics and Science in schools.

The protest which started in the late morning caused massive jams along Jalan Kinabalu. Several participants were arrested.

Two representatives handed over the memorandum to an Istana Negara official at 2.50pm. Most of the protesters then headed back to the Masjid Negara. There were reports that tear gas and water cannons had been used. More details to follow.

comment:

No,no,no !! The government must continue the use of English in science and mathematics. No turning back. It is for the benefit of the rakyat especially the Malays.

Melayu jangan jadi bangsa yang lemah takut menempoh cabaran. Saya inginkan anak cucu saya lebih pandai lagi dari saya. Penggunaan Bahasa Inggeris akan meningkatkan lagi kualiti hidup anak cucu saya. Terimalah hakikat ini.

By ritzxxAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 5:47 PM

Tun Dr M,

Saya amat terpegun dgn nukilan Tun. You are really my Prime Minister. I was born on 1979, When I start to know how to read and for 22 years you had been my PM.

Saya sentiasa bandingkan pemikiran YABhg TUN dengan YAB PAK LAH ternyata jauh sangat. Antaranya Tun Bijak merencanakan ekonomi, antara yang memberi kesan kepada negara adalah penekanan Tun kepada Industri Pelancongan. Saya adalah salah seorang pengusaha aktiviti pelancongan, kerana pada waktu Tun industri ini banyak memberi manfaat kepada negara dan rakyat. Dasar-dasar Tun dlm aktiviti ekonomi amat kami rindui. On the ground di kalangan pengusaha kecil dalam industri pelancongan kami sering melihat kepada zaman Tun dan Zaman Pak Lah. Terima Kasih Tun.

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

By zabaAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 6:53 PM

Yang di kasehi Tun, assallamuallaikum, sihat selalu hendak nya.

pertama perdana menteri wanita, salepas menatu, putih & hitam lupa keturunan jenis bangsat, samsu &

todi, cawat & bertocang, ma-cin-ta berbahasa london, pelik - makan suap - dr. paku karat.
By koonoonAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 7:15 PM

salam tun,

u shld have patented bail-out as way to rescue to your name !
imagine the fees as now that the western govt r doing the same thing
By HBTAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 7:36 PM

Salam Ayahanda Tun,

//By Rahman on March 5, 2009 11:04 AM//

Dear Sdr Rahman,

You right, what's the point of translating BI to BM dengan memelayukan perkataan itu dengan penukaran ejaan saja. Furthermore, Science and Mathematic have nothing to with "kesasterawan" and we have to learn and memorize all technical words and defination if we choose these subjects. Why do we want to let our students suffer?

In reality, many of these "si sasterwan" in the world are the most irresponsible people who do not care for other people's feeling including his/her family, kononnya mereka ini adalah insan yang bersikap kool atau "cool" in BI. Apapun, kita biar pihak berkuasa mengambil tindakan yang tegas terhadap golongan ini.

In 1998, Anwar Ibrahim used his slogan "REFORMASI", another word translated from BI - REFORMATION, they accepted, and now why they go against it. I guess the best word to descibe these bunch of malays is "MELAYU MUDAH LUPA". All I can see it that they have the same attitude with Anwar Ibrahim - dia buat boleh, orang lain buat tak boleh, mengada-gada, ish...

Good night and all the best.

Good night Ayahanda Tun.

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 8:23 PM

Dear Tun,

Sasterawan-saterawan buat demonstrasi di istana negara macam orang gila.

Very unintellectual. Shameful, indeed. Memalukan bangsa Melayu.
Menjijikan !! Mana maruah mereka? Maruah mereka dah masuk dalam "tong taik".

I am not a part of these stupid people calling themselves intellectual.
By samuraimelayuAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 8:55 PM

SALAM AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN
IZINKAN,

8. The collapse of the economies of the rich countries is due to extensive abuses of the financial and monetary systems so much so that the systems broke down completely. I doubt (not being an expert I can only doubt) that the trillions of dollars to bail out the failed banks and financial institutions will enable them or their economies to recover.

AFFIRMATIVE, AND WE WONDERED WHETHER PM-ELECT NAJIB HAS THE EXPERTISES TO ALLEVIATE THE IMMINENT FINANCIAL 'TSUNAMI' HEADING OUR SHORES. PERHAPS AT THE SCALE OF N TO THE POWER OF INFINITY?

NAMPAKNYA KENA JUGA RAKYAT IKUT CONTOH NABI....IKAT PERUT LE!

ALFATIHAH, AMIN.

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 8:58 PM

Ayanhanda Tun,

Our local news had informed that there are some relationships between our local leader (it must be Pak Lah & Anwar Ibrahim because they must have signed up many agreements that they need to pay penalty due to this financial meltdown) and the democratic party of USA. I think a lot of our people believe that it is a conspiracy to bring down Anwar Ibrahim, and of course Pak Lah.

Believe me, one of US foreign diplomacy policy is to interfere any country that does not bind to their so-called democracy (I mean the double standard kind of democracy). Bush told his cabinet to come with a speech to invade Iraq or Iran since these countries hold the world oil fields, and he believed that he is a servant to Jesus Christ and he wanted to see justice to be done.

Bush is a nerd who cannot differentiate Iran and Iraq, Wu (China leader Mr Wu Jintao) and Who. He said, "I don't care whether is Iraq or Iran, just give me the facts". Ms Rice told him that USA cannot invade Iran because Iran government is chosen by the people, thus it is a democratic country. So, he said, if that's the case, let us invade Iraq, this damn Saddam Hussein had tried to kill my father.

That is why we are now watching street demonstrations on the minor issue of English teaching in Science and Mathematic. If our government and people do not act wisely, USA will be succeeded in creating an opportunity for Obama to interfere and oppress our government. Please be calm, and put your comment in chedet weblog to let the world read and know that Malaysia is indeed a democratic country. Anwar Ibrahim is the liar, a traitor to the country and Pak Lah is a fool who cannot monitor his son in law KJ (Korap Jantan lah).

Tun, I know you are wise and this is one of the reasons why chedet.cc is created. Thank you once again for saving us from the USA's mess.

Good night.

P/S: To Mr Hanan, there won't be any WW 3 because China and North Korea are the threats to United States of America because they have succeeded in creating the nuclear bomb. Mr Hanan, I believe that there will be more suicide bombing in Gaza because of hatred and frustration. I can feel their anger and fury. Put yourself in their shoes, what would you do if the ENEMY who damaged your land, killed your love ones, your relatives and the people become your government. A normal human being will rather commit suicide bombing to make sure they can kill as many as they could before they die because they have lost hope to be alive in the world. Please take care and all the best to you.

By musatoAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 9:09 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun.

Sebaik-baik orang kafir pasti tiada imannya.

Seburuk-buruk Muslim pasti ada iman dan agamanya.

Tapi Presiden Barrack Obama kelihatan mempunyai keimanannya. Walau bukan Muslim.

Terima kasih Tun.

By edfazlyAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 10:49 PM

salam TUN yg masih sihat he he

skrg kite tengok saje lah Ayam jaguh MATA LEBAM tu... senyap sepi
kalu tidak, dia la yg berkokok masa Polisi TUN suruh bailout
mengatakan kroni la nepotisma la.. dan la la lah

kalu pun BN ditakdirkan kalah pada PRU akan dtg nanti, PR pasti lintang pukang nak selamatkan
ekonomi... time tu baru la rakyat tau, kalau pandai cakap saje, belum tentu boleh buat..

takpe TUN.. sy doakan panjang umo lagi supaya boleh tgk sandiwara politik malaysia

Fazly Mohd
Kota angeriks
By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 11:15 PM

Sasterawan-sasterawan buat demo di Istana Negara. Bodoh stupid punya kerja.

Sasterawan ini semuanya lemah cangok. Idea mereka sudah layu. Mereka ini hidup dalam khayalan.
Mereka dah tak laku lagi di zaman ini , tapi sekarang kita perlu Melayu yang mempunyai otak global
untuk menghadapi cabaran yang lebih getir lagi di masa akan datang.

Untuk memperjuangkan bahasa Melayu bukan cara berdemo. Cara ini dah lapuk. Jadi bahan ketawa
bangsa lain. Memalukan !! Intellectual Melayu berfikiran sempit.

Melayu tidak harus kebelakang sibuk dengan memperjuangkan bahasa tak habis-habis.

Kita patut memperjuangkan macam mana Melayu hendak hidup untuk kesejahteraan keluarga mereka.

Melayu mesti maju bersama dengan teknologi modern yang memerlukan otak yang pintal dan glocal
bukan otak kosong dengan khayalan alunan lagu, madah dan pujangga, siang dan malam, pagi dan
petang. Tak ada economic value kepada kehidupan orang Melayu.
By speedbirdAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 12:32 AM

When I was a kid, i used to read on the Singapore Straits Times newspaper, featuring one of Tun Dr
Mahathir favourite pastime: COOKING. It was published in somewhere around 1987. Ever since it
inspired me to take up cooking as my pastime. So here I am, sharing my recipes with everyone through
my blog.

<http://bestrecipeonline.blogspot.com/>
By KhALiFaMaLaYaAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 12:32 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun!

Ekonomi dunia sekarang berada di ambang kiamat, inilah tanda-tanda yang dunia ini akan kiamat tak
bberapa lama lagi. Banyak tanda-tanda hari kiamat telah muncul dan x perlu nak diterangkan dengan
panjang lebar lagi. Bersedialah untuk bertaubat nasuha sebelum ajal tiba!
By fandipaulAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 12:44 AM

Saya berdoa semoga pemimpin yang tak ikhlas dan tak mempunyai kelayakan mengurus ekonomi
negara dan membenarkan kaum keluarga mengambil kesempatan atas kelemahan dirinya akan dilaknat
Allah swt
By enicomAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 12:46 AM

Tun:

I am not surprised at all if these countries suddenly have billions or trillions coming out of no where (from

our point of perspective) implementing their bailing-out maneuvers to revitalize their economy. None of these countries will ever reveal how much "Contingency Funds" they have but what matter most is the fact that they have to do whatever is necessary. Most surely, with their superb economists and financial experts, these countries know what they are doing and I find it hard to swallow that they are copying your style when we were facing our "Economic Crisis". Speaking too about being secretive, not many know of the fact that over in the West, we have a few Malays that are very successful to the extent that one of them could easily pay off all of our foreign national debts and even have money to spare to sponsor the next 3 coming "Malaysia Plans". But you don't find them listed in the Forbes. Finding it hard to believe? Don't tell me that Ananda Krishnan is richer than Samy Vello because I will say it's a Marco Polo.

There is two ways in dominating a country namely, coming up with a pretext followed by a military invasion or attacking it's economy. Iraq was a military invasion but what happened to South East Asia was an economic hit-job. You were smart enough to decline the advice as well as the monetary aid offered by the IMF and the World Bank unlike some of the other countries in this region. Later you came out with good ideas, for instance making Malaysia the automotive hub of SEA. But what had happen to your idea and Proton? Right now Thailand copied your idea and right now where's the automotive hub of SEA located?

Speaking about the poor countries becoming poorer, I am sure that you are aware that we are living in a very competitive environment where only the best will survive. So, Indonesia might be a poor country but if I am a Malaysian retired civil servant, I rather move to that country because I will live like a king even with my small Primary School teacher's pension. The cost of living is cheap. Cigarettes? A 20 stick pack of Benson & Hedges cost far more less than in Malaysia. Yes, I know that smoking is NOT good for the health but can't I make my own choice? I don't have the money to smoke those Cuban cigars like many of our "rich folks". Cigarettes is merely one of the poor man luxury and with each Budget Presentation at the parliament, everybody knows that is a norm that the tax on tobacco will keep on rising. By the way, formerly the cigarette companies not only are allowed to advertise or to sponsor i.e. the Malaysian Football League and it does cost them much. Now it is no longer allowed. Tell me, where does that money goes to? People are still smoking (so is my doctor).

Coming back to the bailing-out maneuvers over in the West, let's just be polite enough to just shut-up and hope that it will also help to revitalize our economy.

Thank you Tun for giving me the opportunity to speak out, even if you or some of the readers might not agree to what I have said. But please defend my right to say it because I will defend your's.

By Nothing but windAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 1:12 AM

Dear Tun Dr M,

Malaysia is one of the lucky and gifted country. If its finance is well managed, it will only suffer minor economic crisis as compared to our southern neighbor (Singapore) and many other countries.

This is due to the economy of Malaysia is well balanced in terms of fundamental(natural)resources, production industries and service industries.

The government, in its Economic Stimulus Packages, should try its level best to invest the funds rather than handing over the funds to its citizens.

By kecikAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 2:41 AM

assalamualaikum wbt...

i agree for most of all your ideas... there is "BUT"...

1 . DO MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT ('PR' OR 'ALIF MIM NUN WAU') SHOULD LISTEN TO YOU FOR

A WHILE ??

2. OR WHAT THEY THINK IS... 'NAAHHHH ... THAT OLD MAN THINK WE CAN'T DO BETTER THAN HIM.. WE SHOULD DO OUR OWN... HE'S TOTALLY WRONG'

3. I THINK LAAA 'THAT OLD MAN WAS ALREADY KNEW WHICH IS GARAM OR AJINOMOTO '....

just my 2cent :)

By DrdanyAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 2:53 AM

Dear TUN,

As a Malaysian student who currently studying in overseas then reading this kind of sadness that actually happens in my beloved country (in past 10 years, it's unimaginable, this could rise in our nation), I would rather pretend I'm not a Malaysian, it's kind of relief when we're in denial state!!.. really such an amazing turn down for Malaysia right now, from the political, morality all become so messed up that we might turn to become like Indonesia one day (not an insult for the neighboring country but that's the truth, hey they have street demonstrations so damn frequently till it desensitized you and don't care about it anymore). Are we heading to that point? This is not going forward as the vision 2020 our Tun M aim for but I'm afraid we're going backward to 0202 BC to the Roman Empire I presumed... the latest news I read about the PPSMI (is that correct spelling? I'm trying to become ignorant here), Perak jumping and hoping, and STREET DEMOCRACY AND SUED CRAZY (quoted crazy word from IGP, but I'm sort of agreed with him, the past 10 years, never heard ppl suing each other, having street demo, is this become our new culture??, wonder where or when do this all started, oh yeah maybe after someone from the ISA released out, I'm one of his fans during 1997-1999 "tragedy" when I thought he's being framed but now I know, he's the one who created and started the chaos we have nowadays, oh don't sue me!! I'm sorry if any of his supporters reading this and I'm sure they would be denied and denied their so-called clean, respected leader is the one who started this culture) then the one I'm really interested in is Kugan's death.. I'm not a hater or racist, I'm neutral here, but why suddenly when the so-called suspect thief died during interrogation became the hot news?? the whole Indian community (perhaps, this is just assuming coz the MIC youth responding to it) condemn this? do you guys have or heard about car thief?? what they do to their victim? are we so much lose up our morality until the level to protect the villain while we question the right authority who helps us in prevent the crime?? (yeah2, I know about the word innocent until proven guilty but hey there're no such smoke w/o fire). Just let the authority do their job, that's their speciality, they good in doing what they do. In US, don't think any suspect of villain question the FBI for arresting or shooting, they know that somebody they knew already cross the line and get the hit by the authority so with, just let it be.. here in Malaysia, surprisingly is, the DOCTOR (forensic pathologic) and the POLICE is put on the brink of being suspended... are we going to suspend the authority for doing their job? I'm not saying doing job by killing or hiding the fact during postmortem of course in every ethical and professional doctor won't do that.. don't be paranoid, schizo personality, if this keeps on so when they just let the villain away to the street and you get mugged, someone you know get killed by the villain, don't blame the police why they don't do their job right by letting dangerous man to the street, once more, I would like to emphasize here, I'm not a hater or racist, this is just the morality concept, you don't make a big fuss about death of villain (yeah2, innocent till proven guilty), but this is my opinion as a student with so much passion of what happens to my homeland while I'm away for study.. hope Tun would like to comment on this, thanx

ps/ really don't get it what happens to Malaysia currently, disrespectful to Sultan, playing the constitution card, question the Malay rulers, but I know where the root of this problem is, it is one of your fav word TUN, "MELAYU MUDAH LUPA" (I know most of the so-called penyokong Anwar who so obses-compulsive with him is the local medical student under JPA scholar and usually from Pantai Timur, I'm not really get it why, maybe they would become another Nizar or Anwar in the future, what kind of fate my generation would face next, I'm start to wonder.....

By aiemanzAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 2:57 AM

PPSMI?dasar yang sebenarnya membuka mata diri saya tentang peri pentingnya orang melayu berfikiran maju ke hadapan.

mengenepikan perasaan 'syok sendiri'.

dan tarikh 7/3/2009 menonjolkan sifat sebenar orang kita.

terjerit-jerit di jalanan.

dan seperti biasa kelibat 'tokoh' seperti mat sabu pun turut menjerit...

dahulu dia berpantun...

'wau-wau bulan,wau bulan teraju tiga'

'siapa pangkah bulan dia masuk syurga'

dan sekarang dia menjerit...'hapuskan PPSMI!!!'

selepanya hilang di celahan manusia.

dunia,dunia...politik tidak mengenal batasan.

asalkan ada kredit yang boleh diraih...sesekali jangan dilepaskan.

dan muda-mudi yang berpakaian putih atau merah,disaat diarah oleh pensyarah mereka untuk

mnyiapkan tugasan,hari esok nak hantar,

terkial-kial mencari teman yang sudah selesai,atau terus 'copy & paste' dari buku.

sayang seribu kali sayang...para sasterawan mendapat dokongan orang-orang seperti ini.

sayang seribu kali sayang...tanahair ini diwarisi makhluk-makhluk yang seumpama ini.

By haiAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 7:40 AM

Sir,

1. When the laws undertake... to make the rich richer and the potent more powerful, the humble members of society... have a right to complain of the injustice to their Government.

2. That all the measures of the injustice government are directed to the purpose of making the rich richer and the poor poorer.

3. To exasperate at once the extremes of luxury and want. They have exemplified the saying, "To him that hath, more shall be given; and from him that hath not, the little that he hath shall be taken away." The rich have become richer, and the poor have become poorer; and the vessel of the State is driven between the Scylla and Charybdis of anarchy and despotism. Such are the effects which must ever flow from an unmitigated exercise of the injustice government.

Thanks

By waris50Author Profile Page on March 8, 2009 7:57 AM

YAB Tun,

You have been strategic when you were at the helm. I always respect for what you have done sir. However, the leaders of the so called advanced nations were not at smart as you during that time and even today because I always believe as a muslim and malay you have always put keimanan in front of you when you make your decision. "Orang beriman" always makes firm decision.

Do not feel vidicated because now in a global village where informations are flowing beyond borders and boundaries. I believe what you have done so far even now when you are no more the premier you are potraying "orang beriman" by making strategic comments that can be used by leaders who like to improve their leadership.

You are more magnanimous now than ever before. Keep it up as global resource point or centre. I will continue to support your articles.

By y2yAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 9:26 AM

saya setuju sangat dengan rahman. orang melayu kita ni cepat sangat melatah. Saya mengajar di sekolah tadika cina. Saya kagum semangat ibubapa dan anak-anak murid saya. Mereka gagah belajar

bahasa Inggeris. Saya guru bahasa inggeris, jujur saya katakan di sini mereka tidak segan-segan langsung bertutur bahasa inggeris, tunggang langgang tapi boleh lah. lama-lama ok. Matematik pun dia orang diajar dalam dua bahasa. so they can understand both. Hari-hari kena drill buat latihan banyak-banyak. Memang boleh punya! ibu bapa pun very supportive. Tak give up. Susah-susah sangat buat sekolah lain-lain aliran bahasa. Ada melayu dan inggeris. Ibubapa boleh pilih nak hantar anak dia belajar sekolah mana. Orang cina rasanya bagi apa pun dia pulun, dia orang akan berusaha sampai boleh. tak buang masa berdemo. Masa yang ada dia orang buat revision. Pasal demo serah kat melayu. Dia orang cuma berdemo masa tol naik je. Baru nampak muka! Orang Melayu ni suka berdemo masa-masa lepas sembahyang jumaat. Agaknya masa sembahyang tu tak kyusuk langsung. sia-sia je. Orang patutnya lepas sembahyang dapat pahala, jadi lebih baik nak lebih berusaha nak capai kejayaan macam yang dilau-laung dalam azan. Sudahlah, baik gunakan masa yang ada sama-sama belajar dengan anak-anak, bukak dictionary. Anak pun rasa bersemangat, tengok contoh baik, budak-budak belajar melalui contoh. Kalau tengok ibubapa dia orang protest macam ni, esok-esok dia orang pun jadi macam tu jugak. In 100 years to come tak ke mana. Jadi kaki bebal or bebai memanjang.
By kamal ahmad Author Profile Page on March 8, 2009 9:36 AM

"March 4 (Bloomberg) -- The Vatican said banks should look at the rules of Islamic finance to restore confidence amongst their clients at a time of global economic crisis.

"The ethical principles on which Islamic finance is based may bring banks closer to their clients and to the true spirit which should mark every financial service," the Vatican's official newspaper Osservatore Romano said in an article in its latest issue late yesterday.

Author Loretta Napoleoni and Abaxbank Spa fixed income strategist, Claudia Segre, say in the article that "Western banks could use tools such as the Islamic bonds, known as sukuk, as collateral". Sukuk may be used to fund the "car industry or the next Olympic Games in London," they say.

Pope Benedict XVI in an Oct. 7 speech reflected on crashing financial markets saying that "money vanishes, it is nothing" and concluded that "the only solid reality is the word of God." The Vatican has been paying attention to the global financial meltdown and ran articles in its official newspaper that criticize the free-market model for having "grown too much and badly in the past two decades."

The Osservatore's editor, Giovanni Maria Vian, said that "the great religions have always had a common attention to the human dimension of the economy," Corriere della Sera reported today. --Bloomberg News Service.--"

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Salam kasih dan hormat Ayahanda Tun.

This Bloomberg news cut was emailed to me by a colleague. My understanding of it goes beyond the fact of your incredibly far insight into this crisis Tun. I believe you are familiar with these gold units: (a) Australian Gold, (b) American Gold, (c) Krugger Rand Gold. But have you heard of the Gold Jewish Shekel? The ultra conservative Vatican has broken rank here. Has it finally comes to their gates of holy war now? Was it a "gentle indication" by them? Opening up for an insight into their thinking? A prelude to WW3 as some have mentioned here? Could WW3 be all about gold as commenter Hanan had mentioned? An interesting topic coming and upon reading, hence I delved further:

1) The price of gold has been on the rise as far back as 1980 (as far back as I go charting it for the last 24hours anyway). Many credible researchers have calculated that gold prices could be over USD\$2400 at the end of 2011. Today's gold price hovers at USD\$939.70. By 2011 it would be a gain of USD\$1460.30 per unit of gold investment. Thus taking us to the old Jewish adage "He who has gold makes rule".

2) As have been mentioned by you Tun, the ongoing economic crisis (saga) began on August 15, 1971,

when President Richard Nixon had canceled the Bretton Woods agreement - which had coupled the old US gold dollar to the Jewish gold. Thus, the dollar was severed from gold, and it became subjected to the whims and schemes of the Zionist lobby via their global currency speculators such as George Soros (a Sayan), whose real goal is, to take control of the world's gold, which is deposited in Swiss banks or in the central banks of countries as gold reserves for their banknotes. Over the years into this practice, the craftiness of speculators such as George Soros had even modulated this tool into weaponry for their arsenal. They could strategically target any nation in the world quietly and deliver their blows overnight. Just like what had happened in 1997. Their army is paper army; the one-eyed USD\$1 in the trillions.

3) And with the American political and economic pressure on many governments around the world to sever their currencies from the old gold standard, the Zionist economic war against the peoples of the world began when new currency speculators emerge overnight as the new battalion of army in this war. Their networks of Sayanem worldwide are proving to be most effective in their advantages.

4) This economic war was planned by the Zionists even before the break of WW2, when they had promised the US government in 1936 to back the US dollar with their gold. Since the US government does not have its own federal banks at the time, it had agreed to sign the Bretton Woods agreement, which gave an ounce of gold for every \$35 that reached the newly set up (then) Federal Reserve Bank of America, and in all of its branches throughout America, which are owned by the Ashkenazim Jews via the Schive Rothschild Family Foundation control.

5) But in mid 1960s, President John F. Kennedy decided to establish "The Governmental Banks Act" to help protect the dollar against the looming threats of the protracted cold war, maybe without fully realizing its impact on the Jewish master plan. And many have theorized that for this act, Kennedy was killed by the Zionist lobby.

6) Global Jewish Inc is trying to prepare the world for a strong/new currency. And what would that strong currency be? People have no confidence in the euro now for sure, Amero? I don't think so. USD? We know that drill already. And mostly governments of the world today do not trade gold as their primary currency (except for Iran). But despite all their (Israel) condemnations against the Gold Dinar, this very strong currency is actually what Israel is preparing for now, and it has even been issued in Gaza already - The Gold Jewish shekel. Don't be surprised, and keep ready for one of these days, we could see "a new break" in the present world economic crisis. As the old Jewish adage says: "He who has gold makes rule". - I agree.

This topic is intertwined with so many and much of all the ongoing tussles and turmoil around the globe and especially in Malaysia for us. Anwar Ibrahim is a stooge of the very infamous US Jewish lobbyist Paul Wolfowitz a.k.a "The Iraqi War Architect". And I agree with the suggestion that you should open up a whole new posting on this newly emanating threat to Malaysia Tun.

By bluesgangAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 11:15 AM

Me and buddies from MCA and MIC and other components awaits the "Hero Return" ceremony after Pak Lah stepping down. All of us know damn well who is the hero we hope to return.

Please dont let us down Tun by not returning. Again we awaits. Together we will abolish the lies and illusion that PKR have conjured. Together we shall cleanse the stains that have tainted our beloved party.

It is ordained by heavens above, u belong to us all malaysians not just muslims. Resigning and walking away will be your greatest betrayal to all of us. It will be your last service for the people to bring us out from this circus. Make the old glad and make the young remember...

We await for your return.....

(sounds cheesy but that what i felt at the moment)

By mazharhAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 11:53 AM

Salam Tun dan sekeluarga,

Ada berita tergepar berlaku di Malaysia. Pengganti Tan Sri P. Ramlee sebagai seniman agung Malaysia sebenarnya telah wujud...DAH LAMA DAH..! Nama beliau juga bermula dari P...iaitu P. LAH. Beliau benar-benar dapat mengembalikan nostalgia P. Ramlee kepada seluruh rakyat Malaysia. Pada hari dan saat ini P. LAH layak digelar SENIMAN AGUNG, buktinya..

Persamaan P. Ramlee & P. Lah

P. Ramlee P. LAH

Laksamana DO RE ME - sidang DUN Perak
Kerajaan Fasola bersemayam dan pokok, memalukan
Bermesyuarat di bawah pokok bukan saja Perak tapi
Kita D Malaysia

3 Abdul - Menantu dan penasihat Menantu dan penasihat
gadai harta bapak mertua T4 Gadai habis harta
negara/ orang melayu
kepada Singapura

Nujum Pak belalang - P. LAH suka main golf
Raja Masai suka main dengan pembesar
teka-teki hingga tergadai Singapura hingga
negara tergadai Pulau batu
Putih

Ahmad Albab - KJ kata - kemenangan
P. RAMlee (syawal) kata - kekayaan dan jawatan ketua pemuda
dan kebahagiaan rumah tangga terletak pada BAPAK
terletak pada ALLAH bukan MERTUANYA ..P LAH
bapa mertua (mansor al-buaya/tompel).

Sebenarnya ada banyak lagi cerita P. LAH yang bukan saja sama tapi lebih hebat dari P. Ramlee.
Mungkin lepas Mac ni P. LAH akan jadi pengarah, pelakon dan penyanyi atau ,mungkin sekarang ini P.
LAH sudah pun berlakun ..
By asam jawaAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 11:55 AM

Assalamualaikum YABhg Tun.

You are almost right that financial crisis can't be cured eventhough they bail out and nationalise all
financial institutions when their banking phylosophy, operational and aim remain as status quo.

Western government and their community will facing great stagflation where cost of living keep increase
when production decrease but huge of money induce by their government will flood into their market will
push-up the price. At same time unemployment rate increase when production institution not supported
by financial system which collapse.

Mohon keizinan YABhg Tun untuk saya memberi pandangan mengenai PPSMI.
Sebagai seorang bapa yang mempunyai anak di tingkatan 1, darjah 6 dan darjah 4, saya terpenggil untuk
komen mengenai tindakan segelintir sasterawan dan kononnya pejuang Bahasa Melayu berdemonstrasi
di pintu masuk Istana Negara.

Mereka lebih baik berjuang supaya penggunaan Bahasa Melayu diperbetulkan di papan tanda,

pertuturan dalam drama TV, penggunaan istilah yang tepat dan bersopan di Parlimen, DUN, surat dan mesyuarat rasmi kerajaan serta syarikat kerajaan. Malah banyak lagi ruang yang mereka boleh perjuangkan untuk memartabatkan Bahasa Melayu.

Pencemaran bahasa amat berleluasa tetapi tiada siapa peduli. Bahasa rojak, bahasa pasar, bahasa Melayu-Indon, bahasa SMS, bahasa remaja telah merosakkan Bahasa Melayu sering diguna pakai.

Hampir tiada program memartabatkan bahasa Melayu oleh pejuang Bahasa. Yang kelihatan ialah hendak menjadi jaguh menghapuskan PPSMI.

Sedarlah pejuang bahasa bahawa anda sendiri lemah dalam Sains dan Matematik kerana ianya diajar dalam Bahasa Melayu. Institut Terjemahan Negara dan DBP tidak mampu mengeluarkan buku sains dan teknologi terkini didalam Bahasa Melayu.

Pejuang bahasa hanya syok sendiri bersastera untuk halwa telinga. Ingatlah untuk menanam padi perlukan penguasaan ilmu sains pertanian. Menangkap ikan, menternak ayam, itik serta lembu perlukan teknologi. Bukannya bahasa berbunga, buahnya tiada.

Bangsa lain ketawa gembira apabila Melayu lemas dalam isu bahasa.

DSAAB nampaknya sokong pejuang bahasa kerana beliau berkelulusan sastera.

Semoga PPSMI terus dilaksana untuk memajukan anak bangsa agar setaraf ilmuwan dunia. Jika tidak maka untunglah pencetak buku kerana dapat bisnes baru ketika rakyat tertekan dengan keadaan ekonomi semasa. Apakah sanggup pejuang bahasa menanggung kosnya!

Semoga YABhg Tun sekeluarga dan para bloggers dirahmati Allah.

By speedbirdAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 12:44 PM

These people fighting for bahasa melayu are hipocrites..

Perjuang bahasa melayu but then they send their own children to UK or abroad to study anything but Bahasa Melayu.

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

By Puteri TanjungAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 1:16 PM

Pak Belalang,

The article posted by Jebatmustdie (March 6, 2009) may be of some interest to you.

"PERBEZAAN ANTARA IMUNITI RAJA DAN LESTE MAJESTE

Berita menarik di dalam Utusan Malaysia hari ini:

ALOR SETAR 6 Mac. — Persatuan Kerabat Diraja Kedah (PKDK) akan meminta Persidangan Majlis Raja-Raja supaya menuntut semula imuniti raja agar pihak tertentu tidak mempersenda Raja-Raja Melayu yang merupakan tonggak dan payung kepada kekuatan orang Melayu.

Yang Dipertuanya Datuk Tengku Zainol Rashid Tengku Yahya berkata desakan itu akan dibuat selepas satu perhimpunan besar-besaran di Kuala Lumpur melibatkan 250 NGO bagi menyatakan taat setia kepada raja-raja Melayu tidak lama lagi.

"Kalau imuniti raja-raja dikembalikan, isu persenda Raja-Raja Melayu tak mungkin timbul," katanya kepada pemberita selepas majlis pelepasan peserta Mencari Harta Karun anjuran PKDK di sini hari ini Sultan Kedah Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah melepaskan 45 kereta yang menyertai acara itu dari

Alor Setar ke Haadyai. Pada acara itu, Tengku Zainol Rashid mengetuai lebih 100 peserta untuk melafazkan ikrar taat setia kepada Raja-Raja Melayu.

Tengku Zainol Rashid juga memberi amaran kepada ahli politik yang cuba membangkitkan isu kedaulatan raja-raja dalam agenda mereka.

"Sekiranya mereka buat lagi, kita akan cari jalan untuk mereka hentikannya," katanya. — Bernama

Datuk Tengku Zainol Rashid bercadang agar Majlis Raja-Raja menuntut untuk mengembalikan kuasa imuniti Raja-Raja Melayu.

Datuk, kuasa imuniti yang mana satu yang telah hilang dan yang mana satu yang perlu dikembalikan?

Adakah peruntukkan Mahkamah Khas yang boleh membawa Raja Raja Melayu kemuka pengadilan sekiranya mereka telah melakukan sesuatu jenayah peribadi ini yang perlu dimansuhkan?

Akta yang dipinda dalam tahun 1993 membolehkan ahli ahli Dewan Rakyat dan Parlimen untuk menegur (di dalam ruang peradaban yang sopan) Raja Raja JIKA melakukan kesilapan. Seperkara lagi yang dipinda adalah hak Raja Raja Melayu untuk mengampunkan diri sendiri jika telah melakukan sesuatu jenayah. Adakah ini yang ingin dikembalikan?

Dengan pemansuhan kekebalan Raja-Raja daripada tindakan undang-undang, kecuali ketika menjalankan tugas rasminya, adalah dipercayai Raja tidak akan melakukan perbuatan-perbuatan yang boleh didakwa di mahkamah. Dengan ini, Raja akan dihormati rakyat.

Tujuan sebenar pindaan-pindaan ini bukan kerana Kerajaan ataupun rakyat ingin mengheret Raja-Raja ke mahkamah dengan sewenang-wenangnya. Tujuannya ialah supaya Raja-Raja akan menghindarkan diri daripada melakukan perbuatan yang boleh mengakibatkan tindakan undang-undang. Oleh itu, Raja akan lebih dihormati.

Oleh itu, saya dengan perasaan rendah hati merasakan bahawa Datuk Tengku telah tersilap fakta. Pernyataan agar kuasa Raja Raja Melayu perlu dikembalikan adalah ternyata sedikit serong. Yang sepatutnya diperkatakan adalah, Undang Undang Melindungi Kehormatan Raja-Raja perlu diwujudkan di dalam Sistem Perlembagaan Malaysia.

Undang-undang tersebut (leste majeste) belum lagi wujud di sini. Walaubagaimanapun, ianya sudah termaktub di negara-negara beraja yang lain seperti Thailand, Brunei dan Belanda.

Ketiadaan undang-undang inilah yang telah menyebabkan pihak-pihak yang tidak bertanggungjawab di dalam pakatan pembangkang mempersenda dan mengutuk Raja-Raja Melayu sesuka hati tanpa mengenal batasan tatasusila yang normal.

Mungkin undang-undang ini yang Datuk sepatutnya memperjuangkan. Undang-undang inilah yang akan diguna pakai jika ada sesetengah pihak mempersendakan kemuliaan dan kehormatan Raja-Raja Melayu. Bukannya memperjuangkan untuk mengembalikan kuasa imuniti Raja Raja untuk melakukan sesuka hati.

Sekian terima kasih.

Posted in Malay issues, Miscellaneous, Politics in general"

By kamal ahmadAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 1:24 PM

Salam kasih dan hormat Ayahanda Tun. Hari ini maka telah pun genap setahun daripada tarikh PRU12. Suatu titik dalam sejarah Malaysia yang tak perlu saya ulaskan disini lagi. Itu saja nak/mampu berkata tentangnya Tun. Saya rasa lebih baik saya dan rakan-rakan memberi tumpuan dan mengkaji lebih

mendalam kepada cadangan Dinar Emas Tun buat masa sekarang. Ini lebih suci, realistik dan logik jika dibandingkan dengan jalan-jalan sempit dan terdesak bagi sesetengah mereka dalam percaturan politik UMNO hari ini. Wassalam Tun. - Ikhlas, Kamal.

By kamal ahmadAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 1:35 PM

Salam kasih dan hormat Ayahanda Tun. Minta sedikit ruang Tun. Terima kasih.

KUALA LUMPUR, (NST On line) SUN:

More than 70,000 Bangladeshi workers are expected to arrive in Malaysia soon to take up employment in the plantation, construction and services sectors, the Labour Counsellor at the Bangladesh High Commission here, Talat Mahmud Khan, disclosed today.

Please click on the [http link below](http://www.nst.com.my/Current_News/NST/Sunday/NewsBreak/20090308113915/Article/index_html) for more read on the subject.

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Dear Excellency Talat Mahmud Khan, thank you for stating that openly. We appreciate your frankness and candor spirits. Thank you again your Excellency. Best regards Kamal Ahmad.

By Puteri TanjungAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 1:38 PM

HBT

Thank you for your generous comments. Yes, we Malaysians all have to work hard but hardwork alone just won't do it. Any meaningful and significant development and progress of the country can only take place if and when we have a responsible, hardworking, stable and smart government. As of now, HBT, when I see the list of some of the candidates that are gunning for the top posts in the coming UMNO election and the irresponsible antics of both the governing and the opposition state governments that we have, Chinua Achebe's book title comes to mind, "Cry, Beloved Country". Know what most of them have in common?

"The end justifies the means"

By drms4Author Profile Page on March 8, 2009 2:21 PM

WILL ALL CONCERNED PARTIES HEAR ME OUT ?

Mr Prime Minister, The Head of the Judiciary, the IGP and the AG please listen to me. This is Malaysia with 29 million people. We have a Government of the day. But are you aware that nothing seem to be right as at this moment. The people are quarrelling, the politicians are fighting among themselves, the crime rate seem to be out of control. The economy seem to be at a stand still Yet nobody seem to be neither concerned or interested nor are they taking proactive steps to do what has to be done. Right now the only thing we hear and read is about all the massive police reports being made by all kinds of concerned people. Is this not a sign that something is seriously wrong?

The police seem to have lost sense of their direction. Where is the police force to curb and eradicate crime. Are human beings not entitled to live in peace and in harmony? Right now every household is scared stiff about their own safety not only on the roads but even in their own homes. Our sons are scared of kidnappers. Our daughters are worried if they would be the next victim of rapists or snatch thieves or robbers.. Our wives are equally scared if their home would be destroyed by terrorists in the guise of robbers and gangsters. Yet nobody and I repeat nobody is bothered. Not the least bit. When an MP brings out a certain problem in the Parliament the Speaker is disinterested in even hearing it as the Speaker is himself not bothered.

Where is our Prime Minister now? I don't hear a word being said by him regarding the problems in the country. Please where are you ? You may say to yourself that you have let us say, less than one month as the Prime Minister. So therefore it does not bother you. No ! this is where you are wrong. Please bear in mind every day and every hour and every minit of your existence is being paid by the tax payers funds. You cannot abdicate your inherent and sacred duties to the people. One may say that he is the PM, the

IGP, the AG and the Chief Justice of the country. What good is a country if there are no people? Each one of you is indebted to the people for you are living off their money and that is the tax payers money.. Your salaries are not picked out from trees from your back yard. It is fully paid by the citizens or people residing in this country. I say people as this includes foreigners too. The money they spent be it through investments or simply expenses finally ends up in the Governmet kitty through indirect taxes of one form or another. So I call upon all of you to please give extreme priority to the people's welfare rather than your own political or personal interests. I consider it a SIN and an unforgiveable act if you abdicate your responsibilities to the people. Please forget the dirty politics everyone is indulged in. People are not paying for something that is dirty. People pay money for something that is clean and rightful. Yes, UMNO is indeed responsible for all the wrongs and troubles in the country. Look at the massive corruption among the party members. It looks like they are now reaping the harvest which they have sown decades ago. Yet you are the head of UMNO. It is your paramount duty to go to the ground and do everything necessary to stop this rot. You must do this with a 'hands-on' approach. Otherwise it would be the end of a decadent empire as history has so vividly exposed.

Mr PM, you are seeing with your own eyes one state government that has collapsed and some are at the verge of collapse. How do you expect the people of the collapsed government to function ? Is it morally right for you to turn your back against the people of that state as if to say, GO TO HELL FOR LEST I CARE. No you are wrong ! Every one of the Perakian is also paying for your maintenance as the PM. You owe your duty towards them. Right now it looks like the State Government is in the hands of the Courts. It is suits and counter suits which will finally land in the Federal Courts. Courts are not the place to run a Government. If so then we might not see a government till eternity. The only beneficiaries of court cases are the lawyers and not the people. Lawyers may keep fighting in courts based on syllables, commas and dots while the people will be the direct beneficiaries of chaos and suffering. This is when we Malaysians will witness the unsightly consequences of a failed Government and a failed State. Perak witnessed the ugly sights of the Police force being used against the trustees of the State Government and the people. Mr PM you are the man entrusted to run this country. You have a duty to make sure that the people are protected against all forms of terrorism against their daily lives. I consider the might of the police force being used against the people as a form of terrorism,. This is a very serious matter. The crime rate is explosively frightening yet nothing is done to arrest this disease. Please act on this with utmost urgency. Please use your leadership qualities and your Statesmanship to pull the bull by its horns and arrest the instability and the festering chaos that prevails in the society.

Finally Mr PM, me and a lot of fellow Malaysians are sick and tired of all the politically motivated legal suits in the country. One case in point is Dato Seri Anwar Ibrahim. The so called sodomy charge has become sickening, of least interest to the people and the rest of the world. Allow me to say it has lost all credibility before the eyes of the citizens. Why persist in matters that makes no sense to the rakyat. It is a sheer waste of public funds and tax payers are not interested in their contributions being used for irrelevant issues. Further this issue has become shameful, distasteful and not of any public value. The other is the Raja Petra court cases. He is a writer per se. and is not considered a threat to national security. I would suggest these matters be abandoned and instead take cognizance of the most serious issues afflicting the nation and its people. The reason is this. The people are getting sick and tired of the government being involved in irrelevant issues and not what matters them most. People are getting the feel that the Malaysian government is more interested in witch hunting against its own citizens rather than what affects their security of life, bread and butter on the table, health care and being able to live a simple and happy life. Please stop all negative activities that does no good to nobody. Please listen to me. It is absolutely urgent. I do not wish for the life of me to witness a metamorphosis of Malaysia into another failed state like Zimbabwe.

DR MATHEW SEBASTIAN
PETALING JAYA

By SMAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 2:23 PM

In Islam, God has declared war against those involved in such fraudulence financial activities or 'riba' in general (as stated in the holy Quran). The infidels are not excused and now are facing the blow. The muslim community/nation must take precaution. This as a reminder from God - do something with our

current system - revamp our current practice and work in the Islamic way comprehensively. What is being done in Malaysia in particular is the other way round, i.e devising an Islamic financial instrument(just as an alternative) to fit into the current practice. The muslim nation/community today is like a small kid trying to run with only one of his two legs with the aid of an artificial leg because he was taught to do so. He will definitely fall at one point. He doesn't know how to use his real legs together because he was trying to use them like an artificial leg.

By SMAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 2:38 PM

The Islamic community must unite to gain strength to execute the commandments of God or to administer the world according to His desire. I call it community because we are not united. By uniting, we have the economy of scale. So, our utmost struggle is in uniting the Islamic community especially amongst the middle east countries. At present, the middle east countries is a symbol of Islamic disunity. It was once and suppose to be a symbol of unity for the whole world/ mankind.

By zainnanAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 4:28 PM

The melting down of the western economies.

Finally TDM's enunciation of the 'fixed exchange rate' against the 'floating exchange rate' has begun to see light in the corridors of the western powers.

But the whole world have been stubborn enough to give their ears to this bright idea crystallised in the mind of none than TDM, who 'single-handedly' fought relentlessly amid the bitter opposing forces within and without, to rescue the near collapse of the economy of this country.

That was the story which happened about 10 years ago, and had it not been for TDM's brilliant idea and fighting spirit, I very much doubt that Malaysians could continue on living decently, and of course continue blogging like we are doing now.

But this gem of brilliant idea, though thrown into the history of dustbin, either intently or otherwise continues to sparkle like a rare diamond.

The western powers have begun to rationalise that the trillion of dollars, sterlings, euro or in whatever currency of bailouts are not going to work out. Their economies have been in tattered for allowing the financial systems to be littered with mountains and mountains of junk derivatives.

Bailing of bad investments will see no end. The real fix-up to these rotten economies will go to the extend of 'cutting off the hands' of George Soros and his gangs, who see the opportunity to speculate and gamble in the name of everything which can be traded, chiefly from primary commodities to currencies.

The only life-line to rescue the rotten western economies is to adopt and revive the brilliant idea, chiefly fixing the exchange rate of currencies, as enunciated by none other than TDM. Rush for that rare gem of diamond, though already thrown in the history of dustbin for it could save the crumbling of world economies.

This brilliant TDM is a gift from God in our lifetime. Not only that he is gifted with brilliant mind but he too is gifted with good health and age.

With the western economies already in tattered, and Malaysia is currently in tattered politically and very soon economically, I propose that TDM's service is much needed by the country, and probably at the IMF too in order to stabilise the economies worldly.

Being an ordinary human being, not all efforts of TDM had guaranteed the desired results.

A nation's success cannot be attributed solely to one person but it's the teamwork of the people. As already proven, TDM has had shown to be an effective leader, and with the hindsight for his shortcomings of the past, I believe TDM would be more careful to steer the country well at this point of

time for the benefit of most Malaysians.

By kamal ahmadAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 4:48 PM

Salam kasih dan hormat Ayahanda Tun, minta sedikit keizinan ruang disini.

"KUALA LUMPUR 8 Mac - Kementerian Pelajaran akan menghantar kertas cadangan berhubung isu Pengajaran dan Pembelajaran Sains dan Matematik dalam Bahasa Inggeris (PPSMI) kepada jemaah menteri pada bulan ini.

Timbalan Menteri, Datuk Ir. Dr. Wee Ka Siong berkata, pihaknya percaya pendekatan itu akan membantu untuk mendapatkan satu keputusan yang sangat dinanti-nantikan oleh semua pihak di negara ini." - UTUSAN On line.

Percayalah YB Datuk Wee, isu ini akan padam dengan sendirinya selepas bulan Mac ini. Percayalah. Selepas itu, hanya akan tinggal mereka yang benar-benar terlibat dengan isu ini sahaja yang akan terpaksa mengangkat buku dan beg masing-masing untuk meredah kelegelapan pagi untuk menimba pelajaran disekolah. Hanya akan tinggal para pendidik negara yang akan terpaksa juga menanggung apa jua beban hasil daripada perjuangan para NGO dan Sasterawan Negara kita ini. Akan juga tinggal para ibu bapa yang akan terpaksa berdepan dengan isu-isu lain dalam menyediakan bebanan kewangan dalam agenda pembelajaran anak-anak mereka akibat daripada perjuangan NGO dan para Sasterawan Negara ini. Ketika itu, para jockey profesional serta kuda-kuda tunggangan mereka tidak akan kelihatan lagi batang hidung dan ekor mereka. Kuda-kuda tunggangan akan dibebaskan semula untuk berlari bebas berkarya di prairie-prairie masing-masing. Mana kala towkay besar kepada para jockey akan meraikan kejayaan mereka di tempat lain pula dan dengan agenda lain pula. Percayalah YB Datuk Wee, anda akan melihat semua ini kelak, dan anda boleh membuat ianya sebagai suatu pengajaran dan iktibar kepada diri anda dalam perjalanan politik anda. Saya selaku seorang Melayu, atas rasa penuh malu dan kesedaran, memohon maaf kepada anda seorang saudara senegara saya yang daripada keturunan Cina diatas kepada pameran dan pamparan sikap, pe'el serta tabiat rakus kemelut politik muda bangsa saya ini. Seperti kata YB Datuk Seri Hishamuddin, kenapa hanya selepas enam tahun baru nak dikecohkan sebegini? Apakah agenda sebenarnya? Sebenarnya pembelajaran dalam Bahasa Inggeris adalah demi untuk memartabatkan bangsa kita dimata dunia kelak, demi anak-anak kecil yang akan mengharungi arus Wawasan 2020 kelak. Tetapi kuda dan jockey hari ini yang sudah mabuk perlumbaan tetap akan terpaksa berlumba juga, sebab itulah hakikat dan unsur batuan bagi kemaraan politik murahan mereka. Mulai daripada hari ini, segala karya Pak Samad telah juga dinodai oleh penulisnya sendiri - dan saya hanya mampu bersimpati dengan beliau. Ketulinan telah tercemar, nilainya sudah hilang juga akhirnya. Salam simpati.

By selAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 4:51 PM

ASWT YAB TUN n Fellow Bloggers

This time I fully agree with our brothers Pakbelalang & Rahman.

I've survived belajar dalam bahasa Flamish (Belanda) to obtain My MD. masa di Belgium. So what is ENGLISH. after all its our 2nd language.

My fellow non malay friends hantar anak2 utk tuisyen bahasa inggeris.

Able to speak multi languages dan berada di Negara Orang PUTEH ber tahun tahun tidak pernah melunturkan JATI DIRI ANAK MELAYU HASIL DEB ini.

KEPADA MU HAMBAMU SUJUD MENSYUKURI SEGALA RAHMAT & NIKMAT MU
YA ALLAH AMIN..

drsel

By ahkAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 6:11 PM

Assalamualaikum! Tun dan pembaca sekalian,

Mengenai isu PPSMI ini apakata para penyokong PPSMI mengumpulkan tandatangan sebagai tanda

sokongan sebab saya rasa ramai yang menyokong cuma tak mahu kecoh seperti yang menentang. Tak payahla kita berdemonstrasi, tak kan selesai masalah...Dalam keadaan sekarang Banyak lagi perkara penting lain yang perlu difikirkan.

Terima kasih.

By Sirius99Author Profile Page on March 8, 2009 6:26 PM

HOW THE BAILOUT WORKS

A Dead Horse

Young Chuck in Montana bought a horse from a farmer for \$100. The farmer agreed to deliver the horse the next day.

The next day the farmer drove up and said, "Sorry son, but I have some bad news... the horse died."

Chuck replied, "Well, then just give me my money back."

The farmer said, "Can't do that. I went and spent it already."

Chuck said, "OK, then, just bring me the dead horse."

The farmer asked, "What ya gonna do with him?"

Chuck said, "I'm going to raffle him off."

The farmer said, "You can't raffle off a dead horse!"

Chuck said, "Sure I can, Watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead."

A month later, the farmer met up with Chuck and asked,

"What happened with that dead horse?"

Chuck said, "I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at two dollars apiece and made a profit of \$998."

The farmer said, "Didn't anyone complain?"

Chuck said, "Just the guy who won. So I gave him his two dollars back."

Chuck grew up and now works for the government.

He's the one who figured out how this "bail-out" is going to work.

By wajaperakAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 7:02 PM

Dengan Izin Tun..Terimakasih..

Bagi penentang PPSMI cuba hayati...

Senario satu :

Saya Kink Sink Balia di sini kini menemuramah mat-mat dadah di lorong-lorong belakang kota raya ini..

"Er saudara..mengapa saudara terlibat dalam penagihan dadah ini?"

Penagih :Alo..Sink..lu lalok la..Wa mau isap ke,injek ke mau mampos ke..wa punya suka la..INI PILIHAN

GUA..lu peduli apa??

Kink Sink Balia :Tidak kah tindakan saudara ini merugikan negara kita?

Penagih :Rugi apa ni Sink ? Apa yang kerajaan rugi dari tindakan gua?..Ini mau hisap sikit tak boleh..kena tangkap kena hantar SERENTI..gua punya suka la..Hidup bebas dan merdeka..

Senario dua :

Saya Kink Sink Balia di sini menemuramah mat-mat rempit.

"Er saudara..mengapa terlibat dalam aktiviti rempit ni?

Mat Rempit : Alo Sink..kita orang mau rempit ka apa ka, apa kena mengena sama lu? Lu ada susah apa? Rugi apa ? Lu apa hal?

Kink Sink Balia :Tidak kah tindakan anda sekalian merugikan negara?

Mat Rempit : Rugi apa? INI PILIHAN HIDUP KAMI la brader..Kami pilih cara hidup sendiri,kerajaan rugi apa?

Senario tiga :

Ya bertemu lagi kita..Saya Kink Sink Balia menemuramah bohsia pula..

Kink Sink Balia : Er..adik-adik mengapa terlibat dalam aktiviti sebegini?

Bohsia : Alo Sink..kami buat apa pun kami punya suka la..Ini PILIHAN KAMI!!!!

Kink Sink Balia : Tidak kah tindakan adik-adik ini merugikan negara kita?

Bohsia : Rugi apa ni Sink?..Apa kena mengena pilihan cara hidup kami dengan negara ?? Sibuk la lu Sink...

Ya..Sekian dahulu ulasan dan laporan saya dari jalanan untuk TV..

Moral laporan ini : Is Sink is Kink?

TEPAT SEKALI...Sink Is Kink!!!

* Penentang PPSMI anda 'memilih' untuk menentang..menyangka melalukan kebaikan untuk bangsa dan negara anda *

Apa perbezaan antara anda dan ketiga-tiga golongan di atas?

Jika anda tersilap pilih dan tidak nampak akibat kesilapan pilihan anda maka akibatnya generasi tinggalkan yang di belakang akan menjadi mangsa.

PPSMI satu wadah ilmu.la membuka banyak 'front' (bagaimana anda terjemahkan maksud ini ?) kepada generasi akan datang.Menafikan cabaran ini kepada generasi muda akan melemahkan daya tahan mereka terutama menjadi 'resourceful','pliant'dan 'reliant'.

Hayati maksud Al Quran ini

"Tidakkah mereka takut meninggalkan turunan yang lemah di belakang mereka ?"

Dan Ayat AL Quran ini dari Surah AL Haj..

" Yang buta itu bukanlah mata..Tetapi mata yang di dalam dada!!"

Sekian..

Tepat sekali..SINK IS KINK..

Terima kasih Tun..

By kkearthlingAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 9:12 PM

Dear Tun,

What choice do they have except bailout by governments? The current situation is not alien a.k.a. recession, depression and whatnot. The action taken (the bailout) is not unprecedented. Tun had scored before, perhaps looked upon as a precedence. If Tun is doubtful for this round, will Tun be able to provide a better solution?

Since the day it is cool to go global, it should not be hot or ugly if any numbers are counted in billion or trillion. Media loves to talk about bad things & earn more readership (a.k.a. more money), too much good news for a long time becomes boring. So, they are busy fanning the fire. Perhaps we should stop reading/watching the news, good times will return sooner than later. Repetitive & complaining without solution is no solution at all.

We are no difference from the cells in human body. Cancerous or tumor a.k.a. the culprits need to be removed. Good ones need to be given the boost. The immune ones get wiser. The ones that get away mutate. The cycle goes on. And, no, I am not a doctor, economist or financier. Good Days to A Happy Tun.

By SazaliAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 10:32 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun.. Semoga sihat sentiasa..

Apa pendapat Tun mengenai PPSMI yang sedang hangat diperkatakan kini..Kata menteri yang terlibat.. PPSMI ini berjaya berdasarkan pencapaian peperiksaan tahun lalu..tapi terdapat beberapa pekara yang mengelirukan saya dan para pendidik. Hanya para pendidik sahaja yang tahu tahap kejayaan PPSMI ini.. tapi tak dibenarkan bersuara dan terpaksa menerima baik atau buruknya PPSMI ini. Setahu saya dan dari hasil temubual saya dengan pendidik terutama sekali yang memeriksa kertas soalan peperiksaan mendapati tahap pencapaian PPSMI bukannya sesuatu yang boleh dibanggakan. Pelajar dibenarkan menjawab dalam dwi bahasa, bahasa rojak (bm campur bi dlm satu ayat),dan sepenuhnya dalam bahasa melayu. Bagaimana ini dikatakan berjaya sedangkan pelajar kita tidak menjawab fully in english.Bagi saya PPSMI ini akan menjatuhkan anak melayu sedang di SJK (C) diajar dlm bahasa ibunda. Matlamat pendidik nmengajar dlm bhs inggeris juga tidak ada manfaatnya jika tiba waktu peperiksaan pelajar menjawab dlm bahasa melayu.Minta tolong dikaji sedalamnya dan jika boleh mintalah pandangan dari pendidik terutama guru yang terlibat dalam PPSMI ini bukan pandangan dari menteri yang hanya bermesyuarat di parlimen tanpa turun padang untuk melihat sendiri terutama hari peperiksaan.Jangan kerana ego politik anak bangsa jadi taruhan.. terima kasih.

By monkAuthor Profile Page on March 8, 2009 10:47 PM

Dear Dr. Mahathir,

One might argue that the root cause of the current financial crisis lays within the (Western) banking system, that it is the result of greed, outright fraud and speculations. One might also argue that the bailouts and nationalization spells the end of capitalism and the free market. You are stating (to right) that "the situation today is very different" (from the Asisan crisi), indicating that there is no "Mahathir" in sight to remedy the ongoing systemic economic breakdown. Your sad conclusion: at the end we all will be poorer.

Perhaps it is time to remember your speech given to students of Yogyakarta some years back, reminding them of the legacy of Bung Karno. What he indicated in his "Last Will" may well be the foundation for the betterment of the economic in the East and the West alike: Not for the benefit of the state nor of the government (and not for his family i.e. not for oligarchs) but for the benefit of the people.

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By zamra69Author Profile Page on March 8, 2009 11:37 PM

Assalamualaikum,

PPSMI

Kebelakangan ini terlalu banyak pihak yang mendesak kerajaan supaya memansuhkan PPSMI kerana berbagai alasan antaranya program tersebut kurang berjaya dan juga meminggirkan bahasa Melayu itu sendiri.

Jika dikatakan PPSMI tidak berjaya langsung mencapai matlamat adalah tidak tepat. Jika dahulu murid-murid di sekolah langsung tidak tahu istilah-istilah mudah dalam Matematik dan Sains tetapi sekarang mereka sudah dapat memahami malahan menterjemahkan ayat-ayat mudah dengan agak baik walaupun murid yang bersekolah di kawasan pedalaman..

Yang menghairankan ada juga ahli akademik, pembangkang termasuklah GAPENA yang lantang menentang. Adakah mereka ini pernah turun padang dan membuat kajian dengan lebih dekat. Mungkin mereka sudah cukup bijak dan anak-anak mereka sudah cukup pandai dan x perlu lagi ada PPSMI ini. Adakah mereka peduli tentang nasib dan masa depan generasi muda di pedalaman yang masih ketinggalan..

Perancangan PPSMI pada saya sudah cukup baik. Sekarang murid-murid mempunyai 20 waktu

seminggu untuk belajar dalam BI (BI + Math + Sains) tanpa mengganggu peruntukan waktu untuk matapelajaran lain. Kenapa perlu dimansuhkan ?? Jika ianya kurang berjaya, buat saja penambahbaikan. Jika dimansuhkan terus samalah keadaannya dengan " jika kita mempunyai anak yang kurang berjaya dalam pelajaran maka tutup dan matikan saja peluangnya untuk belajar dan berjaya " ...Patutkah begitu ??

Tanya kepada ribuan penunjuk perasaan depan Istana Negara, tanya pada Mat Sabu, GAPENA dan pembangkang..Adakah dengan memansuhkan PPSMI maka pendidikan di sekolah akan bertambah baik..? Jika mereka kuat membantah dan menentang PPSMI, apakah mereka mempunyai idea lebih baik atau perancangan atau pelan tindakan mereka sendiri untuk mengatasi masalah penguasaan BI dikalangan murid melayu.. Jika "ya" maka teruskanlah menentang, jika tidak lebih baik nilai dulu diri sendiri dan balik rumah cerminkan dulu diri anda..

By BlueDreamAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 12:21 AM

salam Tun... yg amat saya hormati dan sanjungan

boleh tak Tun bagi komen sikit pasal kes altantuya....
kes nie dah terlalu lama dan menimbulkan terlalu banyak spekulasi.

Terima kasih.

By waksir_bobAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 12:24 AM

Assalamualaikum

Y.Bhg Tun dan rakan-rakan sekalian

Saya baca banyak komen kenapa politik kita sekarang nampak tidak menyokong kearah pembangunan ekonomi dalam mengatasi kemelesetan ekonomi global sekarang.

saya berpendapat (sori Tun ya bagi pendapat sikit).....

Ada pihak yang mahu perkara ini berlaku. Ini adalah strategi politik bagi satu pihak dimana ingin melihat kerajaan yang memerintah sekarang tidak fokus kepada bagaimana untuk mengatasi masalah ekonomi. Ada pihak yang merancang tekanan kepada kerajaan. Tekanan ini berbentuk PERHIMPUNAN DAN PERARAKAN yang bukan sahaja mengganggu kestabilan politik malah ekonomi negara. Perlacongan umpamanya adalah bergantung penuh kepada keadaan politik sesebuah negara.

Saya suka kepada ucapan Dato' Sri Hishamudin semasa beliau diwawancara berkaitan isu perarakan berkaitan bahasa inngeris bagi matapelajaran MATH dan Sains. Beliau arahkan kita supaya duduk diam sekejap dan berpikir secara rasional berkaitan isu tersebut tanpa mendengar kepada hasutan orang lain. Kita perlu bersama-sama tak kira bangsa atau fahaman politik perlu bekerja sama untuk mengatasi masalah ekonomi negara.

Kepada mereka yang suka sangat membuat perarakan yang tak faedah ini esok dijemput untuk menyertai perarakan bagi menyambut mailidur rasul.

Terima kasih

By muslimah_262Author Profile Page on March 9, 2009 12:30 AM

Salaam to Tun,

It is good that Tun raises the topic. Is global economic recession pre-planned? a strategy...to enrich a few and impoverish the rest of the world? Perhaps.

Let me post to all bloggers the following websites and videos that I have come across....related to banking cartels, greed and The New World Order.

Happy reading/ viewing.

#1) <http://www.realjewnews.com/?p=377>

#2) <http://www.realjewnews.com/?p=177>

#3) <http://www.realjewnews.com/?p=183>

By JamalAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 12:56 AM

Dear Tun,

Bonds are IOUs. These IOUs are interest bearing. Why do countries need to take IOUs??? When they can just print the money?

Countries are like individuals. Individuals need to trade (they need to buy things and sell things). Just to be sure when you work for someone and when get paid - you are actually selling your services for the pay. And with the pay you buy food, pay for services, etc...So all productive individuals need trade.

Similarly countries, they need to trade with other countries. Similar also we need a medium of exchange. For individual in Malaysia we use the Ringgit. But between nations - most prefer the US Dollar.

But as we have seen using US\$ for international trading gives the US\$ unfair advantage and leave all other countries beholden to the USA.

Being the creator of the US\$ the USA central bank hold a very high responsibility and we have given a very big RIGHT for them to meddle with the world economy, financial and monetary system - thus affecting every nation and everyone in this world.

BONDS are not necessary if we practice Free Market truly. Nations trade because we need to exchange goods and services. Example, nations trade resources such as land, skills, labourers, etc for new technology, production process, markets, brands, etc...

So it becomes the responsibility of the goverment to ensure their country become active participants in world free trade.

With "cheap" labour and land Africa can be the Food Bowl of the world with developed countries coming in to improve farming yields and productivity.

With the free trading amongst the nations Africe will become economically and politically better. They will NOT need those unhealthy (interest bearing and blood sucking) handouts form the IMF or World Bank, etc..

We do not need bonds but we need free trade. Allow private investments in infrstructure projects. Funding for nationals and social good activities can be from the Zakat collection or goverment taxes.

Stop trading in US\$ for USA's own good. No nation should be burdened with so much responsibility on world's financial and monetary system that it has casued them to collapse.

We need a new international trading currency. Tun has suggested the gold Dinar. Its a good start but does not go far enough. Gold still has its limitations.

We need a neutral currency - which does not belong to any nations but which belongs to all Nations of the World. It is an arbitrary unit - whose value is decided by each individual country. For example lets call this currency the UN\$. Malaysia can peg the RM to the UN\$ at a fixed rate. So it goes for other nations. All

international trading must be via the UN\$.

It then becomes the right and responsibility of the nations central banks to decide what exchange rate to the UN\$ is best for their country. As the central government/bank knows what resources they have to back their currency they will also know the value it must have against their present and future trading partners nations.

There is a better system that we can introduce to the world economic and monetary system - Now is the best opportunity to do it.

Forget the BAILOUTS. instead wipe out all the bad loans and what have you and lets try to work out a process to start from a clean new sheet. Let fails industry fail. We can build it up again. But everyone need to moderate unabashed consumption for consumption sake. Do we need a new model of car every week? Do we need or do we WANT? As individuals we need to ask ourselves - also as nations and people of the world.

Do the expert economist and politicians DARE to change their paradigms???
By JamalAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 1:07 AM

Dear Tun,

On the mess in Perak. This is about rule of law and law and order. But here we have Law Makers not respecting the law??

If law maker don't respect the law - how can you expect the ordinary people to respect the law. If no one respects the law - than you have MAYHEM - or no law and order.

It seems the PR are adamant in challenging the laws - they want to see how far they can push the law. To them any law is UMNO law and so it does not apply to them. So what law do they conform to? Is it the law of the JUNGLE?

Well Pak Lah you started this journey of mayhem and opened the pandora box. You have not been able to charm these lawless politicians to toe the line - have you?

Now everyone is suffering - no thanks to you.

Perhaps this will be a good time for the sensible law makers to tighten the present law to close all the lop-holes and cracks.

But where are these sensible law makers? Lets see if UMNO can bring them to the fore come 28 Mar 09. Or will - the pandora boxes in all the states of Malaysia be opened all at the same time...Mayhem in the making.

Good Luck Malaysia.
By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 1:09 AM

Dompok: Objections On English Usage Considered Before

KOTA KINABALU, March 8 (Bernama) -- Objections surrounding the use of English as the medium of instruction for Mathematics and Science in schools, had been discussed when the policy was first proposed.

Therefore, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Bernard Dompok said, there was no reason why the authorities should revert to the policy since the Malay language was not under any threat.

"I feel this matter has been considered, like eight years ago, when Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad proposed it when he was the prime minister.

"All the objections that we hear today, were those that were already discussed, about eight years ago.

"This does not mean we are ignoring the Malay language...I think Malay language is striving, we have succeeded making it the language of the nation, so much so, nearly all the homes in Sabah are using it as the first language," he told reporters after launching the Stacy AF first album, 'Aku Stacy' at 1 Borneo here today.

The Cabinet will decide on the policy -- which began in 2003 -- this month, on whether it should be continued, following calls by groups for it to end.

The Government will consider four aspects in deciding whether the policy should continue, namely the status of Bahasa Malaysia as the national language, the ability of students to master English, the competency of teachers in teaching the two subjects and the achievement of students in Science and Mathematics.

About 5,000 protesters joined a procession from the National Mosque to Istana Negara yesterday, to hand over a memorandum to the palace, urging the King to intervene in the issue.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said he wanted an immediate decision on this to prevent further controversy.

comment:

Sasterawan-sasterawan yang menganjurkan demonstrasi jalanan di Istana Negara tak ada class. Setahu saya sasterawan-sasterwan negara dianggap sebagai intelektual yang disegani oleh masyarakat. Tapi kalau dah berdemonstrasi bersama dengan "orang gila" dan tak ada maruah diri namanya. Dah jadi macam sasterawan "jalanan belakang Lorong Hj Taib" atau sasterawan "pariah".

Apa yang Bernard Dompok perkatakan itu adalah benar, betul dan tepat. Kerajaan jangan berpatah balik atau "flip flop" berkaitan dengan dasar yang telahpun dipesetujui dan telah diperbincangkan dengan mendalam 8 tahun dulu.

Soalannya sekarang ialah kemungkinan perlaksanaannya kurang berkesan. Jadi apa pulak nak dimansuhkan. Yang harus diteliti sekarang ialah mencari ikhtiar bagaimana dasar ini boleh diperkemas dan diperbaiki lagi segala kelemehannya. Itu sahaja. Apa pulak dah melalut dengan membantah dasar tersebut supaya dimansuhkan perlaksanaannya. Apa lojiknya yang munasabah untuk dimansuhkan.

What we should be concerned now is to give our children the opportunity to get the best education for their future well being so that they can be very mobile and competitive to face the present borderless world of globalization.

These children when they are competent to communicate in English particularly in the field of science and technology, they can go anywhere in the world to "cari makan" with confidence.

Kalau setakat belajar sains dan matematik dalam bahasa Melayu macam mana nak kerja di Amerika Syarikat, di Timur Tengah, England dan Europa atau di mana-mana sahaja didunia. Tak laku !!!Pasal penguasaan Bahasa Inggeris dalam bidang sains dan teknologi lemah atau tidak tahu lansung. Macam mana nak jadi professor di university luar negara. Itu hanya satu contoh sahaja.

By JamalAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 1:17 AM

Dear Tun,

Someone wrote asking you why the RM is weaker than the Sing\$ and why Malaysia's economy (GDP) is lower than's Singapore.

I would answer the questioner this - WHO CARES.

What is most important is that Malaysia achieve the thing or ideals that it values. Economic success is NOT the be all and end all.

Malaysia values;

- 1) Peace for all its people and its neighbours.
- 2) Respectful relationship with all citizens and other nations.
- 3) Rule of Law for the good of the people at large.
- 4) Happiness and sufficiency for all in material and spiritual matters.
- 5) Eradicating illiteracy - all citizens must value knowledge.
- 6) Sustainable development for the sake of the people.

Can anyone add to this list?

Cheers

By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 1:42 AM

70,000 More Bangladeshi Workers Coming To Malaysia

By Sajad Hussein

KUALA LUMPUR, March 8 (Bernama) -- More than 70,000 Bangladeshi workers are expected to arrive in Malaysia soon to take up employment in the plantation, construction and services sectors, the Labour Counsellor at the Bangladesh High Commission here, Talat Mahmud Khan, disclosed today.

comment:

Saya tak faham dalam keadaan negara kita mengalami kadar pengangguran yang semakin teruk, kita boleh tambah lagi pengambilan perkerja 70,000 dari Bangladesh.

Apa cerita ni Syed Hamid. Tidur ke ?

Kementerian Dalam Negeri mesti berikan penjelasan yang munasabah mengapa permit masih dikeluarkan untuk membawa masuk perkerja asing.
Mana lojiknya Syed Hamid.

Apa nama syarikat-syarikat outsource yang telah dapat sebanyak 70,000 permit?

Adakah yang dapat permit itu dari golongan konco-konco Pak Lah dan Syed Hamid?

Berapa commission dapat satu kepala? RM 100 atau RM 500 atau RM 1000 per worker.

Berniaga atas angin memang best. Tak payah modal besar dan pikir banyak-banyak. HANYA JUAL AIR LIOR KAT MENTERI BERKENAAN SAHAJA !!

Dasar memberi permit beginilah yang menyebabkan UMNO lemah.

Kalau gini caranya Syed Hamid, please don't dream for you to win a place as Vice President of UMNO. You are just NO GOOD. Haprak and HP6! Make no mistake about it!

Syed Hamid will have to do the explanation before the UMNO election if he wants to stand a good chance of winning the VP position.

By Anak KSBAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 2:30 AM

Salam Tun

Nak tambah sikit Tun.

Bail out....The capital injection was not used as a seed for businesses. It was use to cover rotten areas. Therefore ...profit generation is not relevant.

Monies used in bailing outDo they really used that much money?
....Do they really have that much money?

Trillions and trillionsFake value that is.

Bring the current system down and bring Islamic Financial sytem and that could save the world

Regards

Hashim

By sureshAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 2:33 AM

You may have your points there. But to say we in Malaysia have everything in order will be an exaggeration. Just take a look at the way our fund is being spent. Government projects under senior ministers are over-valued merely to enrich a few individuals. Also, a lot of money is being spent without prudence.

The 35billion that is to come as stimulus package, can we expect this government to be prudent?

I doubt!

By taklapandaiAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 2:39 AM

Tadi saya dapat berjumpa member member lama di suatu majlis

Yang memeranjatkan

Kesemuanya sekarang menyokong pembangkang

Ada seorang tu baru buat bypass jantung,pun menyokong pembangkang walaupun hanya membayar rm2000 yang selebihnya rm48000 di biayai oleh kerajaan.

Ada pula yang berkata kejadian tembak menembak oleh PDRM yang mengorbankan 5 warga vietnam di rancang oleh PDRM sendiri kerana tidak mahu memanjangkan kes.

Kesimpulan yang saya dapat rumuskan rakyat Malaysia perlukan adds on value/nilai tambah sebab yang basic seperti perubatan percuma,peajaran percuma atau apa saja yang di beri percuma adalah basic value.Kalau pembangkang memerintah pun basic value ini masih ada.So.....politician fikirkan apakah nilai tambah yang rakyat perlukan?

Demonstrasi PPMSI yang membawa keranda yang bernombor amat memalukan.Ternyata inilah akibatnya apabila ia di politikkan.Saya adalah pelajar english medium semenjak 1969,dan saya tak nampak pun aper aper masaalah untuk mempelajari BI.Kenapa zaman saya dahulu isu ini tak timbul pun?.Semua murid murid masaitu yg di dlm atau di luar bandar belajar BI.Takade pulak yang membangkang mungkin ada bezanya pemikiran dahulu dengan sekarang.So...nampaknya orang dahulu lebih bijak berfikir utk kebaikan anak anak nya.
Kebanyakan yang menentang isu PPMSI ini adalah BAPAK BAPAK kerana BAPAK BAPAK inilah yang sebenarnya tak faham BI.

KAWAN KAWAN BLOGGERS cuba cubalah menulis di blog pembangkang pulak kerana blog chedet ni selalunya di baca oleh pro kerajaan sahaja.Yang anti kerajaan memang tak akan membaca blog ini.Saya nampak banyak ulasan yang bernas cuma ianya tak sampai secara menyeluruh kepada pihak

pembangkok.

SAYA DAHAGAKAN MALAYSIA YANG AMAN,MAJU DAN MAKMUR SEPERTI DULU DULU.....
By akeeAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 3:36 AM

money has transformed/ evolved. today, the era of Digital Money has started where industries in the Middle Man. May God Bless the Earth & Mankind. Kepler Mission is to seek & get ready a new planet before this planet start to burn flesh (road to end). All this is so NATURAL. survival instinct. manusia boleh! Human CAN actually speed up OR slow down the end of the earth that will definitely come as stated in Holy Book, but naturally due to human natural behavior it is going more on the speed up.
By keris saktiAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 4:03 AM

Salam Tun. I am from financial and banking background. Thank you Tun for the brilliant capital control mechanism deployed during 1997/98 fiasco. Had it not due to your bold and unpopular decision and action, at the same chopping Anwar from selling-off the country to IMF, most of the bumi professionals would have now been degraded to become office boys, clerks, or even "pariahs" (sorry if the last is too extreme, but not impossible ok!).

The one and only cause of the financial collapses in US which impacted the globe, is purely "GREED" by way of "HUMAN MANIPULATION", nothing more and nothing less. The question to ask is, "by who" and the stupid bunch of followers. In the last many2 years, the capitalist jews got tired of the normal and conventional financial business, ie lending, transactions on physical assets. Then they realise, the profit growth is mediocre, not enough to fund and "control" people and economy. Then they group among themselves (jews capitalist comprising bankers, traders etc) and created a new trading tools, such as derivatives, which is trading on future expectations (which is actually a bluff created by some clever wise guy to justify the mechanics of it). It became popular overnight globally. In actual fact, economically it does not contribute any actual or true value to the instrument and asset. Soon, a noble and long standing financial institution collapsed due to the failed derivative trading, remember Barring of UK? The same on other "intangible and virtual" financial transactions including, money market, forex market, all in the guise of demand/supply situation, and economic capitalisation. But behind all....somebody making huge ton of money out of nothing (just a clever manipulation of future expectation created for such purpose). So, the cycle goes on and on, until somebody got rocked-off. Regretfully, all financial players adopt and play along with the creators. Doesn't matter whether morally right or otherwise, for as long they can make money from the market. Of course the recent sub-prime changed (hopefully there will be change)....Look deep, there are those already having loads of money from the fiesta, while the rest loose everything, savings, home, employment etc Only the ordinary Americans, but not the jews ok. How the US get the money to bail-out \$trillion is beyond imagination...print...print...print. Whether the money has value backing? Who would know?? No one can question US. The oil price in 2008. Wonder how the price suddenly ceased and dropped to below USD30? Please give thanks to Almighty. The collapse of the banks has ceased all credits for speculative activities in world oil. Without credits nobody can speculate, and demand dropped, price fell. Given all these, it is GREED and HUMAN STUPIDITY that has created all misfortune and sufferings globally. Malaysia's experience in 1997/98 provided strong fundamental to cushion the current situation. Let's see what our government going to do next.

By S..TanAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 4:07 AM

Dear Tun, salam mesra moga sihat sejahtera. Minta izin...

.....KEDAULATAN DAN KESETIAAN

Rukunnegara 4 : Kedaulatan Undang Undang.
Cadangan Umno, Rukunnegeri Perak : Kedaulatan Raja Raja

Rukunnegara 2: Kesetiaan Kepada Raja dan Negara.
Cadangan Umno, Rukunnegeri Perak : Kesetiaan pada Undang Undang dan Negeri

Kesetiaan pada Raja, kedaulatan pada undang undang. Pengasas Rukunegara lemah bahasa ke mrk salah bubuh perkataan?

Kesetiaan krn Raja itu maruah, warisan dan kebudayaan Melayu dan harus dikekalkan. Kedaulatan (undang undang) krn ianya yg teragung dan dijunjung bukan manusia.

M'sia negara demokrasi berparlimen (milik rakyat) bukan negara Kesultanan (milik Raja)
M'sia ada Raja berperlembagaan (Raja patuh perlembagaan) bukan Raja pemerintah (kuasa sendiri)

Mempertikai gunakuasa Raja dlm perlembagaan mendaulatkan undang undang. Menghina Raja ialah suka didukung (di Perak mana Umno lemah) tak suka dilempar (pindaan perlembagan '93 bila Umno kuat, isu MB di Terengganu, Perlis)

.....BANGSA ASING (pinjam bahasa 'BajuKurungUngu')

Ada Melayu Umno guna 'bangsa asing' merujuk pada rakyat M'sia lain keturunan. Maksud mrk bangsa asing itu ada negara asal yg patut mrk kembali? Bangsa ini tak patut berada diM'sia?

Sedarlah bangsa asing itu (termasuk bapa dan datuk nenek mrk) lahir di M'sia. Tiada penggantungan atau talian dgn negara lain kecuali bangsanya sama.

M'sia lah tanah tumpah darah mrk. Semua manusia lahir di dunia ini kehendak Tuhan. Jgn bongkak, megah, sombong sangat kalau dapat berkat dilahirkan Melayu di M'sia. 'Bangsa asing' kamu pandang rendah itu makhluk Tuhan juga, cuma dapat berkat 'terencat' dijadikan keturunan berbeza.

.....INGKAR PADA AGAMA

Ajaran agama dan Tuhan mana mengajar umatnya melayan orang lahir sama waktu,tempat dan negara dgn buruk krn bangsa, agamanya lain. Hak istimewa keramat tidak dikurnia Tuhan pada 'Tuan' mana mana. Ajarannya ialah kebajikan, keadilan, kesaksamaan.

Kita hormatilah nenek moyang kita yg dah putuskan kita hidup berkongsi dan bersama. Nak ingkar atau dengar cakap. Mengingkar pesan orang tua tua buruk padahnya.

Mempertahankan maruah, hak ketitik akhir darah, telah dilalui nenek moyang kita. Mrk lebih matang dah putuskan kita hidup bersama. Jgn nak lagak pandai skrg cuba ubah hasrat mrk dgn istilah baru 'ketuanan' dan 'bangsa asing'

Rakyat M'sia tiada 'bangsa asing', bangsa lain mungkin. Negara ini milik bersama. Kalau nenek moyang kamu tak rela ini, ia tak mungkin berlaku! Jgn menghina nenek moyang kita!

By JOETAMCHIAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 4:14 AM

SALAM 12 RABIULAWAL 1430...

Rasulullah, nabi d akhir zaman.....
Islam itulah agama dibawa.....
Mari semua kita ucapkan.....
Selawat & salam kepada Baginda.....

Muhamad SAW junjungan kita.....
Salam Maulidurrasul kepada muslimin semua.....
Tak kira parti... tak kira apa bangsa....
didalam Islam... kita semuanya sama.....

*janganlah berpolitik sehingga lupa diri.....
Lu pikir la sendrii.....

By shumieyAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 4:36 AM

Salam Tun,

Setuju dgn Pak Belalang...kita perlukan science people to lead and develop our country. Blend with strong faith to Allah, InsyaAllah kita akan berjaya.Apa yg terjadi sekarang ialah kita di perintah oleh org yg tak sepatutnya memerintah. Apa jadi? Lihatlah sekarang..

Apalah sgt bahasa sekiranya nasib bangsa itu sendiri tergadai...Saaterawan negara cuma takut puisinya tak terjual lebih daripada nasib bangsa yg akan terjual sekiranya ilmunya dangkal dan tak kemana-mana...

Apalah ini namanya perjuangan...Fikirkanlah...
By MadudAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 5:49 AM

Salam Tun.

The question: Where did they get the money for the loans?

The answer: Thin air.

By TAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 9:23 AM

/// By HBTAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 8:58 PM

Bush is a nerd who cannot differentiate Iran and Iraq, Wu (China leader Mr Wu Jintao) and Who. ///

I wonder who is the idiot who tried to show off and backfired? Who, indeed is Wu Jintao? Never heard of this person (well, actually he could be among the million farmers with the same name.) But Who is Wu? I know a Hu Jintao.

By kamal ahmadAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 10:28 AM

Salam kasih dan hormat Ayahanda Tun.

FELDA ditimbulkan isu satu demi satu, Kementerian Pelajaran ditimbulkan isu satu demi satu. Dan terbaru, isu Pembelajaran Matematik dan Sains dalam Bahasa Inggeris akan dibawa ke persidangan. Hal Ekonomi tak minat? Kegawatan dah meruncing, pun tak disentuh hal tu. Hanya tahu berpolitik ala GPMS sahaja (ramai tak lupa kepada peloporan GPMS dalam isu ini). Kini mereka berselindung dibalik pembangkang pula. Sebenarnya pembangkang pun dah kena kientong sekali dengan mereka, dah jadi "unwitting bumper". Tahniah. Hebat. Anda semua telah mempelajari dengan sebaik mungkin semua strategi yang ada. Tun, saya rasa seperti saya juga, Tun dah nampak 2+2 kali ini akan jadi angka berapa.

Tun, I am going on a vacation. Maybe short maybe stretch – depends on the weather. Good luck

everyone. Good luck UMNO. Good luck Datuk Seri Najib. All of you would need that. Things have gone into full advance setting here and it is being played on autopilot. No more controllers to be seen or blame. You missed the chance on that one. I have mentioned once about young turks releasing a bull in a fine China store...now it has happened, and they are breaking so much more than they would ever know. The Aussie aboriginals have a saying, you throw a boomerang, and the better you are at that, the further it would go. It would go one full round before coming back at you from the behind. And when it does, chances are you had forgotten that you sent it out flying in the first place, and it would just whack you in the neck! That's a loose translation anyway Sir. Well UMNO, all the best to you. Life goes on. The Malays would carry on living with or without you, but sadly you would perish without the Malays. All your 2500 strong Perwakilan may arrive in style with most in their Baju Melayu, and Baju Kurung may exude strength. Keperwiraan Melayu, Ketokohan Seri Kandi Melayu...(bla,bla,bla)...your 3 minutes fame...but you may not be representing the Malays at large anymore. You may just be representing your bosses and your self-indulgence. You may just be witting and unwitting game players. So do enjoy the limelight, come in your best might, and look in your best self, this may after all be your grand finale and the Malays may be laughing heartily at your antics on TV this time. So do look you best folks! This one is for the history books.

All the best to you UMNO. Tun, see you on the line again when I get back. Thank you sir. Wassalam. Warmest regards and love from all of us here Tun.

By samuraimelayu Author Profile Page on March 9, 2009 11:23 AM

SALAM AYAHANDA TUN
IZINKAN,

Take it easy Tun, and if there comes a free time your way, please write a book for us on your legacy of KLCC, KLIA and Putrajaya (especially KLCC).

SDR. KAMAL AHMAD,

A VERY GOOD APPEAL ESPECIALLY THE PUTRAJAYA DEVELOPMENT (THE DESIGN OF THE 'GREEN DOME' OF THE PM OFFICE AND LOCATION OF ITS MOSQUE AS THE 'PAKSI') AND THE 'CROOKED' BRIDGE AND AYAHANDA WAWASAN OF 'MALAYSIA, A DEVELOPED NATION' BY 2020'.

FOR THE MOMENT, IT APPEARS THE AIMLESS, ARROGANT BONEHEAD (AAB) GOVERNMENT IS EXPERIENCING ITS 'SIX YEAR ITCH' SYNDROME AND HAD ASTRAYED FROM THE WAWASAN DREAM!

WE HOPE PM ELECT NAJIB TUN RAZAK WILL NOT INHERIT THE SYNDROME OF 'AAB'(ATAS ADA BATU) BUT TO REALIGN THE TRACKS TOWARDS THE DREAM 'MALAYSIA, TRULY DEVELOPED BY 2020!

SEMOGA ALLAH SWT MENJAYAKAN(KUN FAYA KUN)DAN RAKYAT MENDAPAT KEMENANGAN NYA.. INSYAALAH.

ALFATIHAH, AMIN.

ps. Kami patah selera bila melihat Abang Samad A. Said (sasterawan negara)amongst the 'anti PPSMI' campaigners. So sad, so sad..its a really, really sad situation. Sorry seems to be the hardest word.

By Sirius99 Author Profile Page on March 9, 2009 12:02 PM

If the student does not speak English well enough to converse in the language, then I fail to see how teaching him or her the Maths and Sciences in English is going to either teach them to speak English, or help them master the Maths and Sciences.

Academic studies in a foreign tongue poorly spoken or understood sounds to me like a sure road to failure in all subjects!

A foreign language should be taught as such, as a FOREIGN LANGUAGE.

If the local teaching staff is not up to the subject, then there are certainly sufficient native English speakers available right here in Malaysia, expats, retirees and young tourist backpackers, who would probably be pleased by an opportunity to assist in classroom environments and at the same time introduce a "Native" English free of accent and the Manglished syntax and useage which I hear as a product of the current system.

In exchange for room and board, I suspect a number of backpacker tourists might be encouraged to "live in" and provide an embedded English environment in the home or the hostel.

Why not try it?

A Native (American) English speaker. BS (Cum Laud), in English Lit

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By HajarAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 1:02 PM

Dearest YAB & diKasihi Tun,

1. I totally agree with Tun's analysis, especially on points 8-9. I DOUBT if any one in the Government is able to perform such analysis. Nor Mohamed performed very well during Tun's premiership, but now he too seems LOST. Need a good leader to get the best out of someone.

2. Tun, nak melencong sikit: Apa halnya "SASTERAWAN negara" buat demonstrasi menentang PPSMI? "MENYUSAHKAN ORANG SAJA". Yang orang sastera dok sibuk tentang subjek sains dan matematik apa cerita? SUBJEK SASTERA MASIH LAGI DIAJAR DALAM BM. Tolong MARTABATKAN BM dengan cara betul. Dan tolong jangan asyik nak CIPLAK saja perkataan2 dari BI jika perkataan tersebut sukar diterjemah. Kalau setakat ubah ejaan "DEMONSTRATION" kepada "DEMONSTRASI", "SCIENCE" kepada "SAINS", "MATHMATICS" kepada "Matematik", etc. rasanya SAYA YANG TIADA KEPAKARAN DALAM BM (tapi masa SPM BM saya A1) pun boleh buat....setuju dengan komen blogger yg mengatakan DBP tak buat kerja yang sepatutnya. Lepas tu dok sibuk jaga TEPI KAIN ORANG. Kerja sendiripun tak buat dengan betul. Memang MENYUSAHKAN...Harap Tun boleh komen tentang isu PPSMI ini. "Kekalkan PPSMI!"

--Semoga Tun sekeluarga sihat sejahtera dan sentiasa dilindungi Allah SWT.--

By samuraimelayuAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 3:48 PM

SALAM AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN
IZINKAN,

By RahmanAuthor Profile Page on March 5, 2009 11:04 AM

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So, si sasterawan konon saja memperjuangkan Bahasa Melayu... Tengok kamus Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka pun dah tau, antara Inggeris dan bahasa Melayu, ejaan je beza, bunyi dan maksudnya sama..

PROTEST AND 'DEMON STRATION' AGAINST THE LEARNING OF SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

IN ENGLISH SHUD THEN BE TRANSLATED AS 'BANTAHAN DAN 'IBLISTRASI' TERHADAP PEMBELAJARAN PELAJARAN ILMU 'HIDUP' DUNIAWI DAN ILMU KIRA-KIRA DALAM BAHASA INGGERIS.

AYOYO, KADAWALLEK
AIIYA, NANG BUITI NANG, KUI BUITI KUI
ADOOI, DAH NYANYOK AKU INI..GAK!

LUCU NYA TENGOK AKSI PARA PENJUANG BAHASA MELAYU BERARAK ARAK DIBAWAH AWAN MENDUNG KELABU!..

AJIS BACA BUNYI SYAIR
SUDIN BACA BUNYI ARAB
RAMLEE BACA LANGSUNG TAKDE 'SOUND'..OOPS BUNYI.

ALFATIHAH, AMIN.

Ps. kami nak belajar bahasa 'dewa-dewa' dengan Puteri Bunian.
By EthanAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 5:36 PM

The west bank was dead cos of investment in high risk portfolio like AIG fail to survive cos too much money tight up with the high risk of insurance service, the bank will gain high earning if the economic was good & vise versa. This is just like invest in the future & loss was unlimited.

Basically bank can survive will not dead if through the basic saving & borrowing!

<http://bursastreet.blogspot.com/>
By HouseWife™ Author Profile Page on March 9, 2009 7:25 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Many has given their views and opinions on this issues. I only have a very simple opinion regarding this Tun. Maybe the world is being punished because people have forgotten and failed in their obligation to uphold honesty and truthfulness in their everyday lives and business transactions. People have become very selfish and greedy and this has led to their downfall.

But I believe Tun good honest people will exist, triumph and survive in this world. Living is not how to cheat, to fraud, to swindle or to fool others. It is to enrich oneself (by honest means of course) to enrich others. Then the world will be a better place to live. How wonderful life will be. Is it not you Tun who said: Enrich thy neighbours, or something like that.

If one is not careful one can never be on top always. As the Malay proverbs says: Sepandai-pandai tupai melompat akhirnya jatuh ke tanah juga.

Take care Tun and May Allah Look Upon You Always.
By wIAuthor Profile Page on March 9, 2009 8:29 PM

Dear Tun,

A lot of unpleasant developments lately but all can be solved. Some useful comments that are informative. Some comments are rather personal & humiliating so I rather avoid because it's none of my business lah!! Sendiri punya business pun mau jagalah macam mana mau peduli hal2 atau peribadi orang lainkah --senangkah?--ayoh!!!

Betullah macam Tun sebut beberapa kali sampai Tun pun hauslah ia itu kaum Melayu mau belajar Sains & Matematik dalam Bahasa Inggeris. Saya fikir kaum melayu lebih untonglah, macam mana bisa rugi??. Tak kan hilang maruah kah!!! Tengoklah Tun sendiri pun belajar 'Perubatan' jadi doktor sampai jadi PM selama 22 tahun. Semua PM Malaysia bekas & sekarang pun sudah belajar dalam Bahasa Inggeris. Semua che gu, pensharah & penuntut senang ajar & belajar 2 perkara itu masing2. Banyak

nama, term dan formulae pun dalam Bahasa Inggeris. Kalau mau terjemah dlm BM sikit lecher. Ingat lah kalau mau sambong pelajaran kamaktab tinggi atau universiti dapat Ijazah Masters dalam segi Sains macam mana senang melanjutkan diluar negara?? macam mana menghadapi cabaran yang hebat ini. Saya tak tau ada protes sasterawan sama sekali sebelum baca website Tun. Lagi Pak Lah mau bena jambatan dari Sabah sambung kaLabuan. Saya fikir lebih perdagangan & pelawat dari Spore kaJohor dan lain2 tempat di Semenanjung Malaysia. Rancangan membena Jambatan ganti causeway lama ini pun digugor. Pak Lah sia2 setuju saja--macam tak serius sebab ingat mau bersaralah, main Golf & pancing ikan2. Tuhan berkati Tun & Pak Lah sama2.

RT

By monk Author Profile Page on March 9, 2009 9:32 PM

Dear Dr. Mahathir,

One might argue that the root cause of the current financial crisis lays within the (Western) banking system, that it is the result of greed, outright fraud and speculations. One might also argue that the bailouts and nationalization spells the end of capitalism and the free market. You are stating (to right) that "the situation today is very different" (from the Asian crisis), indicating that there is no "Mahathir" in sight to remedy the ongoing systemic economic breakdown. Your sad conclusion: at the end we all will be poorer.

Perhaps it is time to remember your speech given to students of Yogyakarta some years back, reminding them of the legacy of Bung Karno. What he indicated in his "Last Will" may well be the foundation for the betterment of the economic in the East and the West alike: Not for the benefit of the state nor of the government (and not for his family i.e. not for oligarchs) but for the benefit of the people.

Contributing to unlock his legacy from the claws of the Anglo-American oligarchs and their willing Swiss servants may well be your contribution to solve (at least partial) the devastating results of the current economic breakdown.

With the best wishes

Monk

By myv Author Profile Page on March 9, 2009 10:46 PM

Salam kepada En Sazali..Izinkan saya membalas pandangan saudara tentang "Pelajar dibenarkan menjawab dalam dwi bahasa, bahasa rojak (bm campur bi dlm satu ayat), dan sepenuhnya dalam bahasa melayu"..Apabila saya bertanya kepada adik perempuan saya yang sedang menunggu keputusan SPM pada 12 Mac ini, bahawasanya dia berkata perkara yang en.Sazali sebutkan itu TIDAK BENAR. Dalam peperiksaan diberi 2 pilihan sama ada pelajar hendak menjawab sepenuhnya dalam bahasa Melayu atau sepenuhnya dalam bahasa Ingeris. Tidak boleh sama sekali dirojakkan bahasanya. Ini peraturan SPM. Peraturan itu dibuat oleh Lembaga PEPERIKSAAN. Penceramah-penceramah penyemak kertas soalan yang datang ke sekolah adik saya juga memberi arahan seperti itu. Mengikut pemerhatian pelajar-pelajar dan guru, sejak wujudnya PPSMI soalan-soalan peperiksaan SPM juga semakin mudah. Oleh itu saya ingin bertanya kepada En.Sazali siapakah pemeriksa kertas soalan tersebut???. Saya rasa saudara sendiri yang perlu ke sekolah melihat keadaan sebenar dan bertanya sendiri pendapat pelajar-pelajar sekolah. Tidak mungkin dengan hanya 2 subjek yang diajar dalam bahasa Inggeris akan tergugat kedudukan bahasa melayu dan pertuturan seharian. Jika kita MELAYU terus berusaha memajukan diri dan memikirkan kepentingan bahasa Ingeris pada masa hadapan, kita tentu akan berjaya suatu hari nanti.

By hisham76 Author Profile Page on March 10, 2009 1:00 AM

Dear Tun,

By 1Onlooker Author Profile Page on March 6, 2009 5:41 PM

Tun,

Please do behave yourself and don't try to get your head high by the bad habit of fonding to judge upon other people's financial failure, lest the same kind of measurement be imposed on judging you yourself, which will happen only too soon and too hasty, with the same measurement yardstick that is equally tough, equally sharp, and equally unbearable when being applied on you yourself!

To find time to stay close to God shall be the better thing to do now for everyone of us! Don't you think so?

Onlooker

comment:

Onlooker doesn't seem too happy when Tun made a comment on the financial failure of the western world. I wonder why? I guess it is his natural instinct when his master's weakness is being exposed, he will try to defend it as best as he could.

You see Dude, Tun Mahathir is a former Prime Minister of Malaysia and a Statesman. Although he does not hold any offices anymore I believe he feels that it is his duty to inform his countryman that all that is west is not always the best and that is the difference between you and him.

By the way dude if you dont have any constructive criticism to give, dont waste your time in this blog site go fly a kite or something and also, is there no limit to you sucking up to your western masters.
By lekehmanAuthor Profile Page on March 10, 2009 11:05 AM

Yang berbahagia Tun

Tidak lama lagi kita akan dapat lihat pakej rangsangan ekonomi yang akan di canangkan Pak Lah dan Tingkat 4.

Ini adalah tindakbalas keatas negara negara lain yang telah menyenaraikan pakej rancangan mereka.

Kita pernah melalui ini semasa negara negara jiran kita menaikkan harga minyak. Kerajaan kita kata tak normal kalau kita tak ikut sama. Harga minyak kita masih rendah jika dibandingkan dengan negara negara jiran kita. Jadi naiklah harga minyak kita

Kenapa bijak pandai Tingkat 4 tidak mahu ikut contoh yang pernah Tun tunjukkan dulu.

Jangan ikut orang. Ikut kepandaian sendiri.

Semasa kegawatan dulu, negara negara lain sibuk meminjam wang dari Bank Dunia, tapi yang bijaknya Tun mencari penyelesaian sendiri sehinggalah saya menjadi teramat bangga kerana cara penyelesaian Tun diiktiraf seluruh dunia.

Tun...

Saya berasa bangga sebagai rakyat Malaysia dibawah pimpinan Tun.

Terima kasih X 1,000,0000.....

By wIAuthor Profile Page on March 10, 2009 1:03 PM

Tun,

One blogger's comments abt President Obama are not so fair. How do you know exactly he would do such a thing?? hasn't he got enough headaches inheriting a troubled economy & world fr ex-President

Bush??..I very much doubt he has the time ,resources & even Energy to interfere in Malaysia's sensitive affairs.He has just passed the 50 day mark.We should be fair to give him more time .He is trying his very best to make all happy! But can he ,so help him God!!He said we are facing a recession worst than 1930's depression.It is biting very hard on many economies.

RT

By bluesgangAuthor Profile Page on March 10, 2009 9:45 PM

To wi,

Anything bad comment about US president is a good comment.

The only change Obama going to do is changing his mind after 1 year. When the campaign funder (big corporations) starts pulling his pants then the reality start to bite.

America is the most corrupt country in the world. The difference is they bribe it "legally", different than malaysian here which is a bit crude (actually they on the learning curve).

50 years ago the Malaysian politicians doesnt know what the meaning of bribes. They knew the meaning when they came back from American University. But one day malaysian will learn how to bribe it legally and make it look clean and of course u know who is the teacher.

I learn some of the tricks from the white guy too. Its clean bro.

By S..TanAuthor Profile Page on March 11, 2009 12:25 AM

Dear Tun, salam mesra moga sihat sejahtera. Minta izin..

Harap ini boleh setelah dibelah dua....

.....NORTH AND SOUTH

Rich and poor whether people or countries, operate under the heaven. The chinese say heaven has eyes. All excesses and domination will receive due retribution.

The north countries are paying for their excessive domination (and manipulation?) of the south. Poor countries may become poorer but they will not suffer more as they have suffered the worst.

It is different for the northerners! They have to taste the medicine they believed they will never need.

.....AFFIRMATIVE MASK FOR DISCRIMINATION

Same goes for people who want to dominate based on supremacy of race, religion, language and force. Your day of reckoning will come. The longer the crime the bigger the retribution when it arrives!

Only fairness, justice, compassion should be supreme not race, religion or country. Only a strong leader can envision this. Tun melted, Pak Lah wilted, Najib waited, Anwar gated, Obama just started..

By wIAuthor Profile Page on March 11, 2009 1:20 AM

Dear Tun,

A very concerned citizen,I think a medical doctor wrote abt the dire situation in M'sia & highlighting the potential dangers the country is facing.Well I bet you many sensible people had already been sensitive & wary enough of the declining social & political conditions.However it was very good of him to post it for all

of us to hear him out.

Yes I think Pak Lah certainly owes the Rakyat a good explanation for the current political & social state of the country. Be pro-active & not only think of the solutions but implement them quickly. But sadly, he only has up to end of March & then he walks out heaving a sigh of relief. Well Pak Lah, please be more responsible than that!! Remember you have a big duty to the Rakyat who had put you up there!! Can you just wash your hands off the Rakyat. Well he thinks there is always Najib to pick up the pieces. Well let's see how well our friend performs!!

RT

By S..TanAuthor Profile Page on March 11, 2009 2:21 AM

Dear Tun, salam mesra moga sihat sejahtera. Minta izin..

Harap ini boleh setelah dibelah dua....

.....SAME MUSIC DIFFERENT LYRICS

Tun pointed to the causes for the Asian financial crisis in 97/98 and the global economic crisis now are very different. This exactly exonerates the use of bailouts now, but does not exactly vindicate Mahathirism style use in 97/98.

The ringgit crisis part was rightly fought with unorthodox currency regulations. Bravo, well done! The corporate woes side was not so clear cut. Saving the economy is 'mixed' with saving crooks and cronies. Rakyat money should not be used to save 'favoured' companies.

.....BAIL-OUT OR CASH-OUT

Asap tebal kegawatan digunakan menyembunyi kegiatan menyelamatkan kawan dan kroni. In US, UK there is strict parliamentary/congressional review and approval over funds approved for each company. The directors have to appear in parliament to answer for their failure. They are not immune from investigation.

Di M'sia syarikat yg terselamat tak sebut terima kasih pun pada rakyat, jgn sebut siasatan terhadap mrk! The bailout fund is approved en bloc and parliament has no say on individual cases.

Directors leave or stay on the whim of? Any director investigated for the loss of these millions?

By Iklan MalaysiaAuthor Profile Page on March 11, 2009 9:35 AM

Tun,

We agree starting with point number 3.

Interestingly some of your topics raised here are discussed at teh tarik time. Yes, we are also asking The question, "Where the money is coming from is not revealed." Hopefully can hear some comments here about this point. To provoke further related question, "How much money each country can print and who controls it?"

Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds.- Albert Einstein

Regards,

Ordinary Joe

By wajaperakAuthor Profile Page on March 11, 2009 11:10 AM

Dengan izin Tun..terima kasih.

Kuleem.Saya tak setuju sama sekali tidak seorang pun yang tidak dapat menerangkan secara terperinci jalan keluar kemelut ekonomi secara Islam.Orang-orang mukmin dapat jalannya.Saya sebagai muslim

biasa pun mampu menjelaskannya.

Apa yang menjadi persoalan ialah 'viability' dan 'feasibility' pendapat-pendapat kami. Ianya memang berkesan secara 'mikro ekonomi' tetapi untuk menjadi rangsangan kepada 'makro ekonomi' tak tahu lah.

Tetapi yang paling pasti jalan keluar adalah dengan "melihat dengan Nur Allah"...

Wassalam..

By pppzAuthor Profile Page on March 11, 2009 9:35 PM

Salam YAB Tun,

Dunia sekarang ini sedang dijajah oleh sistem, maka hapuskan sistem tersebut untuk membebaskan dunia. Sistem yang telah menyebabkan kesangsaraan, kesedihan, kematian, dsn. ini yang berunsurkan riba atau faedah tidak sepatutnya wujud dan tidak patut disokong.

Hutang sintetik melebihi \$1 quadrillion adalah tidak munasabah dan tidak masuk akal dan jumlah semua wang didalam dunia ini pun tidak akan cukup untuk membayar balik hutang-hutang tersebut.

Mengantikan sistem kewangan dunia adalah penyelesaian yang paling baik dan berkesan. Balik kepada 'credit-based dollar' bukan 'monetary dollar' dan perkenalkan sistem kewangan Islam.

Bailout dengan cara mencetak wang untuk memulihkan sistem yang berkali-kali gagal adalah kebodohan dan seakan menanggung orang yang kalah judi dan terus mengalakkannya dengan melangsaikan hutang-hutangnya. Penjudi ini pulak jenis jahat, sombong dan bongkak.

Dunia tidak memerlukan syarikat-syarikat gergasi seperti dinasour yang sedang menunggu masa untuk pupus kerana lembab. Lebih baik meramaikan bilangan peniaga-peniaga kecil atau usahawan-usahawan kecil yang lebih lincah walaupun bermodal kecil. Syarikat-syarikat yang tidak dapat bersaing dipentas global tidak perlu di bailout.

Mereka yang bergelar pakar ekonomi, kewangan, perbankan dsn. yang ada sekarang boleh dikatakan hampir semua tidak patut dan tidak layak berbangga dengan jawatan dan gelaran mereka. Mereka ini sebenarnya sudah tidak dapat membezakan diantara yang halal dan yang haram, yang hak dan yang bathil dan amalan mereka adalah sia-sia belaka. Ada ilmu tetapi tidak dimanfaatkan malah tidak berani bersuara melarang kemungkaran.

Mereka yang bergelar pakar ini sebenarnya telah lama di 'pukau' oleh sistem dan masih lagi khayal macam penagih dadah. Mereka inilah yang akan bermati-matian mempertahankan sistem yang pada anggapan mereka telah memberi rezki kepada mereka selama ini. Bagi mereka itu riba atau faedah itu halal dan dianggap sebagai perniagaan.

Setiap orang wajib mengetahui sendiri segala-galanya, termasuk sejarah, tentang sistem kewangan dunia dan kaitannya dengan ekonomi sesebuah negara. Cuba ikuti pakar-pakar yang betul yang dapat menerangkan secara mudah dan jujur yang tidak perlu bercakap berbelit-belit.

Ini adalah supaya kita akan lebih faham dan tidak akan mudah menjadi mangsa dan diperbodohkan oleh mereka yang bergelar pakar itu dan ini yang masih menyembah sistem ciptaan manusia-manusia tamak dan rakus yang telah banyak mendatangkan kemudaratan dan keburukan didunia ini.

Riba bukan perniagaan dan tidak perlu wujud bersama. Perniagaan yang mempunyai unsur-unsur riba bukan lagi dipanggil perniagaan tetapi harus dipanggil penipuan. Apa sahaja yang meragukan dan tidak jelas serta susah difahami pasti disebabkan oleh riba.

Krisis sistem kewangan yang menyebabkan kegawatan ekonomi dunia sekarang harus kita sama-sama fahami betul-betul dan mengambil iktibar dan pengajaran daripadanya.

Saya pasti Tun sendiri akan menghadapi sedikit kesukaran untuk menerangkan segala-galanya kalau kita semua masih tidak mempunyai pengetahuan asas tentang kewangan, ekonomi, politik, sejarah, agama, dsn. Penyokong dan peminat Tun yang sebenar harus berilmu, bijak dan yang penting mencintai kebenaran.

Wassalam.

By stkongAuthor Profile Page on March 12, 2009 12:52 AM

Dear Tun,

I am very interesting in your opinions and ideas for this crisis. In my opinion, I think that this crisis cannot be recovered in short term. All the stimulus packages launched only help certain party. Now as the current strategy planing is to increase government revenue rather than spending. The main root of this crisis is mostly due to financial paper lose which is no monetary value and also the confidence of the public. If the government still focus on budget or project and country economy still remain worse, then it is really wasting of funds. Government can provide more jobs to the retrencher or jobless people. One of the way is to increase the job task which replace the foreigner. For instance, in plantation sector which need a lot of foreigners to operate, and they need a "mandor" to take care over them. Another solution is to encourage more enterprenuer with a full strength. This mean that make sure every effort should grounded to the public. The most scary thing is not the economic crisis but the unstability of social. The next bailout company which I have seen should be Malaysia Airline due to their mismanagement of funds and internal conflict between local operators. Come on we are all Malaysian, no matter MAS or AirAsia we must corporate to compete with the rival not agianst each other.

By sahadaAuthor Profile Page on March 12, 2009 10:50 AM

I wish that I have the time to spend reading more of the posts on this blog.. I'd like to point out here though a comment by "burung"

I share your thoughts, thanks. I believe that one of the most important lessons that every single one of us should learn is "how money came into the world". History should teach a whole chapter of that aspect of history to all schools.

Teach about the Rothschilds, the proponents of all the wars our planet has witnessed in the last couple of centuries; the American Civil War, WW1, WW2, Iraq...Why and what the reasons and mechanisms were behind the economic depressions, inflation, famine the world over...

And, yes, I too believe that we are living in the finale of many great phenomena; many of which will be of unprecedented scale.. be it the collapse of giant corporations, a whole nation, an empire.. And i believe the worst is yet to come. Gog, Magog, Lucifer...are now all glaringly obvious along with their evil plans.. ascending the throne and to rule from the one-eyed pyramid.

And our earth too is possibly heading towards her ultimate finale. With all the fuss and possibly facts about an impending 'galactic alignment, the approaching of the planet X, the inevitable pole shift'... and then with 'the mayan, the i-ching, the sumerian..' prediction of a grand finale of most things in existence...

It is no longer a myth that soon enough the sun may in fact rise from the west, that Mecca will be green and lush.....Allah has said-'let the unbelievers plan, for We too are planning, and soon enough they will know who is the better in planning'-

No politicians, not even if we take account of all of them on the global scale could intervene.. it is the time and it is now that Allah swt will open our eyes, our hearts and all of our senses to see and to finally be shown the TRUTH, The Reality that is hakiki.

Contemplate and ponder.. start living a life that is DEATH-FRIENDLY ... hopefully we'll meet again in a new reality that will be Us-Friendly.. love

p.s. I personally think of all Malaysians who have ever lived here on Malaysian soil, only two have made

the greatest impression on me, one being P. Ramlee and the other of course my beloved Tun Mahathir.. maybe I was not too impressed about the PRIVATIZATION stuff during your era.. other than that You are my hero, always will be..

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on March 12, 2009 11:33 AM

Selamat pagi Ayanhanda Rakyat Tun,

//By Puteri Tanjung on March 8, 2009 1:38 PM//

Dear Puteri,

Yes, Malaysians including Asians need to work hard and we are born with this capability because of our tradition, culture and moral values. Yes, those UMNO top gun members, the real culprits to the fall of our economy 1997 and 2008, are still around using "sedekah or politik wang" to get projects from and influence our government to gain "means of cepat kaya" because our PM is a person who looks so clean (makan rasuah (commision) behind the rakyat's back). Some of these so-called high profile and hypocrit UMNO politicians (in reality, they just ballon up their images with their close-relationship with the press media) are:-

1. Mat Taib - he had caused the dead of an indian couple (wife and husband) who were paid by him to take care of his boy (child from the 1st marriage) and were shoot to dead by police eventhough they were innocent, remember the case of Mat Taib's son who was kidnaped many2 years ago. He had "menyalahguna kuasanya" to silent the case, however, the scandal of "unknown cash" was terbongkar in Australia and he was asked to resign from UMNO, of course by Tun Mahathir. He is now our Pak Lah's public speaker (right hand man LAH).

2. Pak Daim, another musang, and is highly skilled (zalim and kejam in protecting his wealth and power) with elegant silence which is beter than Pak Musa-ng Hitam who had made some chinese multi-millionaires bankrupt overnight, eg, late Tan Sri Loy and late Tan Sri Eric Chia. The eldest son of the late Tan Sri Loy is doing very well in his business. The late Tan Sri Eric Chia died peacefully in our country after he was cleared of corruptions and wrong doings by our court. The person who damaged Tan Sri Eric Chia's image was Lim Guan Eng and his supporters including his father Lim Kit Siang due to their ignorant (follow blindly with brains but no heart) to the world justice(to me, they are the musang like Musa Hitam and Daim). For the normal citizen, my sister's late boss, a Malay businessman who relied on import to make business died of heart attack because of currency speculation which had made him berhutang berjuta2 RM due to the increment of pound sterling abnormally 20 years ago, and his son is also doing well in his career and Tun had met him personally in Shah Alam, I don't think Tun knows him personally.

3. Ali Rustam who can't control his wife, another man who is afraid of wife like our Pak Lah, telah menyalahguna kuasa untuk diri dan koncu2 nya. All I can see, he is just another weak MB who should "berundur bersama Pak Lah". I think he will fight till "The end justifies the means" like Daim and Musa. The Datukship of Shahrul Khan was balloned up by Ali Rustam and Daim to jatuhkan maruah Tun Mahathir. I dislike Ali Rustam because his wife had made the rakyat of Malacca to wait for her for 3 hours to claim their hadiah. Ali juga makan rasuah from "pig chinese association" in Melaka.

4. Our Pak Shahril Samad, a graduate of Economics from Switzerland, a YES MAN who does not even know how to minimize the cause and effect of the free market to protect our local and international consumer industry with brains and heart. His action in controlling the hal ehwal pengguna dalam negara yang hanya "protect" bisnes orang asing is another factor that had contributed to the lost of 2/3 majority of BN in PRU 12. Kini, I am sure he will be low profile in the coming months.

5. As for Pak Lah, Pak Anwar and their goons (ada sikit brain, tapi tarak maruah and heart), they are still trying their very best to make rakyat suffer like the "Chinua Achebe's book, "Cry, Beloved Country" to make sure "The end justifies the means". Now, these goons have changed the slogan to "Tidak Perlu Mengenang Budi", sound familiar to you? Yes, it is "the west democracy with brain and no heart" which

our Tun has been fighting locally and internationally until today to drive us out from this mess that will indeed kill our peace and pepaduan in the country after 51 years of independence.

Eventhough I have not read this book, I can guess the rationale behind this book. Thus, let us work hard with Tun Dr Mahathir, to drive our country to the right track, that is transforming Malaysia from a teenage girl to a young lady who will celebrate her 21st birthday of independent to make Malaysia a "One Goal, One Spirit, One Determination" to continue in maintaining our peace and harmony. Don't give up and we are almost there, and Raja Nazrin of Perak is working on this track to bring up the mentality of our Malay citizens to achieve this goal. Ketuanan Melayu Yang Biadap, Sombong, Malas dan Tidak Bertoleransi" practiced by Pak Lah and his goons have made rakyat of all races blame Tun, and our beloved ex-PM had suffered silently for 5 years. Now, it's show time to get these outdated and kolot devils in disguise out from our politic landscape with chedet.cc. to achieve the goal set by DS Najib and his cabinet:- ONE GOAL, ONE SPIRIT, ONE DETERMINATION for our younger generations and our future generations.

Take care.

Good day Ayahanda Tun.

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on March 12, 2009 9:34 PM

Izinkan Ayanhanda Rakyat Tun,

By T on March 9, 2009 9:23 AM

/// By HBTAuthor Profile Page on March 7, 2009 8:58 PM

Bush is a nerd who cannot differentiate Iran and Iraq, Wu (China leader Mr Wu Jintao) and Who. ///

I wonder who is the idiot who tried to show off and backfired? Who, indeed is Wu Jintao? Never heard of this person (well, actually he could be among the million farmers with the same name.) But Who is Wu? I know a Hu Jintao.

Hi T,

Thank you for correcting my pronunciation on Wu, it's Hong Kong Cantonese. Yes, the correct pronunciation is Hu in putonghua, Mr Hu Jintao. Well, this show who is the real idiot who knows nothing about the world, and I can confirm that you are a 'macha' now. Go "fly kite" (main layang-layang) with Mr Anwar Ibrahim, Pak Lah, KJ, Tony and Patrick Lim Badawi including Mat Tyson.

Here's some jokes on Bush that you can laugh, but not me after learning the truth:

1st Joke:

Ms Rice : Mr President, it's Kofi.

Mr Bush : I don't want coffee.

Ms Rice : It's Kofi.

Mr Bush : I told you that I don't want coffee.

Ms Rice : Sir, it's Kofi Annan on the phone.

2nd Joke:

President Bush was practising a speech on global warming issue in his farm one late afternoon. He used the word "fact" in his speech. His advisor told him, "Sir, you cannot use the word "fact", and he asked, "Why?". His advisor replied, "because "fact" is telling the truth.

Selamat malam Ayahanda Tun.

By JupiterAuthor Profile Page on March 12, 2009 10:59 PM

TUN,
please come back..
naik lah semula, jadi PM..
ramai yg mahukan Tun semula,
Malaysia tak mampu hadapi crisis dan kemelut ekonomi dan politik ini,
hanya ALLAH yg dapat menyelamatkan..
dan jalan yg nampak, Tun lah orang nya.

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