

IRON ORE
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1. I read an advertisement in a Malaysian paper by a Malaysian Steel mill wanting to buy iron ore. I also know of another steel mill importing iron ore.
2. I think this is very strange. It is known that iron ore is being mined in Terengganu and Pahang right now. I understand that the iron ore is being exported. Without being processed in any order to add value.
3. Why cannot the people mining for iron ore in Malaysia sell the ore to Malaysian mills. The ore they have to buy comes from Australia or even Latin America. The price must be higher because of transportation cost. If Malaysian ore is sold to Malaysian mills, the profit would be higher for the miners as the transportation cost would be lower.
4. If the Malaysian mills are given mining concessions, the price would certainly be lower. It would enable Malaysian mills to compete with imports. If we must export, there should be some added value by conversion to pellets or billets or even construction steel. Malaysia would gain much by so doing.
5. I hope the government authorities concerned will look into this. There is something wrong when we chose to export the raw material needed for our own industry!

72 Comments

By Classified Malaysia on March 27, 2011 4:56 PM

Ini adalah sikap yang sinonim dgn Melayu...

Jgn marah dengan kenyataanku wahai Melayu ku...

Melayu suka buat kerja senang.
Belajar tinggi2 luar negara, blk ke Malaysia, jd lecturer..
Yg tggl di kilang, industri.. org yg stakat SPM n naik pelahan2 mjadi Foreman ataupun supervisor..
Mcm mn bangsa Melayu nk maju?
Bg keja lebih sket, x thn...
Mulut x henti mengomen..
Orang Melayu xthn keja lebih.. xthn panas..
Sedarla wahai Melayu...
Kedai cina, mst ada pekeja melayu..
tp kedai melayu, ada x orng Cina?
Sbb orng Melayu keja stakat bleh 2-3 thun..
Kikis hasad dengki.. kikis perasaan ingin mberontak.. kikis perasaan cpt putus asa..
Bngunkan identiti Melayu.. Mari kta bsama ajar anak kita kpentingn ni suma..
Lupa plak nk kongsi.. Pemain nombor 1 badminton, Lee Chong Wei..
Pemain nombor 1 squash, Nicole Ann David..
Mn org Melayu yg majoriti pnduduk Malaysia..
Aneh tp benar..

By sudin on March 26, 2011 11:57 AM

Salam Tun.

Once upon a time there was this superhero called 'Tongkangman'. Unlike Superman who helps everyone in need, the Tongkangman only helps the 'tongkang mari' immigrants in then Semenanjung Tanah Melayu who are bent on converting the beautiful land that contain tin deposits (iron came later) into pools of death, whilst enjoying the monetary & citizenship rewards that followed.

After achieving his purpose, Tongkangman slowly disappeared into obscurity.

Recently a direct descendant of Tongkangman introduced himself, almost unnoticed and in a different approach but with the same intent -to stamp the might of tongkang mari descendants upon the world's most hospitable race, the Malays.

Even being a 'warga emas' this newly 'discovered' Tongkangman finds GREAT JOY when he picked almost every good Malay as his 'sparring partners' for his upcoming grand bout.

This Tongkangman browsed through Dr. M's blog only in split seconds, and looking at the end product it will require some 15 hours daily by an average adult to achieve the same!

True to his identity, this Tongkangman refused any payment from the kiasu masters (as he claimed). His limitless power enable him to own and/or browse 30 blogsites, each one being more significant than Dr. M's!!!

Wake up ecompute, your resultant indirect declaration that "I'm the greatest hypocrite" contradicted the numerous admissions of your proclaimed true self. Take note of this; especially to warga emas, all Muslims are reminded "rumah kata pergi, kubur kata mari!"

By parameswara 2 on March 26, 2011 11:43 AM

Dearest Tun

//By al-DinAuthor Profile Page on March 21, 2011 10:01 PM

Perak goes berak. Teluk Rubiah, a cosy, tranquil cove not far from Setiawan has numerous delapidated 2 storey wooden bungalows and unkept golf course.....

..The guard told me that such an idyllic place has been leased to a Brazillian company for an iron/steel mill. Even his statement was wrong, Teluk Rubiah has been wronged!//

1-The sad fate of Perak is due to our beloved Tun.He would never during his power days entertain any suggestion to build a highway to link the Klang Valley 6mio pop to these most beautiful beaches and islands nearest KL for that would threaten his billions invested in his Langkawi oh Langkawi.

2-At the moment it takes close to 4 hours by coach or maybe 3 hours by car to reach a place that should only take one and a half hours on a dedicated highway.How do you expect to sell these places as compared to the less beautiful beaches up South nearer Malacca?

3-The people of Perak should rightfully never give our votes to the Govt for we are truly a state that has been terribly neglected especially during the time of our Tun.

4-Supporting the present Govt is only ensuring supporting them to continue depriving us of development and progress that is instead channelled to that very poor state that is now not even supporting them anymore after having used billions of our money all these years for their development.

5-This is what you get when you are unjust and have erred,even your own people don't appreciate you,Tun.

Thanks Tun

By ekompute on March 22, 2011 6:05 PM

Sudin says, "They are even paying the kiddo ecompute just to belittle us. All this semi-sane kid ever do is look at Tun's entries and the subsequent comments; 12midnight, 1am, 3am, 7am, throughout working hours, 7pm, 9pm! Wow what concentration! They must be paying him very handsomely to spend such long hours glued non-stop to Tun's blog, manipulating words, researches, even studying Islam!"

So pathetic that some people think that only they and the Malay race have the freedom and the right to live. How unIslamic can one be? And this seems to be what is happening to some Malays in this country these days.

And what's wrong with spending time in Tun's blog while I am enjoying my retirement, writing in my 30 odd websites where I study everything under the sun from religion to philosophy, computer stuffs to health and I also study my hometown, Johor Bahru, as well as Southeast Asia, China, India, and Australia. Most of these websites appear new only because I have been spending time writing articles on all these topics in my first website, Do You Know, which I am now breaking up to these new sites as it is becoming too large to maintain.

I also have some Malay sites, such as Malay translation, and Ensiklopedia Bahasa Malaysia. Unfortunately my biggest Malay website, Sejarah Komputer, went down the drain two days ago while I was trying to update my software and I am still trying to salvage it, not quite remembering what my database password was, as it was started a few years back.

All these is enough to debunk your accusation that I have been paid to write in Tun's blog. As a matter of fact, the time I spend in Tun's blog is not even a significant fraction of the time that I spend on my websites. Truth is my entries in Tun's blog are only a brief diversion, whenever I feel mentally exhausted working on my websites.

And what is wrong with my studying Islam? Is Islam the exclusive religion of the Malays? It is so pathetic that most Malays don't know Islam, although they call themselves Muslim. Take for example the Allah controversy that can only happen in Malaysia, not anywhere else in this world, not even in Indonesia. First and foremost, Allah is an Arabic word, not a Malay word. It is not even the name of God, as much as Jehovah is. Allah was used before the advent of Islam, and if anyone can claim exclusive use, it is definitely not the Muslims. It is so pathetic, how selfish and narrow-minded the Malay race, as a whole, has descended.

That is not to say that there are no bright and intelligent Malays out there, but they are the exceptions rather than the rule.

And I also study Christianity and Buddhism, in fact, much, much more than I study Islam. But no, I do not profess to any religion because all organized religions are, to me, nothing but a sham. That is not to say that the holy books are in the same category, otherwise why would I bother to waste my time.

So Sudin, think first before you accuse because that is not Islamic, as far as my meagre understanding of Islam is concerned. Prove me otherwise then, with your poor understanding of Islam, if you dare to take up my challenge.

By Idea on March 22, 2011 10:36 AM

Dear Tun,

1. With the emergence of another alleged sex scandal, Parti Keadilan will be gaining many votes of sympathy just like what they received in the previous election. Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim is said to be very good in gaining public sympathy.

2. Additionally many educated youths will find this new accusation insulting their intelligence, although they know that thorough investigation should first be carried out.

3. The Malays are yet to unite. Good luck to BN in Sarawak Election!

By amiosman on March 22, 2011 9:15 AM

Salam,

Firstly, thank you for the revelations in your memoirs. It opened my eyes quite a bit. True its from 1 point of view but still its a good account of whats been happening the last 20 years.

As for the iron ore, perhaps its the same case as our petroleum exports. Malaysia's petroleum is regarded as being low in sulphur content therefore of premium quality. We don't really need premium grade for most of our uses except for some specialised industries so we sell it to those who need it and buy the proper grade for our use. Makes good business sense.

Perhaps someone in the steel industry can comment?

Regards

By al-Din on March 21, 2011 10:01 PM

Perak goes berak. Teluk Rubiah, a cosy, tranquil cove not far from Setiawan has numerous delapidated 2 storey wooden bungalows and unkept golf course.

Millions had been spent on the project. What when wrong with the investment with no returns? What I guess is that it was meant to be an exclusive project for holiday niche for the rich. The flattened site for their holiday homes is now full of lalang.

Destined for its exclusiveness for the elites Tik Rubiah was not promoted for public use and thus little income. On the other hand the elites would only go there at their whims and fancy.

The guard told me that such an idyllic place has been leased to a Brazillian company for an iron/steel mill. Even his statement was wrong, Teluk Rubiah has been wronged!

By sudin on March 21, 2011 9:47 PM

Salam Tun.

The iron ore business only relates to big corporations, and as shown from the past & present tendencies it mainly suits the non-Bumis. Unlike before, they will now employ Bumis AS REQUESTED (they say threaten) by the government, thus the treatment/creation of '2nd class or adopted' employees to show their dissatisfaction.

I strongly believe the monetary loss in the process of exporting the iron ore and to import the quantity required by our mills is negligible as compared to the monetary losses to middlemen's greed which were experienced by the Malay smallholders, fishermen and farmers.

These kampung Malays were the key to all of BN/Alliance's election wins. PM Najib MUST ensure the greedy towkays look for new jobs! The effectiveness of FAMA, RISDA, NEKMAT, Majuikan, etc. will determine whether the 1001 slanderous garbage spread by PKR/PAS fanatics can penetrate the thinking of the rural Malays!

There is no necessity for PM Najib to give in to any of the crazy demands/ultimatums issued by the ungrateful non-Bumis. We assured them 70% of Malaysia's riches and they want more!!! So so greedy! They want to emulate 'ikan yu'(kuanyew) alias the little shark, who gobbled everything, not even leaving credible scraps for the Singapura Malays!

They are even paying the kiddo ecompute just to belittle us. All this semi-sane kid ever do is look at Tun's entries and the subsequent comments; 12midnight, 1am, 3am, 7am, throughout working hours, 7pm, 9pm! Wow what concentration! They must be paying him very handsomely to spend such long hours glued non-stop to Tun's blog, manipulating words, researches, even studying Islam!

By Bubbles on March 21, 2011 9:24 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun.

Sekarang sedang heboh tentang video terbaru Anwar Ibrahim. Saya minta bloggers agar tidak mensensasikan isu ni. Percayalah ini adalah satu lagi helah Anwar Ibrahim untuk mengalihkan isu sebenar. Saya percaya ada muslihat disebalik pendedahan video ini. Jangan jadi bodoh!!!

By mdrose on March 21, 2011 5:10 PM

Dear Tun,

1. The local steel plant do not have the area to mine.
2. All mining concession for iron ore either go to the royalties and families and some goes to the politician.
3. They enjoy high tribute, some of the miners who has a contract to mine from the owner pay big money to the royalties and politician.
Tribute ranges from Ringgit 5 to Ringgit 50 per ton of iron ore with 60percent iron content.
4. Just imagine how much the royalties and politician get for a mine producing 20thousand tonnes per month.
5. As for the transportation costs, the miners sell it FOB price ex-Kuantan port. As such transportation cost does not arise.
6. Foreign millers and investors are willing to give the contract miners start up capital to mine and even give substantial up front money to the owner to secure the iron ore.
7. Our local bank do not believe in mining..they said that it is a dying industry.
Environmental expert in our country also very much concerned about the environment..they are too much when come to the do and don't. As we know that in mining we have to dig and process the ore..Look at Sg Besi Mines and Sungai Way..both are ex mining land and look at it now..how profitable it is now in turning the area into tourist attraction.
8. For your info, I have make a study on my own expense to revive the tin mining industry in Perak. From the preliminary results it show that Perak has still got substantial tin reserves..18000 tonnes equivalent to 540 Million USD at the prevailing tin market price of USD30,000 per tonne.
9. For you information I was formerly from MMC Berhad, a tin mining scholar and was retrenched from MMC following the downfall of tin price. I then ventured into construction industry and I went burst in 2002. Since then I was looking for mining area since it is my expertise but until today I have failed to secure any mining concession. Many area in Pahang,Perak,Selangor and other states were given out to royalties and politician not the actual people who know the business.
10. Kumpulan Semesta, also is not doing the right job whereby they only sell sand without processing the fine tin and related minerals such as Illmenite, Zircon and monazite whic are high in price
11. I really wish that you would look into the reviving the mining industry in our country.

Salam

Mdrose

By mgpunya on March 21, 2011 1:20 PM

YABhg Tun,

...money can make people do " strange " things....sir

By pahat on March 21, 2011 1:01 PM

sebagai pengundi Bn saya menaruh kepercayaan kpd pemimpin bagaimana nak mengurus negara.

By adik adik on March 21, 2011 12:02 PM

RELEVANT QUESTIONS

WILL US,ALLIED FORCES,ATTACK ANY EUROPEAN COUNTRY,
IF ANY EUROPEAN LEADER BEHAVES LIKE GADAFI / LIBYA ?

ATTACK THEM WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF UN.
ATTACK CHINA,ACCUSING CHINA FOR NO HUMAN RIGHTS.
ATTACK NORTH KOREA FOR HAVING NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES.

THE WORLD KNOWS,IT,S IN THE WORLD REPEATED NEWS.
NORTH KOREA HAS THREATEN UNITED STATES,MANY TIMES OPENLY.
YET TILL TODAY,UNITED STATES REMAINS SILENCE AFTER REPEATED THREATENING
FROM NORTH KOREA,SHOWING OFF THEIR LONG RANGE MISSILES TEST,TO THE UNITED
STATES.

GADAFI THREAT IT,S PEOPLE,US AND ALLIES
TAKING A RIDE ON THE SITUATIONS IN LIBYA.
A LAME EXCUSES FOR ATTACKING LIBYA.

SEEMS,UNITED STATES PREY ON THE WEAK,NOT BRAVES ON THEIR CHALLENGE.
CHINA NOR NORTH KOREA.

SO WHAT IS UNITED NATIONS FOR ?
AN INSTRUMENT FOR UNITED STATES,AND IT,S ALLIES.
A SERVANT TO ISRAEL.

SEEMS LIKE UNITED STATES,ALLIED FORCES,UNDER UNITED NATIONS
BACKGROUND,INTENTIONALLY BRINGING DOWN THE ARABS WORLD,MOST ISLAMIC
COUNTRY.
INSTIGATING POLITICAL OPPOSITIONS,TO CONFUSED THE PEOPLE,
INSTIGATING CIVIL FIGHTS,AMONG THEM.THE COUNTRY GOES CHAOS,WEAK
THEN COME THE UNITED STATES AND IT,S ALLIES,ACT LIKE A HERO
BUT INFACIT THEY ARE THE CAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENS TO ARAB/ISLAMIC WORLD NOW.

IT MUST BE A WAKE UP CALLS FOR THE ARAB /ISLAMIC NATIONS
TO REALISE THIS FACTS.

AGAIN MY QUESTION ?
WILL UNITED STATES,ITS, ALLIES,UNDER UNITED NATIONS BACKGROUND,
NOT APPROVAL,ATTACK A PRE EMTIVES MEASURES,PREEMTIVES ATTACK ON ANY
EUROPEAN COUNTRY,IF ANY OF THE EUROPEAN LEADERS BEHAVES AS SUCH AS GADAFI?
HISTORY HAS CONFIRM.

TODAY,IRAQ IS PROVEN NOT GUILTY.
NO,WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTIONS,FOUND.
NO NUCLEAR,NO CHEMICALS.
SADDAM WAS SENTENCED ILLEGALY.

NONE OF THE WORLD UPHOLDING THIS TRUTH.
IRAQ MUST BE COMPENSATED FOR UNITED NATIONS WRONG DOINGS.
IRAQ MUST BE COMPENSATED FOR BUSH EVILS DOINGS.
WIKILEADS HAS REVEALS THE FACTS.

By jalil7 on March 21, 2011 11:37 AM

Salam Tun,

off topic, i am a little confused as to our official government stand on Libya. Russia and China are against the millitary intervention, as are other similiar countries.

i would have thought the world would agree that the killing of civilians as a means to rid them of democratic ambitions would be cruel and against "human rights", and therefore UN would have unanimous vote.

apparently some do not think so. they seem to feel it is quite alright for Gadaffi to stamp out the protests as he sees fit. i fear this is an indication of something very disturbing, i.e. that a state is more important than human lives and that thought is very dangerous.

i hope Tun could shed some light.

Thank You Tun.

By Azahari on March 21, 2011 11:02 AM

Maybe government should impose levi for iron ore exports like they did with the CPO.

FIY, palm oil companies will have to pay RM300/ton levi if they want to export their CPO. This is because government want them to sell CPO to local end product manufacturer so Malaysia can export added value product thus the process will create more job oppportunities and prevent outflow money.

By eanisazman on March 21, 2011 10:03 AM

Salam Tun and Bloggers,

I think the problem with our domestic trade is all about the price which translate into profit. The Iron Ore could worth a lot more outside than locally. As a result, the miner will sell it outside rather than the local manufacturer. The local manufacturer in turn, have to purchase the Ore from the world market.

To have the synergy works well, the government need to intervene. For example, controlling the price. But the miners will loose big especially when the price is a lot lower than the international market.

It should be sold to the local manufacturer at similar world market price minus the export cost. This could be cheaper to the local manufacturer while at the same time, not affecting the bottom line of the miners.

By pemuda kuala kangsar on March 21, 2011 9:31 AM

salam 1m TUN

1. Saya kurang mahir dengan topik tun ini, tapi boleh la mencelah sikit berkaitan dengan ini. Ada kemungkinan kerajaan ingin mendapatkan duit dengan segera untuk menampung sebarang kekurangan dalam perbelanjaan.

2. Dari segi jual dan beli ini pula, saya rasa di Malaysia ini dah menjadi lumrah kalau ada kenal "org Besar" maka setiap yang tak kena akan dijadikan KENA.

3 Contoh yang terhampir Isteri PM (sekarang) boleh membuat panggilan telephone ke bahagian kewangan kementerian lain dan bertanyakan budget yang ada. Inikan pula berkaitan harta yang dimiliki oleh pihak kerajaan.

4. Harap ada pihak yang boleh tegakan isu ini.

Sekian terima kasih
pemuda kuala kangsar

By TunTuah on March 21, 2011 9:29 AM

Sorry Tun & All.

Menyimpang sikit.

Our southern neighbour busy reclaiming the sea to get extra land. Our People are busy to supply sand to them but failed resulting our jambatan bengkok tinggal kenangan.

Because of the reclamation works, our navy based kat selatan tu now having problem with silting.

i like to suggest this.

Since the british (the robber) are busy body (why uhh?) to save sarawak (please be reminded that the british has colonised us over 300 years and a lot of gold, tin, rubber etc. were robbed from us. how to claim back from them? any idea?) and our southern neighbour do not care about the environmental implication to our country n the navy base, I am suggesting we build nuclear power plant at the navy base area.

Since we are not good enough in "everything" (perception by the Malaysian HR, if not our salary will be the same like the mat salleh) let it be like fukushima....

hahahahaha i believed this could stop the reclamation works...

hahahahahaha

By MHI on March 21, 2011 12:45 AM

riverman,

ada perbezaan, pengambil komisen tanpa produktiviti dgn komisen dgn produktiviti..

bersabar tanpa tindakan pun antara sifat2 org yg suka amalan komisen tanpa produktiviti.

tindakan pun ade beberapa bentuk tindakan.. tindakan bodoh tanpa produktiviti dan tindakan cerdik yg menghasilkan produktiviti..

By MHI on March 21, 2011 12:38 AM

dear ekompute,

please understand this

2. I think this is very strange. It is known that iron ore is being mined in Terengganu and Pahang right now. I understand that the iron ore is being exported.

"Without being processed in any order to add value"

so then, you can study how Petronas activities and compare. never heard about Kerteh? or MLNG in Bintulu?

i think you are using super power hi quality petrol to move your car..

By sykes on March 21, 2011 12:24 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Tun saja buat-buat tak faham kot kenapa raw iron ore di eksport. Its a win, win situation for the seller and the buyer, why should the country benefit. They are not nasionalist, they are capitalist. Membujur lalu melintang patah.

By lcclck on March 20, 2011 8:28 PM

In fact Kinsteel is mining iron ore and processing it....You are right, it makes sense for local steel mills to mine and smelt the iron ore to reudce price of steel...

By zaman on March 20, 2011 7:06 PM

Salam Sejahtera Tun.

Tun Tahniah dan Terima kasih tidak terhingga kerana telah dapat mengarang dan megeluarkan buku memoirs Tun: Doctor in the house.

Saya telah pun membeli nya dan sedang membaca buku itu.

Saya berharap Tun dapat mengarang lebih banyak buku lagi dan terus mengarang.

Tentang artikel Tun tentang Iron Ore ni, mungkin ada yang nerkepentingan. dahulu pasir, entah nanti apa lagi pulak?
rindu sangat lah dengan kepimpinan Tun

Terima kasih Tun, May Allah Bless You.

By Coolman on March 20, 2011 4:15 PM

Perhaps there is small percentage of profit when they sell Malaysian ore to outside Malaysia comparable in selling or to Malaysia company.

Cool Stuff and The Reveal of Knowledge

By hardcorcke on March 20, 2011 2:10 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,
Saya amat menghormati pandangan & kepimpinan Tun !!
Namun sebagai anak melayu di bumi melayu ini...saya rasa seperti merempat di bumi sendiri !!! Pemimpin melayu kita terlalu asyik beretorik dan hipokrit !!
Nama nak bantu anak melayu sendiri...jauh sekali...ramai yg bercakap bagaikan Nabi...tapi kelaku tak ubah macam BABI !!! Yg PAS pulak....depa ingat PAS tu satu AGAMA ke !?
Sama je...tujuannya !!! Nak kumpul HARTA duniawi...bermain dgn kata2. yg berjaya dan kaya..nak bukak kedai roti supaya anak melayu bole tumpang cari makan pun x berani...cakap berdegar2 !! kesudahanya... ayam menang kampung tregadai....'masyaallah' !!
Maaf...bahasa yg kurang enak, tapi rasanya mmg sesuai utk depa !!!

By Jamal on March 20, 2011 1:42 PM

Dear Tun,

It stands to reason that a Nation should maximise the benefit it can derive from the natural resources that it possesses. We need to explore how we can add value to these resources before exporting them.

However, it is a complex process with a whole lot of factors to consider. Yet it is NOT impossible.

There must be good sharing of information and trust between the government and private enterprises. The government must be committed and introduce systems where the best options can be considered.

The government needs to seek the best minds (in the world at large) in the areas of interest to provide a well informed studies for the best decisions.

In the case of the natural resource of Iron Ore. The relevant Government Body needs to work with the concession holders to find out the quality and quantity of the ores. Then it needs to help the concession holder to seek the best technologies to maximise the added value of the

of these ores. In terms of material add value and market add value..aka market demands,market potential etc.

Such technologies and information may not come cheap. These are where the government needs to lend its support to encourage investments in them.

The government needs to invest in such "infrastructure" to encourage these activities by the private sector. The government need not be directly involves in them.

Providing support to allow our natural resources to get added value before exporting them will create more jobs on our shores, increase or foreign reserves earning potential and best of all bring in the best technologies for our people to learn from and from there maybe even develop and improve these techonoligies..as what the Japanese did and are doing.

God Bless Malaysia.

By aghani on March 20, 2011 10:53 AM

This is a sign of failure of Malaysia Inc. or 1Malaysia. Dont be surprise if the Malaysian ore is sold to Malaysian mills via third countries.

By Benjamin Boon on March 20, 2011 10:38 AM

Salam Sejahtera buat Tun Dan sekeluarga,

Sekiranya kita tidak mempunyai keupayaan dalam negara untuk memproses bahan mentah maka tindakan mengeksport bijih besi adalah difahami. Sepertimana penjualan air ke Singapura. Kemungkinan dahulu kapasiti pemprosesan air kita tidak mencukupi Dan ini menyebabkan kita terpaksa membeli air yang telah diproses daripada Singapura dengan harga lebih tinggi. Kesilapan kita mungkin adalah tempoh pajakan penjualan air mentah yang murah dan lama.

Kepimpinan negara perlulah mengambil iktibar daripada episod ini dalam senario bijih besi ini. Keperihatinan Tun adalah sangat berasas bahkan bahkan mereka juga perlulah mengkaji semula sistem perlombongan; pemasaran; pengilangan Dan penjualan besi untuk mengelakkan manupulasi harga. Jangan ibarat Kerala dihutan disusukan tapi anak sendiri mati kelaparan. Harga Dan kualiti besi kita perlulah setanding atau lebih murah dari pasaran anatarabangsa. Kartel "trading house" penjualan besi juga perlulah dibendung di mana Dari pemahaman saya kilang besi menjual billet atau kepingan besi pada harga kawalan tetapi "Trading cartel" Akan menjual pads harga lebih tinggi daripada pasaran dengan alasan kekurangan bekalan.

Terima kasih Dan tahniah di atas kepimpinan Tun selama lebih 22 tahun yang memacu negara Malaysia ke prasarana antarabangsa. Tahniah. Jasamu dikenang.

By azienmat on March 20, 2011 1:09 AM

Banyak betul yang perlu dipelajari, berkali2 saya baca masih juga tidak faham bisnes ini. Nampaknya banyak perlu diterokai. Jadi, sekadar komen kosong.

By LeeCampwin on March 19, 2011 6:37 PM

Just backed from Putrajaya International Balloon fair.
It is a failure to call international event without participation of foreign countries.

Peoples are complaining the road map in Putrajaya is very bad. Don know who design the roads in Putrajaya, they are missing all the way for 2 hours.
Driving in Putrajaya is oil-consuming and wasting a lot of time.

By mr k on March 19, 2011 11:49 AM

asalamualaikum dan salam sejahtera....

Saya setuju dgn pendapat Tun mengenai hal ini.

Konsep mining dan jual pada syarikat tempatan sendiri sudah tentu akan mendatangkan keuntungan baik dan menerndahkan kos.

Hal yang sama juga, jika Malaysia mengeluarkan minyak dan menggunakan minyak itu untuk kegunaan rakyat temp. Ini akan lebih mendatangkan keuntungan untuk ramai pihak terutamanya rakyat sendiri.

Dengan meningkatkan minyak, sudah pasti akan menaikkan harga barangan lain.

wasalam.

By Abdullah Chek Sahamat on March 19, 2011 9:01 AM

Pertamanya mungkin dasar kita agak terpesong, itu jika kita ada dasar tentang segala komoditi kita. Keduanya, sengaja dasar kita tidak lengkap agar mudah saja disalah tafsir dan selewengkan. maksudnya, pengubal dasar, mungkin sudah ada niat mahu ada ruang bagi kemungkinan penyelewengannya nanti. Ketiganya, jika semuanya baik, maka kemungkinannya berlaku penyelewengan penguatkuasaan.

(2) Di Malaysia, begitulah lumrahnya kita. Ada dasar, dasar itu pula seperti memakan tuan. Jika tidak memakan tuan, ianya tercipta agar mudah diputar belitkan oleh tuannya. Kelemahan kita dalam ketulusan dan keikhlasan banyak perkara adalah sangat meragukan.

By ekompute on March 19, 2011 1:26 AM

Hi Mazai, you gotta be careful with such suggestions because it is just too simplistic. As a general rule, nature must always be allowed to take its course and when it doesn't take the course that one wants, one must thoroughly examine why... not hastily introduce new legislation as a quick fix. Your suggestion may well give birth to numerous new problems. Going back to first principle is to me the safest and best way to solve any problem. This problem may well be due to more fundamental problems that, when solved, will make all secondary problems disappear automatically.

By sentewong on March 19, 2011 12:54 AM

this matter need to be investigated before deducing to any conclusion. it could be due to the quality or may be also the quantity of ore produced by our country. but then again if investigated properly it could be different matter altogether.

By maae on March 19, 2011 12:20 AM

Salam Tun,

Bukan kah kita lebih percaya dengan kepakaran asing? Kalau di jual pada pengusaha tempatan, hilang pula kualiti... Hilang juga kuantiti..

Mentaliti yang masih membelenggu kemajuan kepakaran anak-anak tempatan. Ramai sudah pakar-pakar tapi tak di beri kesempatan meneraju semua bentuk bidang yang boleh memberi manfaat negara, menguntungkan dan mengurangkan sejumlah kos biaya.

Jika kepakaran kita di gabungkan sepenuhnya, tidak mustahil pesawat pejuang tercanggih pun boleh kita hasilkan. Raket kita pun boleh menjelajah angkasa...

Apa yang masih tidak mencukupi ialah... Hasil Negara... Cerdik pandai kita sudah ramai muflis di usia muda. Bentuk pertama, ialah membayar balik pinjaman pelajaran. Bentuk kedua, gaji yang dipotong sana sini ketika bekerja membuat pinjaman demi pinjaman peribadi, bank dan lain-lain...

Hakikat nya, 100 bil. belanja, maka sepatut nya 200 bil. pula yang bakal kita di raih untuk keperluan rizab Negara tahun fiskal berikut nya...

Mohon maaf Tun, tersasar sikit.

By YKL on March 18, 2011 11:51 PM

Dear Tun

There is another long out standing issue which I can not understand is why the prices of our Proton cars in local market is much more expensive than those selling in over sea market.

Thank you.

By Rimba Emas on March 18, 2011 10:46 PM

SALAM BUAT TUN BERDUA MOGA DIRAHMATI ALLAH S.W.T

- 1) PENDUDUK KITA SEMAKIN RAMAI DAN DITAMBAH ORANG ASING YANG AKAN DIGUNAKAN SEBAGAI PEKERJA SEBAB DIKATAKAN ORANG MALAYSIA MEMILIH KERJA.
- 2) DISEBABKAN ITULAH SELALUNYA HASIL GALIAN YANG DIJUMPAI SELALUNYA DIMONOPOLI KAUM PEMODAL RAKYAT MALAYSIA YANG LAIN KEBANYAKAN HANYALAH PEKERJA IAITU MAKAN GAJI.

3) KALAU MENJADI MILIK KITA SELALUNYA TERHAD KEPADA GOLONGAN TERTENTU SAHAJA. JADI APA YANG KITA JUMPA AKAN MELALUI BERBAGAI PROSES YANG SELALUNYA MEMERLUKAN MODAL MAKA YANG TIADA MODAL HANYA LAH SEBAGAI PEKERJA YANG PASTI BERSAING YANG SEMESTINYA MENJADI SATU TEKANAN DALAM TARAF KERJA YANG DILAKUKAN.

4) TUN, RIMBA EMAS PUN KEMUNGKINAN TIDAK DAPAT MENERUSKAN MEMBERI KOMEN UNYUK RUNGAN TUN INI DISEBABKAN SIFAT KESUKARELAAN DALAM RUANGAN KOMENTAR INI.

5) RIMBA EMAS MENGHADAPI MASAALAH KEWANGAN DALAM MENGGUNAKAN TEKNOLOGI KOMPUTER INI TERUTAMA BAB PEMBAYARAN DAN KOS PENYELENGARAAN YANG SEMAKIN TERDESAK AKIBAT PERTAMBAHAN KOS KEHIDUPAN.

6) RIMBA EMAS BARU MENDAPAT KHABAR TIDAK MENGEMBIRAKAN IAITU HARAPAN MENDAPAT PENDAPATAN TETAP DENGAN BEKERJA DENGAN SYARIKAT 'BALFOUR BEATTY' TELAH TERTANGGUH SEHINGGA KEBULAN JUN ATAU PUN JULAI SETELAH SANGGUP BERKORBAN MENANTI DARI BULAN DIS 2010 LAGI.

7) TIADA PUNCA PENDAPATAN TETAP INI KEMUNGKINAN AKAN MENYEBABKAN RIMBA EMAS TERPAKSA MENGUNDUR DIRI DARI RUNGAN KOMENTAR TUN INI. RIMBA EMAS MENGUCAPKAN TERIMA KASIH KEPADA TUN KERANA MEMBERI PELUANG DALAM RUANGAN INI.

8) TARAF KEHIDUPAN KITA TIDAK SAMA ADA YANG TERPAKSA MENDAPATKAN BANTUAN DARI KALANGAN RAKYAT YANG SANGGUP MEMBERI PEKERJAAN KEPADA INSAN YANG BERGELAR RIMBA EMAS INI. HANYA DOA KU PINTA DARI TUN DAN RAKAN KOMENTAR DALAM USAHA RIMBA EMAS MENDAPATKAN PEKERJAAN UNTUK KEHIDUPAN INI. KALAU DIIZINKAN ALLAH S.W.T SATU HARI KITA AKAN DAPAT BERJUMPA LAGI DIDALAM RUNGAN TUN INI.

WALLAHU'ALAM.

By amin tan on March 18, 2011 10:04 PM

Dear Tun,

Abstract from New York Times:

"Malaysia Gambles on Processing Rare Earths
By KEITH BRADSHER
Published: March 8, 2011

KUANTAN, Malaysia — A colossal construction project here could help determine whether the world can break China's chokehold on the strategic metals crucial to products as diverse as Apple's iPhone, Toyota's Prius and Boeing's smart bombs.

As many as 2,500 construction workers will soon be racing to finish the world's largest refinery for so-called rare earth metals — the first rare earth ore processing plant to be built outside China in nearly three decades.

For Malaysia and the world's most advanced technology companies, the plant is a gamble that the processing can be done safely enough to make the local environmental risks worth the promised global rewards.

Once little known outside chemistry circles, rare earth metals have become increasingly vital to high-tech manufacturing. But as Malaysia learned the hard way a few decades ago, refining rare earth ore usually leaves thousands of tons of low-level radioactive waste behind.

So the world has largely left the dirty work to Chinese refineries — processing factories that are barely regulated and in some cases illegally operated, and have created vast toxic waste sites.

But other countries' wariness has meant that China now mines and refines at least 95 percent of the global supply of rare earths. And Beijing has aroused international alarm by wielding that virtual monopoly as a global trade weapon.

Last September, for example, China imposed a two-month embargo on rare earth shipments to Japan during a territorial dispute, and for a short time even blocked some shipments to the United States and Europe. Beijing's behavior, which has also included lowering the export limit on its rare earths, has helped propel world prices of the material to record highs — and sent industrial countries scrambling for alternatives.

Even now, though, countries with their own rare earth ore deposits are not always eager to play host to the refineries that process them. An American company, Molycorp, plans to reopen an abandoned mine near Death Valley in California; but Molycorp must completely rebuild the adjacent refinery to address environmental concerns.

All of this helps explain why a giant Australian mining company, Lynas, is hurrying to finish a \$230 million rare earth refinery here, on the northern outskirts of Malaysia's industrial port of Kuantan. The plant will refine slightly radioactive ore from the Mount Weld mine deep in the Australian desert, 2,500 miles away. The ore will be trucked to the Australian port of Fremantle and transported by container ship from there.

Within two years, Lynas says, the refinery will be able to meet nearly a third of the world's demand for rare earth materials — not counting China, which has its own abundant supplies.

Nicholas Curtis, Lynas's executive chairman, said it would cost four times as much to build and operate such a refinery in Australia, which has much higher labor and construction costs. Australia is also home to an environmentally minded and politically powerful Green party.

Despite the potential hazards, the Malaysian government was eager for investment by Lynas, even offering a 12-year tax holiday. If rare earth prices stay at current lofty levels, the refinery will generate \$1.7 billion a year in exports starting late next year, equal to nearly 1 percent of the entire Malaysian economy.

Raja Dato Abdul Aziz bin Raja Adnan, the director general of the Malaysian Atomic Energy Licensing Board, said his country approved the Lynas project only after an interagency

review indicated the imported ore and subsequent waste would have low enough levels of radioactivity to be manageable and safe.

Malaysia had reason to be cautious: Its last rare earth refinery, operated by the Japanese company Mitsubishi Chemical, is now one of Asia's largest radioactive waste cleanup sites.

"We have learned we shouldn't give anybody a free hand," Raja Adnan said.

Despite such assurances, critics are not convinced that the low-level radioactive materials at the Lynas project will be safe.

"The word 'low' here is just a matter of perception — it's a carcinogen," said Dr. Jayabalan A. Thambyappa, a general practitioner physician and toxicologist. He has treated leukemia victims whose illnesses he and others have attributed to the old Mitsubishi Chemical refinery.

That plant, on the other side of the Malay peninsula, closed in 1992 after years of sometimes violent demonstrations by citizens protesting its polluting effects. Now, in an engineering effort that has largely escaped the outside world's notice, Mitsubishi is engaged in a \$100 million cleanup."

Japan's earthquake and tsunami leaving leaks of radioactive "energy/radiation" into the atmosphere has shocked the world, worrying those around the affected area. Looking into our own backyards, and having read this article, it makes some wonder if this is worth the risk. haiyo, malaysia, malaysia.

Nuke Off - hands off our land! no to radioactive waste!

Not just nuclear reactor should be banned, the rare earth plant should be abandon and if they insist to proceed the Lynas should agree to take back the radioactive materials to Australia. We are not a dumping site for radioactive materials and we are not ready for nuclear. We still have corruption - collapsed stadiums, parliament etc.

We don't want ministers to answer 'i don't know' when disaster happen. The truth is we are not ready!

Taking example from Japan, we will only be ready when we learn how to make the public toilet clean and breathable.

amin tan

By motorsportuniversitymalaysia on March 18, 2011 8:20 PM

Hello Tun,

As Proton adviser you might want to ask the management team to discuss the possibility of a local mill teaming up with proton and the mine. Alternatively, Tata are interested in working with Proton, they have extensive steel making experience, perhaps they could be persuaded to set up shop in Malaysia?

I'm interested in getting you onboard with the OU proposal utilising Lotus and Proton. Better education would certainly open peoples eyes to the benefits of 'ADDING VALUE' to raw

materials.
Thanks for your time.
John Mansfield MUM Project Leader

By paip on March 18, 2011 8:17 PM

assalamualaikum,

sekarang ni iron ore orang suka eksport, lebih-lebih lagi ke china. disebabkan harganya lebih tinggi daripada jual dalam pasaran tempatan, mungkin 2 atau 3 kali ganda... lagi pun dengar khabar iron ore untuk eksport tidak memerlukan sg (specific gravity) yang tinggi.... hanya kira ferum aje....

Malah ada sebuah pelabuhan di sini jalan rayanya atau sekitarnya dipenuhi iron ore yang jatuh dari lori... nak bawak motorsikal wajib pakai visor... harap kerajaan dapat memberi perhatian kepada kami untuk bekerja dengan selamat.

Diharap syarikat tempatan dapat memberi perhatian kepada pandangan Tun. Saya SOKONG TUN... jangan asyik mengejar keuntungan.. apakah tidak, ada syarikat dapat membaiki jalan raya utama yg rosak akibat lori keluar masuk dari stockpile mereka tanpa memerlukan bantuan kerajaan. malah jalan raya yg dibinanya itu lebih berkualiti dari sebelumnya.

By fbm on March 18, 2011 7:58 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

aren't we generous? reminds me of the water agreement between Johor and Singapore. :)

By pakdokter on March 18, 2011 6:24 PM

Someone must have got the concession - then got a foreign party to operate the mine and extract the iron ores. Then take the iron ores out and sell back to our buyers at higher price. Macam jual AP dan kontrek project la ni.....

Depa semua tak mau atau tak tahu buat sendiri....

By sizzer33 on March 18, 2011 5:37 PM

Haiyah, kalau nak proses iron ore kena buat kerja la.. Why don't we just sell it. So much easier and profit is enough just by selling the ores. Somemore i got this mining concessions without tending, who's going to compete with me. Its not like there would be another company who can mine and process the steel and be able to compete with exports price anyways.

By Wara on March 18, 2011 5:23 PM

My Salam to Tun and Tun Dr Hasmah.

If I may. 'Checker'. You say that was hot? Hotter things are on the way. Tun is such an amazing person. He can raise topics so hot that it makes a volcano eruption a stroll at Hyde Park in the autumn.

Thank you Tun. Have a good day.

By riverman on March 18, 2011 3:25 PM

Dear all esp MHI,

Comissions taking is normal in trading business.

What do you expect - almost all mega project holders are comission takers.

Bersabarlah.

By Layman on March 18, 2011 2:26 PM

Salam Sejahtera YDH TDM

Dalam suasana aman dan tenteram ni, dalam tak ada angin bertiup adajuga Pokok yang bergoyang,semuga perkara sebeginilah sepatutnya diambil kira "Rakyat didahulukan Pencapaian di Utamakan" Hasil perut bumi Malaysia hendaklah diberi sama rata kepada Rakyat Malaysia, hendaklah ia disalurkan semula sebanyak mungkin kepada rakyatnya. Kalau dulu Penjajah bermati-matian datang menawan negara kita untuk mendapatkan hasil perut bumi kita di Tanah Melayu ini dan kita bermati-matian mempertahankannya, Mengapa pula sekarang setelah penjajah menyerahkan tanah ini kita pula bermati-matian menghantar hasil perut bumi yang sama kepada mereka?.

Ya..sememangnya mereka membayar harga yang setimpal, harga yang hanya harga upah tak lebih daripada itu, harga upah membayar harga boroh kasar yang menjalankan kerja-kerja "Kuli".

Tapi Hasil perut bumi boleh dipelbagaikan didalam negeri ini dahulu sebelum dijual keluar negara, terlalu ramai kaum bumi yang intelek dan berkeupayaan melakukan kerja-kerja dan produk hiliran ini, permudahkan dan beri mereka peluang untuk menjadi Bilioner. Setidak tidaknya belioner di KERTAS KERJA....?

Tkx,Tun

By RajaChulan on March 18, 2011 1:32 PM

Sir,

I am sure there are good reasons for the present "odd" situation.
Let the market forces decide/ work by itself. It sure will, just give it time and stop tampering with market forces

The last thing we want is "crony capitalism" that can cause havoc and false market situations.

We don't want a Proton like situation where the rakyat is burdened with approximately RM20,000.00 for every car they make and sell.

Dr. M, please enjoy your retirement.
Cheers.

By Harun rich on March 18, 2011 1:28 PM

Askum tun..memang menarik apa-apa yg tun tulis di blog ni,banyak yg saya dapat tau dari apa yg tun jelaskan disini.

By ekompute on March 18, 2011 1:24 PM

Syockit comments are quite sharp. Could this phenonmenon be the same as that where Petronas exports high-grade oil and simultaneously import lower-grade oil for use in cars? Or could it be as what checker says, "Somebody need to make money in between."

The comments in this post so far are really perceptive and an eye-opener for me in that participants in Tun's blog can discuss an issue sensibly and professionally, sans the emotions, LOL. And I agree with checker that this is a "new topic that should cool everybody down for a while". Yet this topic is something that requires some technical knowledge but it is good to share, whether be it our knowledge or even our ignorance, so long as we are not dogmatic in the case of the latter. We speak up, make some mistakes in the process, but we learn and grow together.

By watchers on March 18, 2011 1:20 PM

Tun,

As we know development require a massive amount of iron/steel and other materials. The ability for Malaysia to add value to its natural resources which are exported and used locally, will be beneficial to our country's development in advancing technical knowledge and also reducing cost of imports. It also help us not be dependent on imports from other countries.

By jat2011 on March 18, 2011 1:20 PM

salam tun,
i didnt get to watch forum perdana last night-what a waste!

the way bussiness is done in "tanah melayu" has not changed in the last one hundred years i guess.i can say this through my grandfather's experienced selling "getah keping" to the dutch in siak.the british was not happy about this and my grandfather ended up being jailed for selling what was his to whom he wanted to.this was then.
in today's "satu malaysia" these practice/s is still happening.whether you are importing or exporting a product you can't just choose "your" client unless someone/something from "somewhere" agrees with you.

aslam taslim to those that is arguing about "alkitab"

like farid emir always says in dunia@1-fikir fikir kan.....

By Layman on March 18, 2011 1:12 PM

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By terrorist on March 18, 2011 12:23 PM

biasa la Tun...rakyat Malaysia yg kebulur pun byk tp bantuan makanan sampai kat negara luar ja...rancangan "bersamamu tv3" tak pernah kering bahan...nak buat camana...'kesengsaraan rakyat didahulukan,keuntungan sendiri diutamakan'...

By mok9929 on March 18, 2011 11:18 AM

i'm sure there's a valid reason for it.
maybe it's the quality or grade of the ore.
same story goes for our petrol, we have them but we export them due to better price/quality.....and we import the cheap crappy for our own usage :(

By Jo on March 18, 2011 11:17 AM

Salam,

Whatever it is, as long as these private industries do not go the way of Perwaja Steel (TDM's brainchild) which caused the government to lose (or somebody siphoned it off) billions. However, now no one will ever know as Eric Chia has taken the secrets to his grave.

By Kak Long SJ on March 18, 2011 10:26 AM

Dearest Tun,

I couldn't agree more with MAZAI, that there is a local culture of selling not developing. You have developed so much for the country, but as I also read from your recent book, others

that you entrusted and incumbents are not. They just re-brand, re-do and of course selling off in order to show and gain profits.

It is not easy to emulate what you have done, but for those alert, it is about understanding what we want, what good can it bring to us and the nation, and how we can all develop as a nation, now and in the future. Better still follow-suit Vision 2020..

My dilemma is the Malay dilemma; Melayu tak percaya Melayu or generally Bangsa sendiri tak percaya Bangsa sendiri..

Salam sejahtera dan salam sayang untuk Tun berdua.

By HBT on March 18, 2011 9:55 AM

1. Well, Ayahanda Tun, in order to get the attention of the political parties' leaders, elites, rakyat, foreign tourists and investors to understand what is democracy and liberty to prove that Malaysia loves "Arts and Cultures" instead of main2 Race & Religion in Parliament, may I suggest that YAM N9 Tunku Muhriz (?) to spearhead the proposed Mont Kiara's Exhibition Centre launched by Mukhriz and Naza's younger elite generation to change the development plan to KL ARTS & CULTURE CENTRE, just like Shanghai since PM Najib wants KL to maintain N9's Elite Power and Economic SUSTAINABILITY.
2. Though 'Nasi dah jadi bubur lah', but human brains are innovative, creative, resilient and progressive to back up PM Najib.
3. Penang is doing so because they are OBC represents Orientals by copying HK punya fengshui as Arts and Culture (feng=wind and shui = water), just let them do it to develop Penang Island as Pearl Of Malaysia Orient Mah (and N9's Bakau is Ba=horse, kau = entry point) under British Colony to attract Hongkongers, Chinese, Japananese, Taiwanese, Americans, NZ, Koreans, Australians or OBC etc).
4. I remember this MK Exhibition received a lot 'No No' from DAP in Parliament which was launched by Mukhriz as MITI DPM and Naza's younger elite generation, this won't work because of Federal Constitution.
5. Now, this development plan can to be changed to the development plan to KL ARTS & CULTURE CENTRE, just like Shanghai since PM Najib wants KL to maintain N9's Elite Power and Economic SUSTAINABILITY to protect the mama, papa chickens and their eggs.
6. Greater KL Plan should not be pushed when the world economy is hit by political wars and global warming crisis.
7. In order to develop the whole country, protocol is very important too to avoid the barking of war of mouth in Parliament.
8. Whether we agreed to it or not, Agong and State Sultans are above politics and parliament because of Royal Constitution signed by all Sultans and the current Queen Elizabeth II (?), and Prince Andrew who will be marrying a commoner in April 2011 was stunned to know the damage of earthquake in Christchurch in NZ.

9. The national anthem of UK is about God Hails the Queen, in USA, the Americans always said, "God Save America", and in Physics, God = Energy.

Good day Ayahanda Tun.

By TunTuah on March 18, 2011 8:40 AM

Nothing great about this.

As usual if malaysian mining try to sell their iron ore to the malaysian mill, i think, for sure the malaysian mill will ask for the rock bottom price. why? because the supplier is malaysian. if the supplier is australian or other country in this world, they do not mind to pay for higher price. AND THIS IS MALAYSIAN STANDARD.

same goes to the malaysian people. they pay malaysian salary very very cheap. but when come to mat saleh they pay 5 times or more complete with house, car etc. WHY? Because malaysian HR envy if malaysian got higher salary than them. ENOUGH N WAKE UP MALAYSIAN HR. THROW AWAY THE WORMS IN YOUR BRAIN. STOP THIS CRAP.

THE MAT SALLEH ISN'T BETTER THAN US. PERIOD.

By Al Baihaqi on March 18, 2011 8:33 AM

YAB Tun,

Theory 1:

Selling iron ore to malaysian market probably bring less profit to millers. Export markets may offer higher price. Therefore, why should millers sell low price in domestic market? even with added value, the cost of production may be too high.

Theory2:

Demand will always be there from importing countries. If millers are willing to sell higher to foreign than to local steel related company, that is the fact of business operation. As long as there is profit. Profit.

Theory 3:

Reexport of iron ore. Buy low from foreign market, sell high to another desperate foreign market.

Theory4:

No need invisible hand to intervene the market. Let the market determine demand n supply. once gov step in, will create market distortion. too much gov intervention. if the gov is able to control, then maybe putting some controls may the right thing to do.

theory 5:

maybe excess supply of iron ore in the country due to steel makers producing below capacity. Stocking more iron ore won't benefit them. therefore, sell iron ore to foreign markets to get instant profit without added value with no stock holding costs.

Let market determines demand and supply before gov intervene.
<http://bajetwang.blogspot.com/> wishes the construction related industry will grow as before.

With skim pinjaman rumah pertama, it is a signal of many property overhang in the country especially in unfavorite location. even with SRP, none can afford housing in klang valley, jb, penang...(prime location)it relates to why maybe the millers are favoring export of iron ore rather than selling to domestic. due to sluggish construction sectors which affect demand for iron ore.

By Hafiz on March 18, 2011 8:30 AM

Dear Tun,

Ask your son, he's the **Deputy Minister of MITI**. Perhaps you could suggest this to him.

Regards
Hafiz

By Alpha Tango on March 18, 2011 8:02 AM

Dear Tun

Well, you know that some of our business practices and policies sometimes does not make any sense at all. It would be common sense that if one is supplying iron ore that is sourced locally, one would be inclined to first sell it to the domestic market. Unless, the export has value-added or the export price is much higher than the domestic market price.

Nonetheless, if both parties, that is the domestic supplier and the domestic user, could work out a long-term price that is profitable to both parties, then a lot of our foreign exchange can be saved.

It is hoped that all parties involved, including our Government authorities, can work out a rational solution soon.

Tun, Thank you for giving us the opportunity to share our thoughts with you and all Malaysians.
Live long and prosper.

Best wishes
ALPHA TANGO

By kuuleem on March 18, 2011 7:45 AM

Jual lembu beli susu
Sokong Umno tak undi BN
Saman ekor bertalu-talu
itulah tanda gomen Be-End

By MAZAI on March 18, 2011 7:19 AM

Tun, If what you have said is true it is really embarrassing. The attitude or thinking of our current leader is not much differ from some of the leaders in several years ago. Never want to work more, never want to think but more concern of quick money, the culture UMNO have created. They only focus on selling but not developing. Never bother of national interest. Never try to take care of local business.

I would like to suggest that all raw material especially mineral deposit should be classified as security items. Should only be processed in Malaysia In order to benefit from it value added.

Maz

By jalil7 on March 18, 2011 6:12 AM

Salam Tun,

Perhaps the same can be said of fruits, fish and perhaps even many other produce. There is indeed something very fishy about all this.

Pahang and Terenganu is obvious (to me at least).

It is well known and acknowledged that if we want to do something successful, we need to do it outside and "export" it back to Malaysia. "We" make much more profit that way. It is also much easier. There are so many things we can do with our own resources, but it is of course easier to just export them out. It does not require much thinking or much organising. No need for Science and Technology.

There is a very distinct "dishonesty" about many things in Malaysia. It is not a case of "might is right", it is worse. It's a case of "rich is right".

And if or when combined with political power, it becomes absolutely devastating.

Thank You Tun.

By MHI on March 18, 2011 4:54 AM

Sy kurang pasti dngn perlombongan ore sperti yg Tun coretkan, sy akan terus mengkaji dan belajar.. dan dari artikel ini sy teringat beberapa pengalaman yg saya lihat sebagai rakyat biasa:

ketika sy baru sampai utk bertugas di Karata, Australia, sy perhatikan suasana di situ sangat berbeza dngn keadaan di Perth dan lain2 bandar besar di Australia. Perbezaan yang sangat nyata ialah tenaga kerja di sektor perlombongan/pemprosesan bijih besi didominasi oleh rakyat tempatan. selain itu pelombong2 ini adalah kelompok2 yg dihormati kerana

dianggap golongan penting membangunkan Australia (sukar melihat rakyat kulit putih Australia berniaga di gerai2 kecil..)

Tiba di Kelantan pula, sy sangat kecewa apabila mendengar luahan rasa bangga sesetengah rakyat Kelantan dgn penerokaan perlombongan emas oleh sebuah syarikat China. Sudahlah sedemikian, kerajaan Kelantan bertindak sebagai "syarikat 10%" mengaut keuntungan.. ianya tak berbaloi! Perjanjian sngt berat sebelah tanpa technology transfer dan tiada pengkhususan mengenai langkah2 syarikat China terbabit untuk urusan reinstatement kwsn lombong. Alam sekitar jangan ceritalah! Emas yg mengalir keluar juga sama kisahnya dgn kisah artikel yg Tun coretkan di atas. Pemprosesan dibuat di China dan Kelantan hanya mampu melihat hasil lacuran tanah mereka sendiri shj.

By amin tan on March 18, 2011 3:14 AM

Dear Tun,

Thank you for being alert on such discrepancies. It would do better if Tun can write to the Prime Minister and copy to Director General of the relevant Ministry. Without fear or favour. The relevant officers may not read this blog.

amin tan

By checker on March 18, 2011 2:40 AM

Salam Tun & Fellow Bloggers,

New topic that should cool everybody down for a while after hot debated issue.

1. Tun, of course something is wrong but it is not suprising at all. Somebody need to make money in between. It has been like that until now and will likely to continue. It cannot easily be classified as corruption but purely business consideration. Those who is in the position has the power to decide.

However as frequently highlighted, corruption within the public sector is "rampant". There are too many little Napoleans around who normally call the short. But do not overlook that similar thing are also happening in the private sector but nobody can coin the right term other than corruption because it was done purely in business consideration. Nothing wrong about that, is it really?.

2. It is all about interpretation what is right and what is wrong. Each appear to be different in technicality but morally it is also wrong. It is called white collar crime maybe because done by "honorable" men. It must also be recognised that usually, it will take 2 to tango, i.e private & public sector working hand-in-hand for mutual benefits at the expense of tax-payers money.

3. Take an example when an investment company in a Group of Companies selling quoted shares from their investment portfolios through a remaiser to another company in the same Group. Technically, there appear to be nothing wrong about that business transaction but morally? Why not sell directly between each other thus saving the commission in both ways, buyer & seller? As long as there is money-leakage to outside the Group, it is a loss to the Group. Can the decision maker be charged? On what possible ground? Well, the remaiser need to have the business too. Similarly, in the case mentioned by Tun, somebody in between need to earn money too. Who cares about the public interest.

4. This cannot easily be solved unless the people entrusted in their job are God fearing kind. They must not take what is not theirs. They must emphasise that " kejar akhirat, dunia akan kejar kita" and not the other way round.
May Allah bless us all and show them the right path.

By ekompute on March 17, 2011 11:50 PM

A case of left hand, not knowing what the right hand is doing. Maybe the government will wake up after reading Tun's post.

Seems like Tun has a lot of verve still. I know that some Ministers work very much harder under Tun than now. But now is still better than under AAB. During Tun's time, the staff of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry had to work overtime every day. No overtime pay for senior staff and no chance for replacement. During AAB's era, they recoup back many times what they put in before... there's a Cantonese saying, when you draw a picture, there is no need to fill in every detail, so I will just leave it at that. Is it any wonder then that even with the dismal 2008 election results and a step-down call by Tun (the only logical thing to do to save UMNO), the Ministers still support AAB? Who doesn't like country-club management style of management where I scratch your back, you scratch mine. I ponteng, you cover for me, you ponteng, I cover for you, LOL.

By HOT ZOOM on March 17, 2011 9:29 PM

As Salam,
Semua itu kerana adakepentingan peribadi untuk masuk poket sendiri jadi perlulah diekspot walaupun kat negara ini pun ada kemampuan segalanya.
<http://bloginfo4uall.blogspot.com/2011/03/tengku-razaleigh-hamzah-bidas-memoir.html>

By shahrul on March 17, 2011 9:23 PM

yeah, the same thing happens on the Hot Roll Coil(HRC) industry which Megastell is the only monopoly set by our authority. Price price is ridiculously expensive than overseas market. At the end the final consumer bear the expensive cost while the Chairman of The Lion Group remains as top 25 Billionaires. Sugar industry, telecommunication industry, energy industry all have its only monopoly who set expensive price from overseas market. Well, our authority like to keep the 25 top billionaires instead of distributing the wealth to the 28 Billion people. Please help our country Tun!

By Hazman Abu Bakar on March 17, 2011 9:10 PM

Loving it Tun!! Something do smell fishy! Maybe it is to promote sustainability or green tech by our own 'first lady'.who knows, but still, I think you hitting a jackpot here Tun.
Awesome.

By syockit on March 17, 2011 8:45 PM

Assalamualaikum. Good day.

The best ores come from Brazil. Japan is known to import all the way across the globe in other to produce the finest steel. I am not aware of the Malaysia's ore grade, nor do I know

the state of the refining technology as to whether it is able to rid of various impurities found in low grade crude ore. It is very vital that a mill is able to extract iron in its purest as possible form in order to ensure output steel quality meets the required standard. So, in a scenario where both the facts that Malaysia's ore are too crude and the mills aren't equipped with advanced refining technology, you can say everything is going as planned. Otherwise, feel free to attribute it to malice or incompetency.

Source: <http://chedet.co.cc/chedetblog/2011/03/iron-ore.html>