

MALAYSIA AND THE WORLD

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By Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad

1. I seldom watch the TV but during my holidays, when I had nothing to do I was forced to watch BBC News.
2. The world is certainly going through terrible times. Greece is bankrupt and Spain, Portugal and Italy are doing badly in their finances. Britain is also going through a depressed economy with scandals plaguing their most respected banks.
3. Everywhere in Europe there are demonstrations by unemployed people. A lot of blame is directed at the capitalist system and the income gap between rich and poor. The latest trend is to "occupy" the main centers of capitalistic activities such as Wall Street in New York and HSBC bank in Hong Kong. This also happened in Australia.
4. America claims it has turned around and its economy is doing well. I do not believe this is the truth. There is a great deal of unemployment and real business is not coming back. Certainly we don't see American products in the market. Much of the money is created by their Central banks (Federal Reserve Banks) which are privately owned. When they lose money they decide to regain it through "quantitative easing" i.e to print money. More correctly they only wrote cheques or transfer the money electronically into the books of the commercial banks and other institutions. Or they use this quantitative easing to bail out companies and banks.
5. It is obvious that Europe and America are not going to be able to restore their financial and economic health any time soon.
6. The rest of the world is affected in one way or another by the collapse of the economies of Europe and America. Even China is feeling the effect. Europe and America are big markets for the products of the world.
7. Electricity supply was also cut in many parts of America, Europe and Asia leaving millions in darkness and stopping work in industrial plants.
8. In the Arab countries the people have risen against the Government. There is civil war in Syria. The Rohingyas in Myanmar are being attacked and killed. The people in Iraq and Afghanistan are being killed by suicide bombers. In America a gunman sprayed bullets on a cinema audience killing 9 people and many others. In Norway a gunman went on a shooting spree in a youth camp killing 70 people.
9. Then there are the natural disasters. Floods swept through parts of Kyushu Islands in Japan recently leaving more than a score of people dead. Not long ago a tsunami and a massive earthquake hit Fukushima in northern Japan. This was followed by damage to a nuclear power plant exposing a great part of the area to radiation. Then there followed a severe flood.
10. Elsewhere in the world volcanic eruptions, earthquakes devastated towns and cities. Floods hit New York City and Bangkok and many parts of China again destroying buildings and cutting off water and electricity supplies. Whirlwinds hit the US repeatedly. In Africa

people are starving to death.

11. Winter came early, was very severe and lasted longer, disrupting work and killing old people. And heat waves raised temperatures to above 40°C, again killing the old and the weak. Global warming has resulted in the ice in the Arctic and Antarctic melting, threatening to raise sea levels and inundate low lying land. Some island nations may disappear into the sea.

12. In the face of all these disasters Malaysians can consider themselves fortunate. We do have mild floods, slightly raised temperatures and haze, but they are nothing compared to the disasters affecting so many parts of the world.

13. Crime rate has increased somewhat.

14. Even financially and economically we are not too badly off. The cost of living has gone up a little but people are not starving the way the Africans and some Asians are starving. A generous Government is ever ready to extend help.

15. Business is good even though we think it can be better. Our exports are high and still growing. Unemployment rate is low. Economic growth is still possible. At 4 – 5% it may not be as good as in Indonesia and the Philippines but it is far better than Europe or America or the countries of West Asia and North Africa.

16. Admittedly the cost of living has gone up. For the poor this is a burden. Of course on this issue, comparing ourself with most of the rest of the world where inflation is even higher will not be acceptable. But the fact is that in many countries not only is the inflation higher but there are food shortages also. In addition they have to accept reduced income amidst widespread unemployment we are living in troubled times. Like it or not we will feel the effects and we have to endure.

17. There will be people who would like us to ignore the fact that we are much better off than most people in the world. They would like to exploit every little misfortune that we may experience. They would even promise that they can bring about sudden prosperity, give free education, and all kinds of goodies. But observe the contradictions.

18. They promise the oil-producing states to increase the royalty from 5% to 20%. Obviously this will result in the Federal Government losing 15% of revenue from oil; and that is a big sum. The states get their royalty based on gross income.

19. They will do away with road tolls, increase subsidies on fuel and reduce rates and taxes.

20. Their proposals will reduce Government revenue and at the same time increase Government expenditure. This is exactly what the Greek Government did, and the whole country went bankrupt.

21. Promises are deep. Barrack Obama promise "change". Four years into his term, not a single change has been made.

22. To be in power for 56 years is a long time. But look at the progress. No other developing country has made such progress.

23. Change is not always for the better. Change can make things worse.

Beware of Greeks bearing gifts.

Beware of politicians who make promises.

31 Comments

Bubbles

August 2, 2012 at 12:07 pm | [Permalink](#)

Salam Tun,

Perhaps you like to add another strange phenomena that is happening in the US and that is cannibalism. Imagine walking on the street, somebody just come up to you and eat up your face.

In Malaysia, there is a sudden, sharp increase of violence against parents, siblings, spouse even babies are not spared and mostly committed by Muslims. Are all these crimes, drugs related or alcohol related? Why are people suddenly becoming very aggressive and violent? Just look at the Berseh demonstration, even PAS' unit amal acted like commandos. The way they charged at the police who were just standing there doing their job. Something is so wrong with our Muslim brothers and sisters.

CH Liew's Gravatar CH Liew

August 2, 2012 at 10:59 am | [Permalink](#)

Tun,

You are still the best. You have realised and now on the repair and heal mode for mankind. Your journey towards peace and stability is very awakening and hope all can receive the positive energy. Time for all to turn-around before it is too late. Money and power do not bring inner happiness. Truth is the only sustainable others are debts.

eanisazman's Gravatar eanisazman

August 2, 2012 at 10:48 am | [Permalink](#)

Salam Tun and All,

I travelled to other countries quite often. When I'm young I studied abroad and now I have to travel for my work. My travelling took long time and not less than 3 weeks. I can feel the difference between one country over another and make comparison against mine.

I strongly believe that what you said is correct. Maybe I'm biased because I'm Malaysian but the way you describe it in your writings is exactly how I feel.

There are virtually nothing wrong with our country. Nobody is asking bribe money if you want to work with the Government here, no need to pay for medical attention, no need to pay bribe money to get burial permits, etc. The inflation that we have today is far more tolerable in other countries. Try and pay RM5 for a litre of petrol and you'll understand.

Here in this country you will feel at peace. You don't need escort, no need to dodge flying bullets, no earthquakes, no flood disaster, full of greenery and abundance of natural wealth.

When we were told that some 'divine Saint of God' would bring prosperity into this purported corrupted and poor country, they just bluffing the low level pyramid of society for votes so that they can have Malaysia all by themselves.

If all what they promised can be done, PM Najib has been doing it long time already and would have enjoy easy votes from us

My fellow Malaysian, beware of these gift bearing crooks....You might not know whats hit you.

MiddleAges's Gravatar MiddleAges
August 2, 2012 at 2:36 am | Permalink

Salam Tun,

1. I think the whole idea of wealth seeking life is rather absurd. We are surely not put on this planet to seek wealth.
2. We are here to survive. And to survive together. I do not want to vote for a government greedy for growth.
3. If the BN government is greedy, they will fall, like humty dumpty. And we all know how greedy the BN government is, saya tak payah cerita lah semua orang tahu.

Pride comes before fall.

Thank You Tun
azmi2012's Gravatar azmi2012
August 1, 2012 at 11:54 pm | Permalink

Salam Tun dan semua,

Sebentar tadi baru pulang dari Suria KLCC setelah beberapa lama tidak ke sana. Ramai para pelancong bersiar-siar menyaksikan keindahan pancutan air yang diterangi lampu berwarna warni. Alangkah bagusnya kalau pancutan air itu disertai dengan muzik orkestra mengikut rentak dan timing pancutan air itu.

Melihat KLCC yang tersergam indah dan gagah teringat saya akan orang yang mengilhamkannya. Berbagai-bagai gelaran yang indah-indah diberikan kepada beliau. Mahafiraun, Mahazalim dan bermacam-macam lagi.

Walaupun saya tidak pernah berjumpa dan beliau juga tidak mengenali saya tetapi gelaran gelaran begitu yang ditujukan kepada orang yang amat berjasa ini amat menyebarkan hati.

Mengkritik adalah teramat mudah berbanding dengan melaksanakannya. Menjadi owner sesebuah syarikat kadang2 amat memeningkan kepala, agaknya macam manalah Tun dahulu semasa menjadi PM melawan segala kritikan, tohmahan, tekanan dan segala macam masalah.

HEBAT SUNGGUH INDIVIDU YANG BERNAMA MAHATHIR MOHAMMAD INI.

Tuntuah's Gravatar Tuntuah
August 1, 2012 at 11:45 pm | Permalink

Tun

I believed that our country is running out of lucks anytime soon.

Why?

1. We can see that tok guru agama menyeleweng. Tuhan mencarut la katanyer. Yang karutnyer pengikut kater betul.
2. Pemimpin PAS khalwat. Tak ngaku, then siap lagi dgn phone sex lagi.
3. Penyokong tegar peliwat sanggup berkorban untuk peliwat menjadi PM.
4. Anak derhaka, mat dayus n penzina ni ader penyokong untuk dier jadi pembesar negara. Wat happen to this melayu melayu islam ni...ni la akibat baca AlQuran tapi tak paham. Baca senonong aje. Ishhh

These days kiter dah tak de penegak Islam. Kata kata mufti di tidakkan. Yang arif 11 orang tu kater liwat tu berlaku, tidak dipercayai. Habis camner. Kater saper yang patut kiter dgr?

Janji peliwat? Kater tok guru yang tuhan dier mencarut tu? Kater anak derhaka? Kater pemimpin PAS yang

berkhalwat tu? Kater kit siang malam yang racist n anti melayu tu? Kater kapla pusing yang anti islam tu? Damn..
Bala turun kalu kiter ikut depa nih.

Memang betulla aper yang di tulis dalam AlQuran. Manusia bodoh.

Yes. It is you all.

abdulazizomar's Gravatar abdulazizomar

August 1, 2012 at 7:15 pm | Permalink

Salaam Tun.

I would like to comment about the toll, as you mentioned.

I have been to several countries but I never saw so much toll as we have in Malaysia. The toll that we see everywhere is a real nuisance to the public and one of the sources of the anger towards the government. Normally they take toll only sporadically, but in Malaysia they are the norms!!! I believe that the Government should do away with this hateful thing. The Malaysian government could effort to pay off and make the toll free. This alone will be a big boost for the Barisan government to win this coming election.

Thailand is poorer than Malaysia, but they have two lane roads coming and going (like our highway) right from the Malaysian borders up to the borders of Northern Thailand with Burma and Laos all free with not even a single toll !!!! — about two thousand kilometers of excellent roads. I hope that the government will consider abolishing this unnecessary toll. This is a form of ‘direct taxation’ on the public and surely Malaysia do not want to do this.

Thank you Tun. Selamat Berpusa dan ber Hari Raya !

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SALAM KASIH DAN SAYANG

AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN

Izinkan,

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Beware of Greeks bearing gifts.

Beware of politicians who make promises.

May we add,

Beware of politicians who smeared the nation with ‘dirts’ at home and abroad.

In uncle mubarakchan, we have a very wise and good man. Thank you for your many good pointers especially to the Chinese community.

Kita harus bersyukur kerna masih mampu menyempurnakan puasa Ramadhan dan berbuka dalam keadaan aman dan makmur.

ALFATIHAH, AMIN

alfred.willner@euromotors.ltd.gi's Gravatar alfred.willner@euromotors.ltd.gi

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Malaysians, listen to Tun Mahatir!

Never change a winning team!

When I first came to Malaysia in 1998 I said to my friends there that “people here life in paradise but they do not realize”.

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The Hidden Secret's Gravatar The Hidden Secret
August 1, 2012 at 4:01 pm | Permalink

Peace!

Changing the government is not something alien. It happened all over the world... It happened in France, UK, US, Japan etc.

If it happen in Malaysia, there is nothing to be scared off. I sincerely believe that PR might not be a perfect government (so does BN) but they are not that bad, not that evil.

Will it bring us harm if PR goes into office for one term?

Will it bring us harm if we give a strong signal to BN that we are willing to change our government?

Why we should be SO SCARED if PR goes into office?

There is nothing to be scared to change the government. If PR wins and we are not happy with them after one term, we can always change back to BN.

Changing the government is GOOD. Why is it good? Only by changing the government, the corrupt practices of the previous government could be brought up to court.

Rgds.
suli_lea@yahoo.co.id's Gravatar suli_lea@yahoo.co.id
August 1, 2012 at 3:55 pm | Permalink

Salam hormat Tun Dr Mahathir

Memang tepat apa yang Tun katakan, Negara Malaysia kemanjuannya pelan dan menyakinkan. Situasi dan kondisi sangat memuaskan di bandingkan dengan negara2 eropah.
Sekiranya rakyat malaysia inginkan kestabilan, aman dan negara terus maju penduduk mayoritas harus bersatu demi masa depan anak2 kita ,jangan sampai keunggulan bangsa hancur.
Selagi bangsa berpecah belah tdk bersatu Negara Malaysia akan menghadapi rintangan dan semua yang telah tercapai akan musnah dan hidup bangsa kocar kacir dan akan menjadi hamba di negara sendiri. Soalnya sebahagian besar mereka buta atau segaja tidak bisa buat perkiraan situasi dan kondisi yang tepat, mereka hanya gilakan kuasa yang tidak menentu. keadaan sedemikian rupa sangat berbahaya demi masa depan bangsa. Saya percaya sebahagian besar bangsa tidak ingin negara ini hancur. Salam
mubarakchan's Gravatar mubarakchan
August 1, 2012 at 3:52 pm | Permalink

Tun

For iskandar shah 2

It is good, very good that Tun has encouraged and stimulated our thoughts and minds through his own initiatives in this Blog.

It is timely that we should look at ourselves and be proud that we are Malaysians whether Bumiputras or otherwise.

All Malaysians should be very proud especially the Bumiputras that we have marched together for the betterment of all sincerely and modestly.

I grew up with the generation of Bumiputras who were called ultras who later became Tuns and Tan Sris.

This was the 1960s when not much moved by way of socio-economics.

Our first Prime Minister is not to be blamed for this state of affairs nor the British nor the non-Malays. This was just one of those quirks in history which turn out to be brilliant due to the distinguished Prime Ministers even though there have been worrying moments of weakness in recent years which were exploited by strangers who thought no one was looking !

In fact, I consider this a transition to greater socio-economic endeavours in the 1980s which were actually 10 years late in the form of the NEP due to the unfortunate demise of the Father of Development Tun Abdul Razak and later, the distinguished leadership of Tun Hussein Onn. Both were great Prime Ministers.

The period of Malaysia/Malaya's socio-economic development was ham-strung by the Currency Board Policies of the Ministry of Finance even though we had Bank Negara Malaysia from 1957 onwards. The Currency Board of Malaya Singapore North Borneo Sarawak and Brunei entailed we spent what we earned. As a result, the economy was slow moving which only benefited the British who held 70% of the best assets of the country and through their banks and Trading Agencies eg. Harrisons & Crosfields, Guthrie, Boustead, Sime Darby, East Asiatic, Socfin etc which controlled the imports and the prices of the commodities, and the Chinese owned the 20% of the lower grades. The Currency Board was dissolved in 1972 !

Hardly any new businesses were set-up. Jobs with potential were few.

The British were in control in the plantation and mining industry Boards and Councils with a sprinkling of Malaysian Chinese.

It was against this back-drop that my Bumiputra friends found themselves in their own country in which they did not own any assets. And I thought this was not fair and that if we must have a Nation , all must have a fair share of the cake or else, no one will progress. And the attempt to do so must be right at the top of the pile – the biggest corporation.

As the cake was 70% held by the British, it was only logical and fair that we bought back the assets from them at fair market value with no nationalisation.

This was the fact – hence, the NEP.

The first breakthrough came in 1973 when Sime Darby was involved in some scandals. And my friends and myself thought it was the right time to move by acquiring the control of this conglomerate. This had the tacit blessings of Tun Abdul Razak, Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah and Tun Ismail Mohd. Ali.

The Malaysians ran out of money after spending RM 23 Million and eventually, obtained control with the help of two big Singaporean investors who were later handsomely rewarded.

With the fall of Sime Darby, Guthrie and the Malaysian Estates of Harrisons & Crossfield followed in the early 1980s. And as it is said, the rest is history.

It was during the famous 22 year Administration of Tun that the NEP finally took off and came into full bloom.

It was during this period that the middle income Bumiputra community expanded and with it KFC and MacDonalDs, and supermarkets and taman-taman and more, even though the NEP was actually 10 years late in practice.

Fortunately or unfortunately, Malaysia's general progress and development is far ahead of Singapore's comparatively in human terms.

We did not build a modern temple of money without spirit or soul. We based our endeavours on the human spirit which still thrives actively today. Our Foreign Policy is genuine – one of friendship and brotherhood. We did not boast of hollow endeavours and forced to pay for it now ! Yes ! We did lose money which was lost with a sincere motive for the betterment of the country even though these were mistakes sometimes created by the losers changing the rules. We did not try to brow-beat down lesser folks and march with the World's apparent greatest. We know our place in the Sun ! We Malaysians are genuine and honest.

This is Malaysia for all of us, a great Nation created by the BN together with the Rakyat for over 55 years without interruptions !

All Malaysians, especially the Malaysian Chinese, if you do not think the BN had sincerely achieved what it could do, honestly no other Front can replicate its achievements especially those with only 6 gentlemen.

Vote BN !

aina_ab's Gravatar aina_ab
August 1, 2012 at 3:48 pm | Permalink

Dear Tun,

You made me say alhamdulillah (Praised to Allah) when i realized that we are so lucky compared to those out there. Keep on writing, i bet there's a lot of Gen Y out there who still not know how to be grateful.

nazrimalik's Gravatar nazrimalik
August 1, 2012 at 3:35 pm | Permalink

Hi Tun. Thank you Tun.

genius's Gravatar genius
August 1, 2012 at 2:39 pm | Permalink

Salam Ramadhan buat Tun yang dihormati,
Dan pembaca sekalian.

1. Greedy people make noble people suffer.
2. Fools always certain about their thoughts.
3. There is nothing wrong of being starving to death as long as we live in pride and died in honor.
4. Who says that being rich and enough food to eat is better if we left unthankful and hungry for more and take solat, puasa, and zakat for granted?
5. Who says Malaysia is not thankful, we says thank everyday.
6. Some portion of unthankful and greedy people that makes Malaysian suffer

Thank you

musato's Gravatar musato
August 1, 2012 at 12:03 pm | Permalink

Assalamualaikum Tun.

Bukan politicians saje x boleh dipercayai janjinya.

Orang biasa pun x betul janjinya.

Jadi caranya,bersangka baik sahajalah.

*sorry,tulisan saya masih lagi tak berbau politik,sbb pendapat politik saya, saya pun jarang ditulis.

terima kasih Tun.

dotnetadil's Gravatar dotnetadil
August 1, 2012 at 10:41 am | Permalink

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Thanks for this article, made me say Alhamdulillah and towards the end of it..made me say Nauzubillah min zalik zulkiflee's Gravatar zulkiflee
August 1, 2012 at 9:22 am | Permalink

Assalamu'alaikum Tun,

tepat sekali apa yg Tun katakan di akhir pengamatan Tun kali ini.sedang dunia mengalami berbagai petaka,kita di sini masih dalam kategori aman dan makmur.

seandainya keamanan dan kemakmuran ini kita pandang secara sambil-lewa (taking for granted) dan hendak bermain-main dgn cuba mengubah keadaan yg sedia ada konon nya untuk keadaan yg lebih baik...misal nya mencuba nasib untuk mengubah undi dari Umno kpd PAS atau PKR,maka DAP lah yg akan berkuasa.

dan itulah sebesar-besar bencana sebenar terhadap kaum Bumiputera Negara ini.

walaupun Umno banyak cacat-cela yg menimbulkan kemarahan kita,namun Umno juga lah benteng Bangsa yg telah terbukti jasa nya dalam mempertahankan asas-asas Negara.

kalau Nik Aziz atau Anwar yg jadi PM,kita bimbang juga dgn masadepan Negara.sebab melihat dari tindak-tanduk PAS dan PKR yg sudah-sudah,kedua-dua nya tidak segan-silu malah berlumba-lumba untuk jadi budak suruhan Lim kit siang.

terimakasih Tun

HBT456's Gravatar HBT456

August 1, 2012 at 6:51 am | Permalink

Good morning YAB,

24. It's not easy to achieve what we have today.

25. To create a vision is easy.

26. To maintain and make the vision alive and happenings, we have to keep searching for plans or programs that can rally supports to keep the vision going.

27. Malaysia is a multi-ethnic country whereby no politicians can claim that they are more superior than others.

28. Generation Elections are for all Malaysians including Government, NGOs, Associations, Political Parties, people and etc. to reach a common goal and identity to choose the best Prime Minister to lead political parties and Chief Ministers to keep Malaysia Going.

29. Whether is Greeks bearing gifts, or politicians who make promises, voters will decide.

30. But change is inevitable especially when they join political party is to get mega project contracts or get rich only.

31. I am sure YAB would not want the country to be ruled by money politics forever that can bankrupt a country or may lead to civil wars.

Selamat Berpuasa, YAB.

amin tan's Gravatar amin tan

August 1, 2012 at 3:05 am | Permalink

Dear Tun,

I agree with your analysis. Financially the world is ailing and the recovery is slow and uncertain. What is certain is that it may spread our way. If it happens the way Tun describe it, we may also suffer economically and financially. Our share market would be hit, but hopefully it may not be as bad as the TITANIC hitting the ice berg. Those who invest in the share market, please watch out.

Beware of politicians making promises. Nothing is free this world except sunshine and fresh air.
Beware of Greeks(strangers) bearing gifts

amin tan
Wara's Gravatar Wara
August 1, 2012 at 12:26 am | [Permalink](#)

My Salam to Tun and Tun Dr Hasmah.

But of course there are always people who will not accept the fact that Malaysia is THE country to live in, to stay and to make money. Otherwise why do we have so many foreigners coming here? Even before merdeka foreigners have been coming here. And their children and grandchildren are still here. A few have become billionaires. Many have become lawyers, doctors, bankers, engineers, successful business people, judges and cabinet ministers. Most of them are happy here as Malaysians.

But then again, there are these idiots who are not satisfied. They want a pot of gold delivered to them every morning together with their morning newspaper. When others work hard and become successful they are called cronies. To them every successful businessman is a crony. Maybe the government should stop making roads, buildings, schools, hospitals and airports. Give a project to a businessman and he becomes a crony. Someone should tell the government to give projects to the monkeys in the forest of Kalimantan. At least they wont talk like idiots. But eventually, these idiots will call these monkeys cronies. But never mind these idiots lah. Can't expect an idiot to be grateful.

Thank you, Tun.
Msuker's Gravatar Msuker
July 31, 2012 at 11:45 pm | [Permalink](#)

So true Tun.. God Bless you and bonda Siti Hasmah..
Botak's Gravatar Botak
July 31, 2012 at 10:29 pm | [Permalink](#)

Nikmah kita yg berpuasa di Malaysia
Kita rasai kehausan, kelaparan, kepanasan
Namun tiba Maghrib kita masih berpeluang menikmati
Juadah, minuman yg panas, juga sejuk, bersama keluarga tersayang, dengan suasana harmony, cuaca aman
Bersyukurilah kita, bersujud shukurlah kita!

Bayangkan keaadaan saudara kita di Syria, yg berperang saudara untuk Amerika
Saudara kita di Iraq, di Afganistan, di Palestin
Ya Allah ya Tuhan ku
Bantuilah saudaraku disana, mangsa hasutan Syaitan
Yg belum tentu ada makan, minumannya, ya Allah
Dengan ledupan bom seharian, tembak menembak dengan senjata Syaitan
Lindungilah anak anak mereka
Sedarkan Ketua ketua mereka yg bertanggung jawab atas perbuatan mereka. Hancurkanlah hasutan luar yg menghancurkan mereka, ya Allah

Rakyat Malaysia harus bersyukur
Kita terbuka dengan tersedianya korma yg datang dari sana
Mereka disana belum tentu dapat jamah korma mereka sendiri

Maka ada apa himpunan Haram seperti Bersih 1- 10
Harus kita Harami
Harus kita Laknati
Kerana inilah punca kehancuran
Idea's Gravatar Idea
July 31, 2012 at 9:40 pm | Permalink

Agree.
mubarakchan's Gravatar mubarakchan
July 31, 2012 at 8:13 pm | Permalink

Tun

Malaysians are indeed fortunate to live in a country which has a fairly normal environment.

As yet I would not like to encourage them to pat themselves on the shoulder because events in the political arena might turn such an idyllic and peaceful scenario into chaos and destruction like Sri Lanka in the 1970s after they emerged from the cocoon of colonialism in the early 1950s.

It was wealth and politics too. Some of the politicians were very rich.

To keep our beloved country's peace, stability and prosperity, it takes a lot of hard work by the right political leaders working together with the Rakyat.

What we see in Malaysia today and about all the better side of life as mentioned by you, was the stewardship and leadership through the years since Merdeka by successive BN Governments, especially your famous 22 year Administration which formed the bulwark for the thrust to next level.

This next level will only happen if the Malaysians support the BN because the 6 leaders of the Opposition do not have the luxury of time even though we all expect to live up to 100 years, not because of the good doctors but the good medicine !

The BN inheritors of this great legacy must do their job responsibly and ably.

To be a great leader as shown by you, Tun, is a 24 hour job. The hopes and expectations of a Nation with a population of 27 Millions fall on the shoulders of the top leader. There is no running away from this.

Once, the wayang stops and no goodies flow down the slippery slope of the power pyramid in a diverse population in our country, we can only expect trouble, one way or another. There are the disinheritors ready to duel and exploit the smallest weaknesses of the incumbents !

The problem was that you made the job of being the top leader looked so easy. But these inheritors thought they could do it just as well if not better, just like driving a car – a dual dimensional exercise. In fact, it is worse than flying a plane for a politician who really must be professional – politics is without any dimension ! This was where your medically trained mind came into play and those who tried to copy, found they failed because they lived in another world.

Little did they know that you thought about a problem a long time and made a fast decision at the right time ! This also made you thought you were talking to these folks on the 88th floor but in fact, their minds were right down in the basement !

A veteran politician once advised me that those who eventually hold the reins of power and responsibility should preferably come from the right background to walk the corridors of power.

Yes ! Our beloved Malaysia has not many natural disasters unlike other countries. But we are on the verge of creating a huge one or shoot ourselves in the foot if we vote the wrong party.

The BN has come a long way despite natural fault lines of the populace. This is why it is so important that BN should and must rule as a referee to divide an ever increasing cake which was not baked since 2003 – it is still in the oven !

Compared with a neighbouring superlative country, Malaysia since Merdeka of 1957 e.g.

1. Did not have a blood-stained Foreign Policy whereby money was used as an investment resulting in the killing, and maiming of innocent men, women, and children. You have no blood on your hands.
2. Did not lose US \$108 Billions of the citizens' Trust money on Wall Street in October 2008 without a meritocratic pyramid.
Vide. Channelnewsasia. Lee Kuan Yew. November 2008. All Singaporean Blogs. 2009 to 2012. Financial Times London. Gillian Tett. 'Singapore's Harvard Model' April 2010.
3. Humanity and multi-culturalism were always practised since the Royal Sultans of yore and successive BN Governments.
4. Did not impose a two-child family policy on the population in contravention of the United Nations Universal Charter of Human Rights especially Clause 16.
5. The sovereignty, national interest and self-esteem were safe-guarded.
6. The Malaysian Judiciary System is fair and just to safeguard the life and blood of a mighty Nation. Vide. Admiral Canaris.
7. The top leader did not line his pocket legally or illegally.

There are many more deeds of the BN which did make the lives of all Malaysian easier. Much much more can be done if other major parties really put themselves to the wheel of progress in the BN and not only look nice in colour photos in the media and also a free ride.

We may have to work for our free lunch if we do not understand what the BN has done for the country.

Mistakes can always be corrected. We are human beings.

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Salam Tun

22. To be in power for 56 years is a long time. But look at the progress. No other developing country has made such progress.//

1-So true.We actually only started to be developed after 1965 after the separation with the already second highest GDP in Asia,Singapore.

2-For the info of those who doesn't know Singapore was a stand alone state from 1957 to 1963.She was not part of Malaya yet but being a British crown colony she was very developed,unlike Malaya.She was very very rich even before joining us.That is why she was so arrogant.

3-So the fact that today many foreigners see Malaysia is just a bigger Singapore,is a testimony we have actually made real outstanding progress nations who have achieved independence 10 years earlier like India and Indonesia could attest.

4-Nobody had contributed more to this dramatic development quite like our beloved Tun and his twenty two years legacy.How lucky we Malaysians are to be blessed with this mission unstoppable man.

5-Maybe Najib is another God sent to Malaysia like all the rest. So far he has shown real hardwork to get the votes very unlike his predecessor who was lulled by the 'kami sayang Pxx Lxx' rhetoric.

6-I do notice that his wife Rosmah is getting less coverage now or is it that I am only imagining? If Najib is willing to give the Opposition say fair media coverage before the election I think that would make him look more credible and appreciated by the people on the fence.

7-I believe BN is our only hope to go forward in these troubled time to come which I predict will be truly "unchartered territories." In this moment of economic disaster to come we need a party that have the experience dealing with unexpected financial crisis before.

8-This marriage of strange bedfellows will be heading for divorce the moment they enter into these challenging times. All of them have no experience nor clue whatsoever as to what to do. One party may decide on a socialist solution while the other their version of an Islamic solution, in the end all they will only choose the easy way they are very good at - just blame the BN for the mess the nation is in and hope to get away.

9-This is definitely not be the time to be experimenting with a new political leadership esp with amateurs. Maybe PRU14 or 15 be the time, if the BN has not shown much change as we would desire. We would still the boss by then, if we are still around.

Thanks Tun
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Assalamualaikum Tun dan semua,

For a second I thought Tun was predicting the coming end of the world. But Tun was reminding all to beware of people may turn this country toward the end of life as we are living in.

We should be thankful to the way our life in Malaysia, of course it can be better. We can practice our religion freely... especially so to the muslim. The issue that part muslim is which practice is 'more islamic'. The more islamic then tends to brand the 'lesser one' as unislamic.

The same applies to democracy. Where the perfect democracy?... our democracy may not be perfect but it has served us better up to now. Our democracy is evolving... some may be getting unpatient.

Jangan sampai marah nyamuk kelambu di bakar... rumah terbakar sekali... hidup diteruskan dengan merempat dan meminta-minta...

Sempena bulan Ramadan ini, sama-sama kita berdoa agar negara ini dan rakyatnya sentiasa dilindungi dari perpecahan dan kemusnahan.

Selamat berbuka Tun dan semua.
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well explained Tun! Eye opener as always..

Just hope the government is NOT rushing in implementing GST. Recently, lots of pro-articles were published and giving STUPID examples of tax reduction for restaurants, hotels, clubhouses & etc2. BUT, middle-to-low income people are NOT going to spend their money into EXPENSIVE restaurants, hotels, clubhouses & etc2. PLEASE open ur eyes...!!! Hope the 56 years experience will not be the end... as pension year is 55..LOL

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Truly agree Tun. May be if Malaysia still wants 'change' to happen and bring Arab Spring home, in 50 years they will realize, what a fool they are and how lucky they were to have a leader like you in history. I cannot imagine if we stop developing or if the government has to fight with its people like the Syrian government. Our people who are easily influenced and mudah lupa..

Ramadhan kareem and blessing of Allah be upon you.

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i like yr last note.... or shall i say WARNING>>CODE RED!

but i think in Malaysia now.. instead of Rakyat, Beware of Politicians... it is the other way around now...

:)

Sheikh Faleigh

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