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Cikgu Man breaks monotony with sarcastic, hilarious pantun

VETERAN Umno speaker Ismail Yaakob had delegates and observers in stitches when he presented a pantun with a heavy dose of humour when debating on the presidential address.

Ismail, a committee member of the Langkawi Umno division, popularly known as Cikgu Man, broke the otherwise serious tone of the debates by earlier presenters.

Delegates were amused by nearly all of the four-line pantun verses rendered in a surprisingly smooth flow in his thick Kedah accent.

Ismail also added gestures in his presentation, like pinching his bottom and holding a gun in the air.

He obviously caught everyone's attention with his witty and sometimes sarcastic rendition of the pantun, which directly or indirectly touched on the economic problems, social issues, education and politics.

Some of the verses had both Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim giving each other bemused looks. They read:

Yang dok kenyang, kaki dok ampu  
Boss berhenti kereta, dia buka pintu  
Apa boss kata, semua nombor satu  
Boss makan tulang, daging dia sapu