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Scram, Soros, scam

CURRENCY trader George Soros appears to be gripped by delusional speculation when he calls for the ouster of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the release of his former deputy, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Like Al Gore and his ilk, Soros has underestimated the rakyat's capacity to reject external interference much less meddling from a man who enriches himself by ravaging the currencies of sovereign countries. The animation of discussions on the economic and political situations in Malaysia has worn as aspects which suggest they do not think Malaysians can think freely.

We deem the occasion proper to declare that we, Malaysians, jealously guard our rights of self-determination and we do not wish to be enslaved by foreign forces. We vehemently reject any fellow-citizen who becomes a Trojan horse of the West.

In making such calls, they display a spirit hostile to liberty itself and the self-determination of the rakyat who give the Dr Mahathir-led Government the mandate to run the country. A spirit contracted in its views and selfish in its objects. A mean spirit obsessed with the removal of one man, Dr Mahathir, even to the destruction of the interests of the entire nation.

We find it hard to believe that these people expect the rakyat to surrender themselves to the interest of the few, who are approved by the West to assume the mantle of leadership. Worse, they expect us to trample on the injunctions of moral and constitutional obligations and to engage in plans of vindictive hostility against the Dr Mahathir-led Government. The question is: should the control of the Government be thrown into the hands of those who have recently and persistently tried to destroy it and plunge the country into chaos with their vague calls of reformasi?

We will not stomach such drivel. The likes of Gore and Soros are adversaries seeking to test the rakyat's will and confound the nation's resolve in charting its own destiny. Their professed vigilance for human and political liberty is selective and designed to serve their own selfish ends. It is reminiscent of the colonial master's avarice, who attack the citadel of rule in easy search for gold.

We are fully aware of the hostile foreign forces determined to undermine the country, its people and leaders. It is a "give 'em hell" crusade, directed at Dr Mahathir. Some scholars and fund managers pick up the crusade, regardless of the justice of the enterprise and the fatal consequences to the citizenry. There may well be a conspiracy, maybe led by the US which no longer abide by Eisenhower's dictum of "enlightened self-interest" but corrupted self-interest. This covert aggression is sheer cowardice. But we realise the enemy in the rear is more pernicious than the honourable enemy in front.

Dr Mahathir is accused of deploying economics in service of politics. But is it right to use economics in the exclusive service of foreign powers' economic interests? Our economic measures have brought some relief to the public. The lowering of interest rates has allowed many to keep a roof over their heads. We say: don't use free marketism and promises of relief to swindle Malaysians of their constitutional rights to elect anybody. There will be no prostitution of our flag and our dignity as a nation.

True, Soros does not know Dr Mahathir or even Malaysia. But since the day he rammed the pound in 1992, all know Soros and his iron heel which mercilessly trammel on currencies. He cuts himself as democracy's defender but we reckon his moral philosophy, as propounded in his denouncement of the laissez-faire capitalism doctrine, does not necessarily accord him the automatic access to moral truths and rash judgments. We are puzzled how a key player in an immoral market is not guilty of complicity.

Malaysians are not suffering from "the bitter fruit of a leader too long in power". That's his figment of imagination and Soros can keep his poppycock himself.

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