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Think again, don't be so gullible as to fall for slogans

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I READ with interest how a philosophical figure like Chandra Muzaffar could fail to address a balanced picture in his letter to the NST on Sept 18.

Did Chandra miss the fact that it was last year that NST front-page headlines saw Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim saying "Liars beware!" Liars, as I do recall, meant by Anwar are those who charge someone with corruption but are unable to substantiate it with evidence.

Failure to provide evidence saw Anwar further saying that the authorities have the right to charge the person with false reporting. The law earlier allowed charges to be made by the man in the street, whistle blowers, etc, without fear or prejudice but without may not have the means or resources to provide proof (which in fact is the task of authorities as part of their investigation into any allegation).

Don't bother refuting by saying that it was the Government as Anwar was the Government then and was the proponent of this change in law and vehemently sent the message across to all ordinary citizens including people like you, Chandra.

You, Chandra, are a fair person but don't fall for chameleons. When the law suited him it was justice even at the expense of citizens with integrity who wished to uphold justice but may end up being labelled as so-called "liars" by Anwar.

In all due fairness, the truth shall always prevail and history has proven it time and time again.

Our beloved Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad continues in his relentless effort to bring about real reforms, dynamism and convergence of our society and why are we so blind in recognising this? Are we so gullible to fall for cheap "Reformasi" slogans? Even being though hit by the economic turmoil, we still have food on our plates and can even afford some luxury. These are blessings that can only translate from good and wise leadership.

Our beloved Prime Minister may be strict and tough in action but he is foremost a Muslim and understands the Islamic tenets no less, perhaps even more, than others.

That is why we, being a society of generally mild way of life, find it difficult to adjust when such turn of events take place. Some may be scared and confused but let time take its course. Don't be too quick to react.

Prevention is better than cure and that was what took place for the better of our future.