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What they say about issues that matter

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CALLS For Reform:

Hishammuddin: "People asked me: 'Were you not disgusted by what Tan Sri Rahim (Noor, the former Inspector-General of Police) did?' Of course, I am, but my priority then was to keep the (Youth) movement intact. What's wrong is wrong, and what Rahim did was wrong, and he's got to be dealt with because we're talking about the institution that needs to be preserved for the next generation.

"Again, there are channels within the party system to bring about change. And change must be gradual, evolutionary and constructive, not revolutionary and destructive. And calls for change must be sincere, not tainted by political motives and agenda."

Khaled: "I would like to see change for the betterment of society ... by the process of evolution. But Umno's objectives must remain constant. Also, I can't help thinking ... before he (Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim) was sacked, everything was okay with the Government. Now nothing is right and he was part and parcel of Government decisions."

Mustapa: "The opposition is exploiting the issue. For example the police, there are one or two bad hats but on the whole, our police are quite professional. A few may have stepped out of line but they (opposition) blow it all out of proportion at ceramah. We have to have confidence in our institutions."

Shafie: "I am concerned about what people are saying about the police and the judiciary. But I think the judiciary is quite independent. As for the police, there is a need for some improvement."

Shahrizat: "I've people telling me that when Justice (Augustine) Paul stands down, he is actually calling Dr Mahathir for instructions. I'm sick of this type of talk. The paranoia is incredible!

"All of us have responsibilities and functions ... if only each of us would discharge our duties ably, honestly and with integrity and not always blame others. If you're a judge, judge wisely; if you're a lawyer, defend or prosecute professionally; if you're a government servant, give your best; if you're a politician, work with integrity."

Nungsari: "Umno must take this opportunity to address some of these issues. We have paid the price - why not get the most out of it to be better and stronger. A party this old must have the resiliency and confidence to undergo a bit of self-criticism. The mere act of doing so would have convinced a segment of society of our strength."