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AND  
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*SCANDAL*

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## INTRODUCTION

This second enlarged edition of my 'Selected Speeches & Press Statements - April to May 1992' appears under the title 'Samy Vellu and the MAIKA Scandal'.

It includes a new section carrying four extracts from the Hansards of the Dewan Rakyat during the May 1992 Parliament which show how the DAP's expose of the \$120 million MAIKA Telekom shares hijacking scandal led to the unholy conspiracy by Barisan Nasional Ministers and MPs with MIC President, Datuk Seri Samy Vellu, to suspend me from Parliament until the end of the year.

I said in Parliament on 28 April 1992 that press control, censorship and manipulation have become so serious that Malaysians are entitled to ask: "Are the Malaysian press only free to print lies but not free to publish the truth?"

The Barisan Nasional-controlled press, both electronic and printed, blacked out the DAP's speeches and statements, and Barisan Nasional leaders blamed the DAP for being silent.

This was what the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad did yesterday.

The New Straits Times today reported Dr. Mahathir as accusing me of being anti-Islam, stating that "until today, Dr. Mahathir had not heard Lim's opinion on the suffering of Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina" and the remark by Dr. Mahathir: "Is it all right for Bosnian Muslims to be oppressed? If it involves the non-Muslims, it will become an

issue and we are very sad about this."

In actual fact, in the past one week alone, I had issued four press statements condemning the Serbian atrocities and genocide of the Muslims in Bosnia and demanding international action to save the Muslims in Bosnia.

The New Straits Times, Star, the Radio and Television all blacked these statements, and when Dr. Mahathir falsely accused me of being silent on the suffering of the Muslims in Bosnia, they gave this false accusation big play although they knew its falsity.

Malaysians cannot depend on the Barisan Nasional-controlled mass media, both electronic and printed, for basic facts and informations anymore, and this is why this book is published to break the press blackout against DAP in Malaysia.



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Petaling Jaya  
17 August, 1992*

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