

State election a test for Sarawakians
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It is good for those of us who have got disgusted at the inaction of the authorities in the face of all the exposes on the corrupt rule of Taib Mahmud and his cronies. It gives hope that what is not acted on by the authorities shall be judged in the arena of public opinion. If Taib Mahmud does not get his two-thirds majority in the Sarawak state assembly it should hasten his retirement.

Good? For those of us who have been disheartened by the turbulent and stormy seas surrounding the PR coalition, this state election brings hope that it shall breathe some hope that PR will be able to put up a creditable performance come GE13.

Granted all the exposes on the excesses of Taib, his family members and cronies, there ought to be a backlash of public opinion against his 30 years of misrule. The impounded bibles issue and the Allah controversy should open the eyes of Sarawakian Christians in particular and all non-Muslims in general that the Umnoputras do not practise what they preach!

Freedom to practise our religion is only in name, the Umnoputras are using every rule in the book to force their values and morals on the non-Muslims.

Bad? With the BN's immense resources, both governmental and private, it will be another buy-election on a state-wide level. The opposition shall not be able to match the candies and carrots dished out by the Umnoputras. Make no mistake about it, Taib and his cronies are Umnoputras through and through.

So, will the disadvantaged and development-deprived rakyat again bite the bait and return Taib and his cronies with a two-thirds majority in the state assembly? This will then demoralise the opposition even further.

Who knows? The Lord works in mysterious ways. Perhaps a bashing at the Sarawak state election will bring Anwar to his senses. Raja Petra has alluded many times to Anwar's misguided handling of the politics of Sabah and Sarawak, trying to impose leaders not accepted at the local level there.

With GE13 looming and the acknowledged importance of the Sabah and Sarawak parliamentary seats if Pakatan is to harbour any realistic hope of evicting the Umnoputras from Putrajaya, perhaps, just perhaps Anwar shall then put the PKR act together in East Malaysia.

A slight detour but I draw inspiration from the UN sanctioned actions to protect civilians rebelling against Gaddafi rule in Libya. It shows that the international community will not stand idly by when a dictator uses his control of the military might of its country to mow down opposition to its rule.

I am sure this is reassuring to many rakyat who have reservations about booting the Umnoputras from Putrajaya because they control the security forces. The Umnoputras have shown themselves as having no inhibitions to use force on unarmed protestors.

This action by the UN should make any Umnoputra harbouring the thought of employing the security forces to boost the regime should it lose political power to have second thoughts. Who knows?

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