

RCI not meant to be used for political vendatta
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The intended proposal by Nazri Abdul Aziz to set a royal commission of inquiry to identify the actor in the pornographic recording brought about by three stooges shows that politicians have come to a stage where the political obsession to bring down a politician, has clouded the truth on the real intentions of the video recording.

It has made the search for the truth seem manipulative and selective.

This is evident when Nazri only suggested the identification of the main protagonist in video rather than taking a broader look at the issues that involves intention and motives of those behind the recordings.

It is puzzling that major scandals that has brought about the loss of millions of ringgit in public funds such as the PKFZ scandal, and the Sime Darby fiasco, does not warrant a royal commission of inquiry.

But a pornographic recording that could bring about a political score and a negative public perception of an individual opposition leader, warrants a royal commission of inquiry.

The question is: will all politicians who get caught up with sex scandals in the future be required to be investigated by a royal commission of inquiry?

How does one draw a line about sexual morals when some act in secret and get away with it, while others get caught?

Is there going to be moral policing from now on or, on the other hand, pornographic recordings would be encouraged from now on to nab politicians?

Has the public funds required to set up the royal commission of inquiry become so available that it can be spent on the whims and fancies of politicians with hidden agenda?

The right thing that should have been done in this episode was to hand over the tape to the police for investigation which could have been resolved through professionalism in determining whether the laws of the country had been broken, instead of parading unproven allegations in public that has not only embarrassed a family but also turned the issue into a political circus.

The questionable privilege given to the trio does not benefit the nation because at the end of the day, public perception would take precedence over the real truth not only about who's the person involved in the act but also the motive and intention of producing pornography of this nature in the first place.

The central issue in this unpleasant episode is the obsession to topple Dato Seri Anwar Ibrahim at all cost. The end justifies the means.

A political vendetta against an individual through hypocritical morality would not inspire public confidence.

A royal commission of inquiry should only be set up on issues of great public interest that involves governance. It is not to clear the name of political parties or to bring down individuals.

Therefore the suggestion to set a royal commission of inquiry for this episode is unwarranted because it does not meet the criteria of public interest on real issues such as corruption and abuse of power but rather a personality oriented political vendetta.

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