

Najib's 1M'sia now a 1Tupperware circus
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Since last Sunday, Najib Razak has not only abandoned his duties as prime minister for a consecutive period of six days, he has also instructed his whole cabinet of ministers to do the same and to camp in Sarawak for the state general elections until polling day on Saturday.

Clearly Najib has lost confidence in the ability of the Sarawak Chief Minister, Abdul Taib Mahmud to secure the election results desired by the prime minister.

But this has another far-reaching national implication - transforming the Sarawak state general election into a national contest, putting on the line the Barisan Nasional's national policies and record as well as the prime minister's programme, personal popularity and political reputation.

The two issues voters of Sarawak are being asked to decide this Saturday are: firstly, at the Sarawak level whether Taib should go, not in two, three or five years' time but on Saturday, April 16, 2011 itself; and at the national level, whether to end Umno's political hegemony in Malaysian politics to give way to the new politics of freedom, justice, accountability, transparency and good governance spearheaded by Pakatan Rakyat.

Najib's signature policy is the 1Malaysia policy. In a matter of two years, Najib's 1Malaysia policy and concept suffered two fatal blows.

Firstly, when Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin turned the 1Malaysia policy into a farce by declaring that he is "Malay first, Malaysian second" when I challenged him in Parliament to declare his stand in March last year - totally in contradiction to the 1Malaysia objective to create a Malaysian nation where every Malaysian will regard himself or herself as Malaysian first and race, religion, geographical region or socio-economic status second.

The second fatal blow to Najib's 1Malaysia policy is its 'transformation' and degradation into a '1T-Shirt 1-Tupperware' circus - as evident by Najib's start of the six-day campaigning in Kuching on Sunday night.

It was a most shameful spectacle - the degeneration of Najib's 1Malaysia concept to unite Malaysians into a 1T-shirt 1-Tupperware circus!

But that's not all, Najib's suspension of the federal cabinet and mobilisation of all the cabinet ministers to campaign in the Sarawak state general elections have also presented Sarawakians and Malaysians with another curious political spectacle: SUPP president George Chan and the SUPP leaders are now waiting to be saved by MCA's Chua Soi Lek and Gerakan's Koh Tsu Koon!