

Why Perkasa and Dr Mahathir are still relevant

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Lately, we have seen the much hyped antics of these characters to the chagrin of most Malaysians.

They have gone on cue with their endless charade on Ketuanan Melayu by threatening others -even the toothless coalition parties of Umno.

Naturally under the protection of Umno, these characters are immune as they continue their farcical endeavor to incite and create divisions between Malaysians under the guise of Malay rights.

These characters has done nothing useful other than to keep reminding us that they need to keep Umno afloat at all cost.

Sure many see Perkasa and Hindraf in the same light. But then again, many fail to see that Hindraf arose for genuine reasons faced by the minority Malaysian Indians in their socio-economic development, due to discrimination and their marginalised position in the community.

Perkasa did not rise because of this reason but because Dr Mahathir, realised that present day Umno, with its own power struggles going on internally, was not ready to embrace him, so he needed to find another avenue, therefore Perkasa was born.

Dr Mahathir realised that Hindraf as a non-political organisation was successful in advocating rights for Malaysian Indians and contributed towards the tsunami in GE12.

He therefore supports Perkasa as a similar force for Malays and maintain his political legitimacy as Umno has shut the doors on him.

The sad part of the affair is the Malays really had no grievances but ones created to serve Dr Mahathir and his fancies.

Today, Perkasa and Dr Mahathir endeavor to cajole the Malay majority and intimidate the minorities, not because the Malays are going to lose their privileges but rather to ensure that his legacy is steadfast in the mind of Malaysians.

But the actions of Perkasa and Dr Mahathir help Malaysians to see how their artificial agenda works against human conscience and humanity.

The minorities in our country had endured much to ensure that our majority Malay population can share the cake with us. They are part of our family in Malaysia and we, the minorities, are for them as well.

In one of my recent travels I met an Egyptian businessman who had participated in the recent revolution in Egypt. I asked him if the people had a preference for who should be in power -Mubarak or the opposition.

He told me there is no opposition; all those who opposed had only one thing in their mind. "This is my country, this is my people, we decided to oppose because the leaders were messing around with the people although it is a homogeneous country."

He said, the opposition had no leaders, but worked to ensure equality for people in the nation.

The recent turn of events in the Middle East, carry lessons for Malaysians in that the more Perkasa and Dr Mahathir advocate the supremacy of race over nation for their own needs, the better the public educates itself to embrace humanity for a nation which cherishes its citizens irrespective of race, religion,

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