

## **Umno, where have all the good men gone?**

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Without pandering into the state of the present day Umno, I really don't care if Umno wins or Pakatan wins but in fairness for all Malaysians, our elected representatives should ensure policies and governance implemented is able to ensure just and fair treatment for all Malaysian irrespective of their origin.

We had fair and wise leaders in Umno's yesteryears like Onn Jaafar, Tunku Abdul Rahman, Ismail Abdul Rahman, Abdul Razak and Hussain Onn, yet what we face with the current bred of Umno leaders is a neocolonialism of non-Muslim Malaysians courtesy of Dr Mahathir.

They were leaders who took risks to effect the desired change, no matter how great the challenges at that time in fairness without playing the racial political game that we observe with the current Umno breed.

As for the Pakatan faction who seems to enjoy their limited power seems all divided as preference is again their game plan to emulate Umno.

### **A very resounding statement by Ismail:**

"Why did we fight for Merdeka? So that the different races can be divided? That can't be the way, right? That can't be why all these great Malay and Umno leaders fought for this ... Something is wrong..."

I hope the new discussions will start. Why are we building Malaysia? What kind of Malaysia are we building? What kind of symbol is Malaysia supposed to be?

The power and money politics initiated by Dr Mahathir encouraging nepotism, bribery, corruption had totally paralysed the nation from its true objective of impartiality for the citizenry of the nation since 1980. Absolute domination and unbalanced policies in the socio-development against certain segments of the society has brought about the uprise of Hindraf, Orang Asli issues etc.

Dr Mahathir had to swallow his own pride when his own mismanagement of the nation led him to lose a divisional seat in 2006. He probably realised at that juncture that nobody seems to be invincible when nepotism, bribery, corruption is at play and realised that he had imbibed a culture of selfish leaders within Umno who are focussed on their personal wealth and well being as oppose to the development of the nation.

The recent uproar of Perkasa and Utusan Malaysia under the guidance of Dr Mahathir again is a dim reminder of the current mentality of Umno leaders who seem to observe silence with their toothless alliance, unlike the originators of Umno who ruled without fear or favour.

I am sure we may find goodness in Umno leaders or any leader for the matter if fair play is in place, rather than one stroking farcical notion like what we have seen lately with Perkasa and Utusan Malaysia. We have seen this in the pre-Mahathir Umno leaders and I see no reason why the current crop of Umno leaders cannot emulate their predecessors.

Umno or Pakatan, it does not really matter as long as the elective legislators play their role in fairness without their typical melodrama and self interest but addressing the issues in hand for the betterment of the nation as a whole for all.