

Utusan and Ibrahim Ali: Above the law?

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I refer to the recent statement by the Prime Minister in an Oxford lecture that moderation is the best course of action.

My question is, if the prime minister can make such a statement, why is there no firm action taken against Utusan like suspending the editors?

Especially when they carried the ridiculous report of a Christian state conspiracy between the church and a DAP leader?

It only proves that Utusan is untouchable due to its ownership by Umno. By the same token, the prime minister would be reluctant to even punish Ibrahim Ali because of his links to Umno.

It is clear that the prime minister is playing a dangerous game of inciting religious hatred and causing a 'fear psychology' to the Malays that Islam is under threat from other faiths.

It all boils down to one thing, that the 1Malaysia concept is an utter failure and that Umno can never change but need to be removed in the next general election.

This is quite similar to the Christian headgear issue worn by Tengku Razaleigh which caused fear among the Malays in the 1990 general elections and ensured the retention of the two-thirds majority of BN in Parliament.

It also proves that Umno is being two-faced and that people like Ibrahim Ali and Utusan will continue to use the race and religion cards to incite hatred and fear in the people until the next general election, as long as there is no firm action by the government.

This lack of action may risk further damage, as the previous incident of firebombing of a church in Desa Malawati proved last year over the "Allah" issue.

It is such people like Ibrahim Ali who feel insecure just by relying on unsubstantiated reports by Utusan with no basis whatsoever.

It would be inconceivable to even think that anyone in their right frame of mind would conspire to set up a Christian State when they are only a minority.

As such, Umno's refusal to brand Ibrahim Ali an 'extremist' proves two things to be true of BN - that 1Malaysia is a sham and Najib's premiership is two-faced.

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