

Najib, nothing to be proud of in handling Bersih
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This is a message to Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak and inspector-general of police Ismail Omar.

The progress or collapse of a government is very much dependent on its leadership. Leaders are not born leaders, but leaders are made leaders. Sometimes a leader has to be elected among the limited choice of candidates that the rakyat has.

Elected leaders must be ethical. Ethical in every sense, even if they have to make decisions against their own will. Ethical leaders should be honest in making every decision responsibly, for each and every decision they made, power to implement the correct and right decision and loyalty responsible entrust to them by rakyat.

Leaders should have the ability to make moral judgments that are sensitive, and pro-active. Leaders should not be dictators. History shows not even a single country in the world has progressed with a dictatorial leadership in the long run.

Najib should not feel proud of himself thinking his decisions were right and the best, when there is a negligible sign of improvement in our country under his leadership.

Remember, the negligible improvement that can be seen is due to how low we had sunk under the dismal leadership of Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, and you have struggled just to raise us from being at the worst levels, to bad.

Regarding the July 9 Bersih rally, what the rakyat want is just honest and transparent elections. Why are you so scared to fulfill that demand? You might say there are many other channels to discuss the matter instead of carrying out street demonstrations.

If so, why has nothing been done on Bersih's demands for electoral reform since 2007, after Bersih's first street demonstration? What else can the rakyat do if the government simply ignores this fair and reasonable demand?

Please bear in mind that even with a month of BN and the police's detailed and comprehensive planning, topped off with the government's threats and the fear instilled in the rakyat through the government-controlled media, thousands of rakyat still gathered and marched on 9 July.

This shows the rakyat are not satisfied with the current electoral process. The police force took your instructions and behaved like gangsters using water cannons, tear gas and violence to disperse the crowd. Do you think by doing this you have made an intelligent decision and acted to solve the problem?

Definitely not; you have only create more hatred among the rakyat towards the government and the police force. Please tell us, even with what police have done to the crowd, did any demonstrator damage any public property or act violently against any policeman (except to protect themselves from police violence)?

Did the demonstrators use parangs, molotov cocktails and other weapons if they had already prepared them as the police had earlier claimed?

The police claim they found hidden Bersih shirts with weapons at a few locations, so have they managed to link these to any Bersih demonstrators? There is no doubt the whole thing was staged by the police to damage Bersih's image.

The police and the BN government had blamed Bersih demonstrators for causing massive traffic jams and inconvenience to the public. But the jams and inconvenience were not caused by the Bersih

demonstration but by the police roadblocks and diversions of traffic, the spot checks on every single individual entering KL, by the police units and their trucks and water cannons.

The police might say the whole thing would not have happened if Bersih had followed the suggestion to demonstrate in Shah Alam stadium. Do you think Malaysians are stupid and will listen to your excuse?

Let me ask one thing, Bersih had agreed to change their plan from a street demonstration to Stadium Merdeka, but the police later denied them a permit. Do we believe the police would issue a permit for Shah Alam stadium?

No we don't! The BN government and police would probably have given some other excuse. We already can see the proof: the police had already prepared a letter rejection for Merdeka stadium even before Bersih had applied.

Our Malaysian police must be the most efficient and intelligent police force in the world because they can predict applications before applications are received!

In reality, the whole Bersih rally would have taken place and would have been over peacefully within three hours without any incidents and inconvenience to the public, if Bersih had been allowed to hold it in Stadium Merdeka as they had compromised.

Do you think the public still praises your leadership and would keep you in government in the next general election?

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