

Najib pressing the self-destruct button
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Over the past few months, we have all seen the steep decline of our prime minister, from calling on the youth to "defend Putrajaya" as though the nation is expecting an invasion, to being unable to back up his own 1Malaysia policy when asked by a student at a recent Malaysian Student Leader's Summit.

It truly seems that Najib is unable to do anything right at the moment.

First he outright attacked the opposition parties claiming that they would destroy this nation and that BN is the shining light to guide the nation forward.

Then he asked the youth of the nation to help defend Putrajaya against the opposition.

This is nothing short of pretentious, as though Umno/BN has the divine right to govern this country ad infinitum.

This was quickly followed by Bersih 2.0, where he exposed himself as a lame duck leader.

Instead of assuming a non-partisan role and showing true leadership, he aligned himself more as Umno president than the prime minister of Malaysia by demonising the coalition as an "illegal organisation" and stooping so low to the extent of roping in mosque ceramah's to spread their propaganda of the so-called "perhimpunan haram".

His handling of Bersih 2.0 was nothing short of despicable.

If he truly recognised the event to be a national crisis, he himself should have been in Kuala Lumpur that day to defuse the situation.

Instead, he found himself in Terengganu, with his tail between his legs, smiling at a co-op event, as though he found the hyped-up illegal rally in Kuala Lumpur to be a mere inconvenience to his schedule.

In the lack of true leadership, he "tai-chied" all of the responsibility onto his cousin's shoulders.

Hishammudin didn't fare much better, especially with his justification of the clampdown on civil liberties, to the extent that those who knew him declared him as sounding "mentally impaired"!

As though this was not bad enough, the cover up of Tung Shin Hospital, the police violence and the subsequent spread of lies through the media caused a self-inflicted international black eye.

Ignoring all of this, he proceeded to meet the Queen of England who wore a stunning yellow dress, just in case he failed to get the message.

Although he had managed to establish ties with the Vatican, his subsequent comments to the Christian community did little to them to endear him, especially when he implied that Christians were intolerant, when that clearly is not the case.

His wife's extravagance distanced him further from the grassroots.

Allegations that she purchased a US\$24 million ring sent shock waves through the community, especially at a time that the Rakyat were told to tighten their belts in the midst of reduced subsidies and rising prices.

Compound this with the Scorpene scandal and the announcement of the intent to purchase billions of Ringgit worth of fighter planes we do not need, hardly resonates with his motto of "Rakyat Didahulukan,

Pencapaian Diutamakan" (People First, Performance Now).

The Teoh Beng Hock RCI report, the detention of the EO6 and finally his inability to back up his own 1Malaysia concept as he does not want to be seen in conflict with his deputy, has earned him the title of "The Lamest Premier" by DAP national publicity secretary Tony Pua.

I am inclined to agree with Tony, as I doubt I have ever seen a less decisive head of state, who fails to get even his own cabinet to sing the same tune.

With impending polls ahead, Umno and Najib have good reason to sweat. The blatant inability to handle the affairs of the nation has stirred up the sentiments of a generally politically-apathetic population.

As for all the hype with his Economic Transformation Plan and Pemandu, National Key Result Areas and what-not, all the rakyat knows is that the government is throwing its hard earned money into the proverbial black hole.

The cost of living is on the rise, civil liberties are being trounced on, and corruption, deceit and lies are rampant in this government.

For those who have driven around Kuala Lumpur at night, you would be able to see the Umno building lit up by billions of LEDs proclaiming the achievements of the Umno-led government.

One of them labelled Najib as "Bapa Transformasi". As much as this may be a colossal joke to some, there may be a silver lining as he may inadvertently be responsible for the biggest transformation in the history of our beloved nation.

If Najib continues to delude himself that it is the minority that is vocal in their dissent, and that he has the support of a "silent majority", he is in for a nasty shock come the next polls.

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