

Yesterday a kingmaker, today start a holy war
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YOURSAY 'Another case of the solar-powered Bible and the Christians disguised as imams preaching to the faithfuls in the mosques.'

Christian 'covert' task force targeting Malays

your sayTrumpet Call: This allegation of the existence of a high-powered Christian task force, which appears to be international in its composition, is another scare tactic that former PAS Selangor commissioner Hasan Ali is using to galvanise the Muslims in Malaysia.

If what he says is true then it would improve his diminishing credibility to be more specific with some details possibly names so that we can be convinced that it is not another fictitious strategy by Christians to proselytise the Muslims.

If no proof is forthcoming, then this wild allegation must be consigned to the rubbish bin as was the case of the solar-powered Bible, the use of community services to convert and the Christians disguised as imams preaching to the faithfuls in the mosques.

These fanatical lunatics are getting more and more ludicrous and their allegations are getting more laughable.

Swkdayaks: Religious leaders should lead by example. If leaders preach hatred against others or against people of other faiths, such leaders cannot be leaders.

If leaders lead by good example, surely and naturally, others will follow or will be attracted to them or to what they preached. If leaders are greedy, corrupt, abuse their power and are arrogant, who would want to follow them or accept what they preached?

Come on Hasan Ali, you are not a small kid. You are supposed to be a motivator. If you are complaining of Muslims not following what you preached, then something is not right with you. Nobody rejects what is good and beneficial to them. Simple logic.

CiViC: My goodness, what is wrong with these people? It seems everyone is at fault, everyone is wrong, it's even the fault of the people for being "shallow" in Islamic knowledge?

What war? What conflicts between Muslims and Christians? What the hell is Selangor exco member Hasan Ali trying to provoke?

And all this while Islam is the one "recruiting" and making it mandatory for some to embrace Islam whether they like it or not, whether they are Christians, Hindu or any other? Please stop playing this dangerous game and stop provoking racial/religious sentiments.

If the Christian community has been quiet all these while, it doesn't mean they are guilty of what had been accused of them and it doesn't mean they can be easily bullied.

Geronimo: This gasbag never fails to amuse me. Before this, it was the solar-operated Bible and now foreigners conducting covert operations in Malaysia to convert Malay Muslims? How far-fetched can you get?

After this, I would not altogether be surprised that he will say Martians have landed to convert Muslims to Christianity. Aiyoh-yoh, please lah.

Marvin: Religious faith is a personal matter, why do you view conversion as the end of the world to a certain race?

Nil: Malays and Muslims cannot change their religion, so Christians trying to convert them are wasting their time. From Christianity's point of view, it is God who converts [via His Grace in Jesus Christ] and when that happens, you cannot do anything about it.

Ashoka PJ: Hasan Ali, just provide at least two examples, otherwise I would urge the Christian community to make police reports.

Someone must charge him and claim millions in damages. That should set him right. And nobody actually believes him any more so he can drive himself crazy over his evil hallucinations of proleotyping.

Veritas et Aeuqtias: It should be obvious to all and sundry that this pathetic person has an inferiority complex when it comes to Christianity. Is this the mark a true leader? Kick him out, PAS.

Anonymous: Yesterday, he wanted to be a kingmaker. Today, he wants to start a holy war. This guy is mad. Ignore him.

Malaysiakini should stop giving him coverage. He is making all sorts of ridiculous statements for publicity and hopefully get some naive kampong folks to support his idiotic claims.

Up2U: Buddhists, Taoists and Confucians are easy to convert because we believe that the faith is between oneself and God Almighty. If one's faith is so shallow and he converts to another religion (Christianity or Islam), it's for him to decide.

We do not have a law to say you cannot do that. As Muslims, specifically Malays, are not allowed to convert, why are you so concerned? Hasan Ali, you are nothing but a joke and an embarrassing one.

YF: What is liberalism? A liberal is one who does not hold strongly to the teachings of a faith but provides an alternative view.

Does not Islam preach against racism, coercion in faith, fitnah and corruption? Yet Hasan Ali and his kind hold a liberal stand on these issues that are infecting the ummah in droves but drums up anti-Christian rhetorics instead.

Why? Isn't it obvious this is all done for political reasons rather than for the upholding of Islamic values? So stop the hypocrisy.

PAS needs to be more vocal on this to counter these liberals like Hasan Ali. They are a disease that will weaken PAS into becoming an un-Islamic party bent on practising un-Islamic values such as racism, fitnah and corruption like Umno is today.

It's time for PAS to wake up and fill that void.

The Real Duke: He is the new Saladin... fighting against the crusaders...

Paul Warren: There is one thing that we can all conclude of Hasan Ali's assumptions about his own race and his own religion. Obviously since he assumes a certain vulnerability, he assumes the Malay Muslim is a weak and vulnerable race easily led astray by anyone coming around telling them stories.

Of what value such an assumption serves him is really something worth pondering over. But his failure to acknowledge the Malay Muslim community as a whole, not just in Malaysia, but also those who have moved out of it.

The South African Cape Malays, Sri Lankan Malays and the more recent migrants to Western countries - they have all kept the faith. Maybe not the language or their food. But certainly they do recognise themselves as Malays and count themselves such.

Sure, there are those who have converted out. Many secretly. But how many? Is it really significant?

49boybum: The tactics employed by the current crop of selfish leaders are that they exploit the Malays by falsely highlighting that the Malays are weak in everything.

To the contrary, I think the Malays are smart, generous and a very progressive community if given the opportunity and freedom to do what they want. Unfortunately these selfish leaders keep Malays subdued by depriving everything that are essential so as to ensure relevance and continuity of their leadership.

The Malays now know that all these unfounded statements are attempts to secure brownie points to show relevance as so-called leaders. Malays now want leaders who are sincere and have a clear vision in progressing the nation and not regressing it.

Unfortunately, these types of leaders lack these abilities and therefore they harp on irrelevant issues that will not put food on the table for the common people. When all our neighbours are forging ahead, we are standing still. It's really time for a change.

David Dass: Christian charities and schools are abound in the Muslim world. Christian charities account for a substantial amount of aid work in the world. Christians are required to look after their fellow man without regard to his faith or politics. Jesus himself told the story of the good Samaritan.

Hasan asks Malays to reject the evidence of their eyes and their experience. It is unbelievable that men like Hasan and Ibrahim Ali can command so much space and their views so much currency. People like Hasan compel otherwise quiet and dignified priests like Bishop Paul Tan to speak out.

The voices of our leaders remain mute. All seem afraid to contradict the zealots, lest they seem less resolute in their faith.

Has it come to this? That you can only be a good Muslim if you are in jihad mode - railing and ranting at non-existent Christian crusaders riding white horses with crosses on their backs?

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