

**Umno veterans see the writing on the wall**  
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YOURSAY 'If there is indeed a change of guard, there will be a lot of rats jumping off the sinking ship trying to save themselves.'

Umno veteran: Sodomy verdict alone not sufficient

your sayMfM: I guess many Umno veterans are beginning to see the writing on the wall. The truth is, when they were young, they thought only of the world.

Now that they're old, they begin to think of how people will remember them, something which seems to be absent with former PM Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

It's good to see Umno veterans actually fighting the good fight. During their heydays, Umno was far less corrupt than it is today. They started their political career when Tunku Abdul Rahman and Abdul Razak Hussein were still around in building this country.

Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah and gang seem to realise where the country is headed under PM Najib Razak and Muhyiddin Yassin and know there is the need to put a stop to it.

Only Pakatan Rakyat can do this now as Umno is beyond repair.

The only way Umno will reform is to lose in the general election and become a credible opposition in a viable two-party system.

Lim Chong Leong: The start of something from the judiciary? I wouldn't hold my breath. There is still a copycat judge out there.

The acquittal was because there was no other choice for Najib, as to convict would make the judiciary into an international laughing stock and plunge whatever was left of his popularity into oblivion.

As for Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir's description of the new chief justice, Arifin Zakaria, as being God-fearing, there is no point in that unless he wants to recognise sumpah laknat as a court procedure to prove one's innocence.

2CTS WORTH: Yes sir, Anwar and his gang will bring Malaysia to its glorious days again. The Umno goons' instant trumpeting of the independence of the jury after the verdict is plain hogwash.

You slap a guy everyday, then you cease for one day to say all is well. These are childish and low-grade leaders expecting us to believe in instant change. Nevertheless, instant change of government is not far off.

Absolom: With the winds of change sweeping across the political landscape, there is bound to be a lot more of this type. Perhaps there are no sinister motivations with Abdul Kadir but it's hard to believe.

If there is indeed a change of guard, there will be a lot of rats jumping off the sinking ship trying to save themselves.

Anonymous\_3e21: You are among the very few ministers who really 'buat kerja' and it's good to know that you still care for our country.

Forget about what people want to think about your intentions but I think you were right in your saying that

the judges must now take the opportunity to discharge their duties without fear or favour.

They can see clearly that they have been made pawns in the political game and made a mockery of it as well.

So, let the politicians do their stuff and we the rakyat can sleep well knowing we can trust the judges to do the checks-and-balance.

Cannon: Whoa, who have we here doing a house call? Expect more to come knocking at Pakatan's door now that the end game is coming up. The tawdry, rotten regime is going down and these veterans of Umno know it.

Kelantanese: Out of the blue this chap suddenly appears and is interviewed by Malaysiakini? Now, I can't help but wondering what is he up to? Why not get interviewed by Utusan Malaysia or Berita Harian? Why Malaysiakini? Ermmm...

Gordon Gecko: No crony projects, no perks, no minister's post, no political clout... suddenly the voice of conscience comes from this ex-minister.

It's like a man on his deathbed regretting all the bad deeds he has done in his lifetime, hoping for God to forgive him and granting him a place in Heaven.

Kgen: Give Abdul Kadir a break. Can't an Umno man say something nice about Anwar without being questioned on what he is after?

Wanderer: Yes, why can't an Umno man see beyond politics. At least Abdul Kadir stood up and praised his good friend for his innocence and ability to be a fine leader. Where are the rest of the 'old guards' from Umno. Isn't there only one good man among you? Silence is not golden.

Anonymous\_5fb: Undeniably, there are still 'good' people in Umno, but they have to fight against the 'bad' people in there to make Umno a responsible and respected political party again. Now, no one respects them.

SusahKes: "I hope it is a good start. It is a golden opportunity for the judiciary to put things right and all of us can sleep well."

Yes, Kadir, a golden start is what they also called it when Abdullah Ahmad Badawi feted the likes of former Lord President Salleh Abas and other judges who were affected by the government's prior interference with our judiciary; and what happened after that?

The judiciary showed us where their 'leanings' were in the Perak state grab case.

On one thing you are right: The sodomy verdict alone isn't sufficient; for full rehabilitation, we need Umno to vacate Putrajaya for a few terms. Only then can we Malaysians sleep well.

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