

**Nazri, who's Ambiga? A woman of stature**  
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YOURSAY 'In disparaging Ambiga, the de facto law minister has rejected the voice of the people clamouring for the reform of a decrepit electoral system.'

Nazri: If Bersih 3.0 takes to streets, they'll face the music

your sayCannon: De facto law minister Nazri Abdul Aziz represents the supreme arrogance of Umno.

Umno permits Perkasa and the other right-wing Malay NGOs to hold seditious rallies playing up race and religion to attack the minority ethnic communities, whereas it outlaws Bersih from advocating clean, free and fair elections.

In disparaging Bersih chief Ambiga Sreenevasan as a nobody, Nazri has rejected the voice of the people clamouring for the reform of a decrepit electoral system, a system that is neither clean, free nor fair.

Well-informed Malaysians know that the haste with which the Peaceful Assembly Bill was passed, without any public consultation, was aimed primarily at curbing Bersih 3.0.

Umno is afraid - very afraid - of the people and does not want the rural voters to see the vast number of disaffected Malaysians who are put off by the repression and excesses of the Umno-BN regime.

Nazri's reaction to Bersih demonstrates Umno's implacable hostility to the freedom of peaceful assembly and to the aspirations of the people for electoral reform.

Loyal Malaysian: Who is Ambiga? She is a woman of stature, she has the moral courage to stand up to the intimidations and threats of unscrupulous leaders like you and your party president.

She is the public face of the rakyat seeking change. She is the Umnoputras' worst nightmare as she will not step back in the face of the injustice she sees perpetrated. That's who Ambiga is.

Podeh: Nazri, your continued reference to Ambiga as a "nobody" speaks volumes. Psychologically it's a defensive wall, created by an inferiority complex, most probably of an intellectual origin.

You are hiding behind a massive pillar of arrogance (shouting her down and cursing) but most people can see through you. Like it or not, you are on the receiving end, minister or not, elected or not.

Argue like the lawyer you claim to be; don't just be loud, rude and dismissive.

Ablastine: You are dead wrong, Nazri. Your 'music' will be nothing like the millions from all parts of the country streaming in to attend the Bersih 3.0 march if the call is made. It will likely be the beginning of our Malaysia Spring. If I were you, I would be very attentive to the rakyat's demand for a free and fair election.

Gerard Samuel Vijayan: Nazri has just confirmed that the Peaceful Assembly Act is a ruse. The government will never allow public expressions of dissent, protest and anger even in Najib's 'transformed' democratic Utopia.

The government always knows best because it won just 51 percent of the popular vote in Malaysia (and only 48 percent in Peninsular Malaysia), therefore, it has the 'mandate' of the rakyat to oppress and subjugate us and commit electoral fraud.

Ambiga does not need to take to the streets to get an offer of a seat come GE13. Pakatan Rakyat is more than willing but she has firmly declined such offers because she prefers an unbiased and apolitical NGO platform.

She has a plethora of NGOs supporting her and Bersih together with the vast majority of the 'silent' public, unlike Nazri who retained the Padang Rengas seat with under 1,200 votes.

Working within the system is not the only option in any democracy, especially in corrupt system like ours that has been abused, misused and prostituted by the BN for 55 years.

Jedi\_Who: These Umno MPs think they are all powerful and nobody can question them. They say they are the elected representatives and yet they want to cheat the rakyat by getting re-elected without electoral reforms.

Bluemountains: Nazri, use your brain. Bersih 3.0 would be happiest when you use force on the participants. By all means, use your Federal Reserve Units, tear gas and water cannons.

That's when the whole world will know how kind Umno-BN is - beating up the very people who voted them into power.

Ahmike: "They do not have any business to go to the streets. We have a system of elected representatives that represent the rakyat. A system to go through if you want to improve things. If they want to influence change, they should use the system," stressed Nazri."

But Nazri, the system is corrupted.

Trumpet Call: I take exception with Nazri over his assessment of the locus standi of Ambiga. His remarks about Ambiga smacks of absolute arrogance and a total disrespect of one the sharpest legal minds in this country.

Add on the fact that she is bold and fearless to speak out for justice, Ambiga carries more respect than any member of the Malaysian cabinet. That's the truth.

So, Nazri, it's not about whether one is elected or not. It's all about character and integrity.

Changeagent: Ambiga may be a nobody but she has certainly earned the public's respect, trust and goodwill through her tireless push for thorough reforms in the electoral process in Malaysia.

Nazri on the contrary, might think that he is somebody by virtue of being a federal minister, but his arrogance and lackadaisical attitude towards the democratic demands of the people have made him a very distant, aloof and unapproachable figure.

Pride is the crutch of the insecure. Political nobodies like Ambiga are turning out to be Umno's biggest nightmare, and this clearly does not sit well with an insecure somebody like Nazri.

Supercession: Bersih 3.0 is a fabulous idea. It will scare the poo out of Umno. Imagine Umno attacking Bersih participants with all kinds of weapons. Umno will then be finished through their own doing. Bring it on!

Ashoka PJ: Note to police constables, FRU downliners, etc. Nazri, Home Minister Hishammuddin Hussein and the police chief will all sit in their air-conditioned rooms far away sipping their cappuccinos and ordering you guys to go into town to 'manhandle' the rakyat as in Bersih 1.0, 2.0, and soon 3.0.

The rakyat are just exercising their democratic rights to protest for their future, and the future of their children as well as yours. Give this a thought when you are called upon again for Bersih 3.0.

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