

Najib barks up the wrong tree on moderation
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YOURSAY 'Why is the PM asking a predominately Chinese crowd to be moderate? Shouldn't he be directing this to Umno, Perkasa and Perkida?'

Be moderate, PM tells folk on Chap Goh Meh

your sayAnonymous_4031: PM Najib Razak tells the Chinese folk to be "moderate" on Chap Goh Mei. Dear PM, you are barking up the wrong tree. The Chinese, just like the Indians, have been moderate for 50-odd years.

You should tell Utusan Malaysia, your Umno mouthpiece, to be moderate. You should tell Perkasa, a racist NGO, to be moderate. You should tell your Malay principals in schools to be moderate.

You should tell your civil servants, who are Umno-leaning, to be moderate. You should tell your police and the FRU to be moderate; and not use tear gas and water cannons as they did in 2007 and also on June 9, 2011, to disperse the Bersih marchers.

You should tell your MACC (Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission) officers to be moderate in their interrogation of Teoh Beng Hock-like witnesses.

Come on, PM, you should also tell yourself to be moderate; and not threaten people with "even if our bodies are crushed and our lives lost, we must defend Putrajaya at all costs."

Trumpet Call: How does Najib define 'moderation'? If 'moderation' means allowing and tacitly supporting the ultra-racist stand of Perkasa, then keep moderation to yourself. We don't want it.

If 'moderation' means tolerating the excesses and abuse of power for personal gain, then stuff it, because we hate it to our core.

If 'moderation' means cheating at the polls, depriving the Chinese and Indians of scholarships, and robbing the poor natives in Sabah and Sarawak of their land rights, then Najib, keep the rhetoric to yourself.

We know that all this is just election talk. Once the GE is over, should you win, moderation is thrown out of the window and more excesses, more abuse of power and more marginalisation of the non-Malays will take place. We cannot take this hypocrisy for another five more years.

PaperRoses: Be moderate. Go tell it to Mahathir, Ibrahim Ali and Hasan Ali, but not the Chinese.

Sadirah: Now it is 'moderation', before it was 'stability'. Najib, the fact that we need moderation is because there are extremists in our midst and you do not even take a stand against them. Where is your moral spine?

Don't come and speak to the converted.

Multi Racial: I have two issues. Firstly, regarding the claim that 50,000 attended the event. Secondly, about the PM asking the predominantly Chinese audience to be moderate.

1) The claim that more than 50,000 attended the event. Jejaram is a small town with only 25,000. Where does the 50,000 come above?

2) Why was the PM asking the predominately Chinese crowd to be moderate? Shouldn't the PM be directing this to Umno, Perkasa and Perkida?

ONG: I don't know what's the population of Jenjarom village. However, from 2008 GE statistics, Jenjarom is in the parliamentary constituency of Kuala Langat with 66,515 registered voters.

The three state constituencies under it are Sijangkang, Teluk Datuk and Morib. BN won Morib. Pakatan Rakyat won the other two. Except for Teluk Datuk, candidates for other seats were all Malays, indicating Malays form majority of the population.

According to the reporter, "a mainly Chinese audience of some 50,000" attended the BN organised celebration. If report of 50,000 attendees is correct, the question is where did the attendees come from?

If all are from Kuala Langat and they have decided to support Najib and BN, then BN will certainly reverse their election fortunes and 'sapu' (sweep) Kuala Langat plus all the three state constituencies at the next GE.

The other possibility is that most of the attendees at the celebration were tourists brought by BN because the Dong Zen Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple there routinely draws large numbers of tourists.

Rick Teo: Hahaha, we were all there to watch the Taiwan artistes and other performances. We didn't even bother to hear what the PM was saying.

The devotees were in Jenjarom to offer prayers and celebrate Chap Goh Mei, not to hear the PM lecture us on moderation. His speech of moderation should be directed at Perkasa and Jati, not the Chinese who have not mentioned or done anything extreme.

Not Convinced: Thousands of Chinese went to Jenjarom to celebrate Chap Goh Mei. It was Najib who gatecrashed the party.

Onyourtoes: The PM's address to the Chinese to be moderates? Look, PM, obviously you have picked the wrong crowd to address, or perhaps you should have looked at your own credential and credibility before addressing this issue.

Since when were Chinese in general extremists? What did they fight for which could be deemed as extreme. Did they ever fight for things that were not stated in the constitution? Did they fight for exclusivity? Did they fight for a status to be more equal than others in this country?

Fighting for equality and a rightful place (like other Malaysians) under the Malaysian sun is not extremism.

Confused: "Reverend is very good to me, so I am good to her," said Najib.

Is this another "I scratch your back and you scratch mine"? Why is this BN talking as though the federal funds belongs to them? This is rakyat's money and if the temple's request is justified, then it is the government's duty to fulfilled it.

KSN: Najib, you said all races will benefit from your transformation programmes. Why did you have to say that? Because you know that the policies so far implemented did not benefit the other races and it is an admission on your part, right, Najib?

Now tell the other races why they should believe you now when the other races were left out intentionally and knowingly for 30 over years?

Annoyed Malaysian: The PM should advise his wife, Rosmah Mansor, to be moderate in her purchases while overseas.

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