

Tajudin's loan many times worse than Cowgate
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VOXPOP 'That happened during Mahathir's rule. Somebody has to be held responsible and accountable for such abuse of power and funds.'

'Court settlement a cover-up of corruption'

vox populi small thumbnailDhammika: Anwar Ibrahim, you are perfectly right. This amount is huge and Pakatan Rakyat must follow this up and raise the issue in Parliament.

De facto law minister Nazri Abdul Aziz wanted to settle out of court and that suggests high-level corruption.

All must vote Pakatan so that the opposition can wipe out corruption such as this Tajudin Ramli case, and bring the guilty to book. It's time to recover all illicit money and return it to the nation.

Ksn: It is a huge sum of public funds we are talking about here, and the public, therefore, have the right to know.

Many will remember Tajudin Ramli's millions of ringgit to buy MAS shares, and I wonder how he came to possess that much money. They were later traded at below RM4 per share in the market and these were however bought by Danaharta at about RM8 each.

That happened during Dr Mahathir Mohamad's rule. Somebody has to be held responsible and accountable for such abuse of power and funds.

In the absence of disclosure, can any lawyer or the Bar Council find a way to make the powers-that-be, who have no right to hide behind confidentiality, to reveal the terms of the settlement?

Swkdayaks: Apart from the NFC (National Feedlot Corporation) scandal, this bigger one is worth pursuing and exposing to the public.

Please Pakatan and civil society groups, go all out on this scandal as it involves a much, much larger loss to Malaysia.

The criminals involved are the big sharks as well. Those in the know in the Finance Ministry and other ministries, departments and agencies, please expose the crimes and the perpetrators to save our beloved country from ruin.

Does Rosmah deserve the Curtin award?

Jesse: Rosmah Mansor has gone out of her way to seek fame and publicity, deserving or otherwise.

Curtin, being an academic institution, should have done its homework and rigorous research like it expects its students to do, before making such a significant award.

Now both Rosmah and Curtin are receiving scorn from the public, including Australians, who are embarrassed by the award.

Curtin has exercised poor judgement and failed its students, staff and alumni, especially Malaysian graduates.

The vice-chancellor has much to answer for this error of judgment, probably made for the sake of progressing its Malaysian business.

Sacrificing integrity for business profits is shameful in an institution of higher learning.

Abasir: With Curtin demonstrating such appallingly poor judgement, with hardly any due diligence on the background of the awardee and the impact it would have on its own reputation, one has to wonder if this is really not another one of those wannabe universities, a paper mill that places business before anything remotely academic.

My sympathies go to all those Curtin graduates whose competencies/academic credentials are now clearly questionable.

Changeagent: Consider the following facts from Curtin University's website.

- 1) In 2010, 19,876 - or 42.6 percent - of their overall enrolments were made up by international students, suggesting that they are heavily reliant on the overseas market for funding and revenue.
- 2) The university's Miri campus, which is co-owned by the Malaysian government, have become their second largest campus by student enrolments after the main one in Bentley, Western Australia.
- 3) Malaysia with 5,085 students or 25.6 percent of the international pie, is by far their most significant contributor of students.

All things considered, is it then a mere coincidence that the stringently selected award recipient happened to be our very own self-described FLOM (First Lady of Malaysia)?

Or could it be that the university have made an unprincipled and unscrupulous commercial decision to further curry favour with the Najib-led government in order to maximise benefits and returns to their own stakeholders? I believe the facts here can speak for themselves.

Ashamed!: As a Malaysian, I am truly ashamed and shocked that a reputable Australian university or the committee that selected Rosmah can be so stupid (pardon my language).

She absolutely does not deserve this recognition and award. I'm furious and still in a state of disbelief that such a thing can happen at Curtin.

I'm glad that my Australian degree did not come from Curtin. Shame on you, those who made this very bad choice.

Cala: To me, it is perhaps not an issue of whether Rosmah deserves the honorary title from Curtin. Rather, it is a matter of whether Curtin's culture, norms, belief system are in sync with hers.

It takes two hands to clap. If this is so, then we really have to be careful with the quality of Curtin University's degrees from now on.

Yum: Curtin must have felt the need to brown nose the government. Maybe they're expecting a large intake of government scholars in the future. Who knows? Only time will tell.

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