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YOURSAY 'Malaysia to be a high-income nation? Tell this to the millions of households fighting over the RM500 BR1M vouchers.'

BN policies help create billionaires, says PM

Black Mamba: I can't see the rationale in the PM Najib Razak's statement of Malaysia creating billionaires while the majority are stuck with high cost of living expenses brought on by these billionaires who control the major slice of the economy.

How can the PM be proud of this while most Malaysians are wallowing in depression of making ends meet?

Louis: Of the 30 billionaires in Malaysia, did Najib say that majority of them are cronies of Umno and BN?

We are not interested in billionaires. We are more interested in how to lower our cost of living and at the same time raising our standard of living.

Najib, why boast about the billionaires? Why didn't you boast of the high number of corrupt people present at the 'Malaysia Chinese at the Political Crossroads' conference?

Open Minded: We are not interested in the billionaires who get where they are due to the right connections and the greasing the palms of the political elite.

What is most important is how to help the many who are still languishing in poverty or semi-poverty.

This is a rich man's conference to showcase one's wealth and power. You should meet the poor people find out their woes and try to help them.

Capitalism has way of making a few very wealthy at the expense of the majority. Though it may bring progress and better infrastructure, the poor are enslaved and they suffer most.

Blind Freddo: Compared to Australia with a similar population and a much higher GNP, Malaysia has more billionaires and they are worth a whole lot more. Malaysia also has a lot more poor people, and the poor here are abjectly poor.

Hmmmmmm: High-income nation? Tell this to the millions of households fighting over the RM500 BR1M vouchers.

Carpe Diem: Najib, how about taking credit for the ridiculous crime rate, gap between the poor and the rich, unbridled corruption, wanton rape of our god-given resources and plain ignorance of what it takes to build a progressive nation?

Onyourtoes: Even assuming it is true you have made every billionaire in this country, but is this the concern of the rakyat?

It does show your policies are skewed towards helping the rich in the country, turning them from millionaires to billionaires while the large majority of Malaysians are in limbo.

Now we know the elitism in you is for real. You have no notion of equity and social justice. It is therefore not surprising you could stay in a RM64,000 suite without any qualm and your wife can go shopping with utmost obscenity.

Gen2: How to become a BN billionaire? Put in a working paper to rear cows. When you get the money, send it to subsidiary company off-shore. Buy luxury condo. Instant billionaire.

Poverty Stricken Malaysian: When you have a gravy train in motion, there will be many, many passengers who want to get in to the point of overloading. It is a ticketless ride with Umno-BN as the stationmaster.

I once had a tutor in my younger days, when asked once how to become a millionaire, he replied: "In order to become a millionaire, you have to be dishonest in a million ways."

Fair and Open: We could have more billionaires and millionaires if BN have fair policies for the rakyat.

Many BN-created billionaires are friends of the PM. Non BN-friendly billionaires, like Robert Kuok, also suffered from the wealth-grabbing regime as the coffers dries up.

The powers-that-be forced the sugar king to surrender his business to some 'well-connected' party. So if even a billionaire can be forced, what more the poor rakyat?

Quigonbond: Sure the policies will create billionaires. Any country with sufficient natural wealth can do that.

The question is whether you've created a self-empowering society that does not live on crutches, where governments answer to the people.

Money in the hands of a few does not a great country Malaysia become.

SMC77: What a stupid statement by the PM. You have 30 billionaires out of 28 million of population.

Income inequality has become a serious problem in this country and our PM is happy with the 30 billionaires but not the bulk of 28 million whose living standard is getting lower under BN administration.

HYL: This is applicable only to BN cronies. Your son, in his 20s, is already a millionaire, so is Ling Liong Sik's son, who claimed that he did not know he owns so much.

And all other BN cronies' family members, the most recent are Umno Wanita chief Shahrizat Abdul Jalil's children, who still in their 20s, are making thousands and millions and owns mega-expensive condos down south.

TJK: These 30 billionaires are the official ones. How about the unofficial ones such as Sarawak Chief Minister Taib Mahmud and others who made it under don't-know-what BN policies?

Changeagent: Najib's speech yesterday at the Chinese forum was aimed specifically at the country's 30 billionaires. Everybody else need not pay any attention

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