

Crude attempt to weave a web of deceit
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YOURSAY 'This is just another attempt by Chandra to smear Anwar by painting him as not anti-Israel/Zionist and a would-be puppet of US.'

Why US 'deep state' prefers Anwar over Najib

Unspin: If we cut through the crap of International Movement for a Just World president Dr Chandra Muzaffar's article, his real intention is to:

- 1) Get Malay votes by highlighting Anwar Ibrahim's Jewish connections.
- 2) Get Chinese votes by praising a benevolent China.

His attempt to weave a web of deceit is feeble and simplistic because he assumes that:

- a) Malaysians can be arm-twisted to vote for regime change because the Jews say so.
- b) Countries like the Philippines, Vietnam, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan and Singapore are wary of China's threat because the Jews say so.

With regard to China, there is a common fear among neighbouring countries that she should not get too powerful because she can bully you without a care for the rule of law.

Hence, the request for counter balance from the United States, despite the fact that they are not saints either.

Absolom: Did Chandra have anything to say about the number of critical issues closer to home, like the NFC (National Feedlot Corporation) scandal or the MAS (Malaysia Airlines) bailout or the Lynas project or the many other abuses which currently affect the everyday life of Malaysians?

Then why the sudden detailed analysis on this issue just to put the opposition leader in a bad light. What are his motivations?

Never mind the Americans, Malaysians want a regime change, and the country needs one badly to correct the wrongs. Anwar and the Pakatan Rakyat seem to be the credible alternative to the current failed regime.

If the new regime turns out to be no better, the people have the right to vote them out as well. The bottom line is, people should have access to all facts and information to help them decide who they want - not one-sided propaganda and conspiracy theories to hoodwink the masses.

Ferdan: Chandra, who was referred to as the founder of Aliran, got a slap in the face when he was denounced by his colleagues in an open letter dated March 5, 2008 after he made a remark hitting at Anwar just before the March 8 general election.

The signatories to the open statement were the prominent members: P Ramakrishnan (president), Francis Loh (honorary secretary), Mustafa K Anuar (assistant honorary secretary) and Anil Netto (treasurer).

Why is he now bringing up Anwar's friendship with Paul Wolfowitz and US vice-president Al Gore: didn't he at that time supported Anwar when he held the post of deputy president of the party when Anwar was in jail?

That is the problem with him, together with the many party defectors like Ezam Mohd Nor and S Nallakaruppan - they are leaders who can forgo principles to enrich themselves by turning against their friends and supporters.

Sodom Me Sodom You: Excellent venom to discredit Anwar from a very learned man. While I respect Chandra's well-researched view, these macro matters on our foreign policy do not play a vital role in the issues that are prevalent on the ground in Malaysia.

How stupid we would be to continue to support an insanely greedy and divisive regime that has sucked out the life blood of this country for the past 50-plus years just because they don't support the Israeli regime and are good friends with China.

We don't give a rat's ass, Prof. Israel and China are policies that we can figure out in the future. After all, international relations keep changing all the time.

The Malaysian concern is very simple, we want to purge the plague of corruption and blatant robbery of our nations. We want to provide opportunities to all Malaysians to not lose out in the highly competitive world.

We want the rakyat to learn the truth about the extent of avarice espoused by PM Najib Razak and the other thieves. Talk to us about this, dear sir.

Misai Kuching: Chandra read this: I believe to have more than one choice is good for any the community in Malaysia.

The Chinese has DAP, MCA or Gerakan, whilst the Muslim Malays now have PKR besides PAS or Umno. Previously the Indians has only MIC see what happen to them especially those from the estates, but now they have Hindraf and this will good for the community, God-willing.

See what happened to the Middle East - they had no choice but to vote in totalitarian regimes or having weak monarchy. We had something of an autocratic regime too.

When you have one choice only; we have to take whatever they dish out whether it's good or bad. So let's all make our choice.

Quigonbond: The writer seems to suggest that it is more important to have ties with China rather than the US, because China is Malaysia's biggest trading partner.

Coming from a supposed intellectual luminary, I can only say that the basis of choice being where the money lies, is unprincipled, and belies the writer's mindset.

Malaysia may be a small fish in international diplomacy, but when we speak from our conscience, we can stand proud as a nation. Would Malaysia accept all forms of trade from China while its human rights atrocities continue to be prevalent?

We would expect this from the current government because that's how they treat their people at home, and because they can't make Malaysia more dynamic and reliant on a single trading partner.

While we don't support the hawkish United States, the US is at least still a democracy, and hawks can be removed from power. If Anwar is a US agent, he too can be removed from power one day.

The write-up by Chandra is calculated to win the Chinese over to BN side.

Swipenter: This is just another attempt by the writer to smear DSAI by painting him as not anti-Israel/Zionist and a would-be puppet of US.

Many Malaysians irrespective of religious beliefs and creed are not in agreement with how Israel treats the Palestinians but also realise and accept the reality of a rising China, which is now recognised as the second largest economy in the world and still growing.

China is now focusing their attention on Indonesia instead of us. This is happening because of our myopic policies that are so messed up with the notion of race and religion and not on pragmatism.

How far or longer can the US contain the rise of China? Not every country sees China as a threat. They are just using the US card as a bargaining chip when dealing with China.

Likewise Saudi Arabia is the next staunchest US ally in that region of the world next to Israel. The Saudis are just being pragmatic and are serving their own self-interests. On the other hand, Malaysia is ignoring our historical advantages with China and India.

Voteforchange: Chandra, it's mismanagement, corruption and poor stewardship in managing public funds that bothers me most.

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