

For some M'sians, S'wak is turning into Israel

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VOXPOP 'Is Sarawak under the influence of the Israeli government? From what I know, Malaysians are barred from entering Israel.'

Another Bersih activist barred from Sarawak

Not Confused: This is pure desperation, which is a good sign. In what mature democracy is a citizen barred from entering another part of one's own country? What a joke.

Just keep it up - each incident like this just demonstrates how moronic BN and its cronies are.

Lucia: What a bloody stupid country we live in. One cannot travel to another state freely; this is violating a citizen's rights.

Indeed, this shows that the white-haired 'Thief Minister' of Sarawak is getting scared by barring so many people from entering the state.

The three of those who have been barred in the past are my friends and are very nice people. Why is Abdul Taib Mahmud so scared of them?

Onyourtoes: This is the Government Transformation Programme (GTP) that Pemandu chief Idris Jala tosses about day and night.

You know what, the more we look at this group of nincompoops, the more they stay the same or even become more depraved than before.

This is a collusion of a bankrupt federal power with a renegade state power to deny and stifle democratic dissent.

How 'third world' do we want to be, seriously? Why talk about abolishing ISA, etc; it is so hollow and devoid of meaning to all.

This regime does not even have a basic decency of a common criminal. How then can we ever trust them to continue ruling on our behalf? They should have been cast into trash bin a long time ago.

Ragency: Is Sarawak under the influence of the Israeli government? From what I know, Malaysians are barred from entering Israel.

No4beend: Of course, you must ask permission from the owner of Sarawak. You can't enter someone's place without the owner's permission.

Up2U: We are 1Malaysia and that means every Malaysian should be allowed to travel within every state in our Federation without any restrictions of any kind.

If Peninsular Malaysians are restricted from entering Sarawak and Sabah, residents of these two states can similarly be restricted from entering other states within the federation. That will be chaotic.

Sarawak cannot claim to be part of the federation and yet behave this way.

Swkdayaks: When will Pakatan Rakyat-ruled Selangor do the same thing against Sarawak Chief Minister Taib Mahmud, members of his family and his cabinet members?

Since the allegations - of corruption, abuse of power, money laundering and stashing and huge accumulation or possession of unaccounted assets and properties - by the Bruno Manser Fund (BMF) against Taib have not been challenged by Taib, and that the MACC (Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission) has confirmed that it has started an investigation against Taib, we all should vigorously pursue all these with PM Najib Razak and the international community.

These allegations and exposures should also be made known to Sarawakians in the longhouses and Malay kampungs who are still very much unaware of them until today.

If Taib is not brought to his knees, he will continue to treat Sarawak as his personal property and kingdom.

Slumdog: As I see it, there will be no regime change in Malaysia unless Malaysians get off their butts and actually do something about it.

PKR/DAP/PAS can rant and rave about Umno-BN's corruption, cronyism, conflict of interest etc., but if the opposition does not do something immediately about addressing the gerrymandering and the fudging of the electoral roll by the Election Commission (EC), the opposition may find it almost impossible to win the next election.

The opposition needs to enunciate a clear vision for Malaysia that is different from that of Umno-BN. The importance of peace, prosperity, all aspects of freedom, equality for all, the end of bigotry, racism, etc, is very relevant and citizens would aspire to this.

It will probably take a generation to achieve but we need to start now.

Now is also the time to announce the opposition's policies on education, health, measures against rising cost of living, housing, law and order, employment and the myriad of other social and economic issues that affect the daily lives of citizens.

Changeagent: Sarawakians must unite and stand up for themselves. Don't wait for 'outsiders' like Bersih leaders Maria Chin Abdullah and S Ambiga to lead the fight against the corrupt and increasingly repressive state government.

Shoe-throwing imam not violent, says wife

Ong: All normal people believe that imam Hoslan Hussain is not a violent person, which is why he only threw a shoe at the judge.

If he is a violent person, he would have thrown a bomb made from C-4 or at least a Molotov cocktail.

The judge should have stopped at "proud, uncouth, self-absorbed" when describing Hoslan. One year's prison for being "proud, uncouth, self-absorbed" has to be a perverted form of justice.

Timothy: Agreed, hurling shoes is not acceptable here, but the injustice and jail term is excessive.

Indeed if this is so, those who plunder and misused millions in public funds, enjoying their riches from Kazakhstan to Singapore to Malaysia, should face the firing squad.

But sadly, they are protected.

GoneBananas: Hoslan Hussain deserves to be declared a national hero for doing exactly what any decent human being would have done to express contempt for Malaysia's self-serving and grotesquely tainted judiciary.

Case in point: For helping PM Najib Razak regain Perak, former chief justice Zaki Azmi and an Umno lawyer who fought former Perak MB Nizar Jamaluddin's case have been rewarded with a RM2.2 billion highway project.

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