

**Dissecting the 'prophecies' of Daim Zainuddin**  
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YOURSAY 'Just because his predictions on the fall of three states came true in the 2008 election doesn't mean that what he sees should be treated as biblical prophecies.'

Daim: Najib has to go if he fails to win more seats

your say Trueglitter: As the saying goes, it's easy to determine the depth of a stream after you have crossed it, like the ability to relate the occurrences of past events after they had really taken place.

However, as a respected corporate figure whose business acumen is widely acknowledged and admired by all, former finance minister Daim Zainuddin should be duly commended for the unerring analysis and prophecies of his observations.

But Daim needs to also appreciate the fact that retention of the status quo or winning big in Sabah and Sarawak by BN has always being a subject of enormous controversies when it's generally acknowledged that unethical means and corrupt practices of BN politicians have always been the contributing factors there.

Admittedly, given a choice for a better Malaysia, it will augur well for all if Pakatan Rakyat wins the next GE and governs our country.

FellowMalaysian: Just because his predictions on the fall of three states came true in the 2008 election doesn't mean that what he sees should be treated as biblical prophecies.

Daim has had his day, and at his age, with so much wealth (mainly ill-gotten), why would he care whether Najib would become PM again after GE13?

Jimmy Ng: See, Daim himself has admitted it. That to Umno puteras, the election is like a chess game.

It is not about serving the rakyat and nation, not about national service, not about sticking to a set of principles and morals, certainly not about bringing about solid development to improve the national economy and the welfare of the rakyat.

It is about retaining power so that they can continue to rape and plunder the nation's wealth.

Playfair: I am sure you will know how to play this election game. The first rule is to cheat the electoral process through henchmen in the Election Commission.

Then unleash coercion and threats (all indirect) on the public to create a perception of fear and chaos.

Next, buy out opposition candidates and resort to bribery to trap people into voting for you. There are enough around to fall for your crumbs.

But do not underestimate some new factors - like the changing mindset of the rakyat who have had enough of your system of ruining the country by patronage.

The new media is also pervasive enough to neutralise the government's spin doctors. Times have changed and there is no going back to status quo.

Kairos: Najib is actually a reasonably good PM. He has his weaknesses like his tendency to vacillate and to change according to blowing wind.

He is also not clear in his convictions. In fact, at times I don't know what his stand is on an issue, if he has

any. He also has a spendthrift wife that is a liability to him.

That said, Najib has made some good decisions so far. I would like to see him stronger and more vocal against corruption.

As there is really no viable alternative after him, the best option for Malaysia is to totally vote BN out and give Pakatan Rakyat an opportunity to prove itself, at least for one term.

Docs: Indeed, Najib's current successor designate isn't the smartest pea in the pod.

Cowgate may decide polls, warns Umno veteran

Onyourtoes: I disagree with Daim's observation that voting will be along racial lines. When non-Malays voted out MCA and Gerakan candidates who were also mainly non-Malay, you call that voting along racial lines?

No, we were voting against corruption, incompetency, bigotry and racism. You want to make it "non-racial", ask Umno candidates to stand in MCA and Gerakan areas and we will be happy to vote them out, too.

I believe voting will be based on the rural-urban divide - those who are urban-based and well-informed against those in the rural areas, subjected to years of indoctrination and kept in ignorance.

It is my fervent hope that the rural people open up and I agree with you, 'Cowgate' is one of the most important of the 'openers'.

Hmmmmmm: MCA and Gerakan can be wiped out in the next election for the sole reason that they are all standing in urban seats where the voters are more informed (unlike Umno in rural seats) and not because of race.

If Umno was to stand in those seats, it would also face the same fate. So stop seeing race in everything.

Foo: It just baffles me, voting for Pakatan Rakyat is racial but voting for Umno/MCA is not? How come? Aren't Umno/MCA race-based parties?

Anonymous\_3f4a: The NFC (National Feedlot Corporation) scandal, like its predecessors in the PKFZ (Port Klang Free Zone) saga, pretty much sums up the corrupt culture of the Umno-BN government, but they are not the only ones.

It would take decades to eradicate such a debilitating disease, the same way it took to build up.

It's most disheartening to see the way the government is trying to manipulate and deflect the issue so as to lessen its impact on Umno, instead of tackling the issue head on and take full responsibility for the debacle.

The Parliament speaker's decision to reject the motion for a debate on the issue citing sub judice is a case in point.

There's absolutely no honour in sweeping the dirt under the carpet. What transformation is there in PM Najib Razak's Government Transformation Programme?

Dont Just Talk: Daim is wrong when he said that should MCA and Gerakan be wiped out at the 13th GE, it would appear that non-Malays are voting along racial lines.

Pakatan, comprising DAP, PKR and PAS, are more multi-racial than Umno, whose leaders always claim

that they can rule the country without the BN parties.

MCA, MIC and Gerakan exist in name only as BN members since all major decisions are arrived at by Umno leaders and later rubber-stamped at BN supreme council meetings.

In short, it matters not to the Chinese whether MCA (where even a tainted leader who was caught with his pants down was still elected as party president) or Gerakan exists after the 13th GE.

Fair Play: Daim is actually predicting that the potential wipeout of the other BN parties would reduce Umno from being a lynchpin in Malaysian politics to a mere Malay political party.

After all, within Pakatan, PAS is a Muslim political party while DAP and PKR are multiracial political parties. So 1Malaysia (Pakatan version) may come to pass.

Main2ka: I beg to differ with Daim's claim that if Umno maintains its support of the Malays and MCA and Gerakan are wiped out, the voting was on racial lines and the country will be even deeper.

DAP, PKR and PAS in Pakatan have non-Malays and Malays as their members, whereas Umno and MCA are race-based political parties.

If the rakyat vote in Pakatan as the next government, it shows that the people have voted for multiracialism and racial unity, rather than race-based parties like Umno and MCA.

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