

Lim, don't forget dad's Robocop campaign
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YOURSAY 'BN may not the choice of most Penang folk, but it is really not necessary to go overboard in rhetoric. Just deliver the results.'

Pakatan must beware the dangers of hubris

your sayFerdan: I agree LGE (Penang CM Lim Guan Eng) got it wrong. Rhetoric or not, it is bad taste to sound too confident to wipe out the opposition in the state.

He should come out with another statement - to correct the perception of arrogance before the real war, the GE13, begins. With all the mainstream media they controlled, and at the right time, they are sure to spin on this.

Please don't forget the failure of party supremo Lim Kit Siang in the 1995 'Robocop' debacle with the DAP's attempt to capture Penang in the Tanjung III project.

Begging permission to use the word of an ex-DAP MP, James Wong - in his blog in 2008, he reminisced:

"One of the most outrageously meaningless, unintelligible and surreal electoral campaign I have ever seen, without doubt, was Lim Kit Siang's Robocop, which led to the ignominious end of the party's Tanjung III project to capture the Penang state government and the supremo's defeat."

Please don't take the people for granted. Be humble always.

Onyourtoes: I concur with what Terence Netto wrote. No to 'pembanggang sifar' (zero opposition) although LGE might have stated it rhetorically.

In terms of policies and intention, I have no doubt of Pakatan Rakyat's resolve to bring changes to the country. But please don't go overboard in whatever you do.

Remember 'inclusiveness' and 'engagement'. It does not matter that Umno-BN is abrasive, disruptive and arrogant for they are not our teachers.

One more thing, please contain all the parochial and chauvinistic elements within the respective parties in Pakatan Rakyat.

Ian2003: Behaving arrogantly is definately not acceptable.

But in our current situation, where democracy has yet to mature and without a balance opposition, it is necessary to vote overwhelmingly against BN in the coming GE for the simple reason that any sympathy vote for BN would ensure their reign of power, especially with the EC being far from independent and unbiased.

For once, we need to have zero BN first, then we see how we should vote in the next GE, post-zero BN.

Ksn: LGE's zero was a little out of place, maybe he got carried away by the occasion, and a little over confident.

Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim is going for a simple majority, and that is a sensible forecast. Meanwhile, Mohamad Sabu said overthrowing Umno-BN is impossible.

As an ordinary citizen and voter, my forecast is what Anwar has mentioned - a simple majority would do.

Malaysiawatch4.blogspot: But a simple majority is not stable as shown in the Perak fiasco. We need a strong majority but less than two-thirds as we want stability but not over-zealous amendments to the constitution.

Boiling Mud: The Pakatan leaders should heed what Netto has said in this article, especially the last paragraph.

BN may not the choice of most Penang folk, but it is really not necessary to go overboard in rhetoric. Just deliver the results. That's what the ordinary people want after having been fleeced for 50-odd years.

Loyal Malaysian: Terence has assuaged his disconcerting concerns when he rightly said the possibility of that (BN being voted out of office) happening is remote.

This is LGE's style of sprucing up his troops and lining up his horsemen before exclaiming 'charge'. The least Terence could do is not to misinterpret LGE's message.

'Let BN eat eggs' in Penang

Little Han2: No way should we let BN eat eggs. There must be some check and balance. Just look at performance of Penang tourism exco. How can we accept such poor performance without any action or improvement?

Cala: I suppose Lim Guan Eng was speaking in jest when he urged that all BN candidates be defeated decisively in the next GE.

For the sake of democracy and a check-and-balance system, the presence of a credible opposition is a pre-requisite.

AnonymousA: I remember in the 1990s where Lim Kit Siang told a cheering crowd, "We will make BN/Mahathir have a sleepless night...".

And it turned out to be Kit Siang who was the one to have a sleepless night. That was the year Kit Siang and Karpal Singh lost in Penang.

And that was the night I cried and had a sleepless night too. Actually, I prefer that the opposition parties don't say Pakatan will win. Pantang lah. Be modest.

Wira: Zero opposition? No, that's bad for democracy. If that happens, Pakatan leaders in Penang may talk like Umno leaders today. Just get your two-thirds and don't ask for more.

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