

Who's responsible for skyrocketing public debt?

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VOXPOP 'This is an important issue and it warrants serious debate. Unfortunately, this issue is unlikely to be the key concern of the rural folks in the next GE.'

Fiscal responsibility, public debts: Avoiding panic button

vox populi small thumbnail On your toes: I know PKR strategy director Rafizi Ramli is trying to be gentlemanly and amicable, but frankly I don't think there has even been an honest attempt by those in Umno-BN to look at this issue with genuine concern and a sense of public responsibility.

Hence, the uncalled for comment by Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin that the proposed national policies of Pakatan Rakyat would send the public debt skyrocketing.

Our debt is already in the stratosphere and all due to very unproductive public investments and other expenditures squandered by the past and current governments.

You see, the debt level itself is not necessarily a big problem, if debt incurred was used productively to generate greater GDP and to create a more efficient economy.

Cascara: The BN government is not concerned about funds sourced locally. They feel it is okay, probably because they have no intention of repaying it fully.

They are preoccupied with retaining power and draining the country's coffers to achieve what they set out to do. Everybody else can go jump in the river.

SMC77: Indeed, this is an important issue and it warrants serious debate. Unfortunately, this issue is unlikely to be the key concern of the rural folks in the next GE.

It is an issue we cannot run away from, but magnifying this issue may not deliver a sucker punch to Umno and BN.

Pakatan cannot win the next GE by getting a clean sweep in the city areas. They need to formulate a strategy that can really swing the rural folks' support from BN to Pakatan.

Pakman: Rafizi Ramli's insight into fiscal responsibility and public debt is crystal clear and even ordinary laymen can understand how serious it is that Malaysia is facing these worst-case scenarios.

It is most unfortunate that such MPs like Rembau's Khairy and Deputy Minister of Finance Awang Adek Hussin could not fathom these wisely.

Needless to say, even Pemandu chief Idris Jala had predicted that these worst-case scenarios may eventually lead Malaysia into bankruptcy if no serious measures are taken to correct this.

High national debt due to BN's mismanagement

Jedi_Who: We are so near the debt ceiling and yet they splurge money like there's no tomorrow.

Even our currency notes and coins are being changed. For what? Just to waste money and enrich some politician and his crony. Over a period of time, we will be bankrupt.

Anonymous: So Idris Jala was right. We are going to be a bankrupt nation, but much earlier than he

thought it to be.

The thieving Umno leaders have been 'sodomising' the country and rakyat (the stupid that voted them in and the wise that did not vote them in) ahead of losing Putrajaya to Pakatan.

Anonymous_401a: Malaysiakini, stop taking the public for fools. This country will go down like a ton of bricks should the opposition take over the management of the country - and with plenty of help from the West.

Enough is enough. Stop your attacks on the government - unless this portal is run by non-Malaysian citizens.

Lawyers: Photos show gov't 'lied' about deportation

Joseph Lee: I wonder whether the Saudi government applied for extradition, like Thailand did when it requested Malaysia to send back an Iranian bombing suspect?

In Malaysia, there is really no system, period. I applaud the Thais for behaving impeccably as a matured and dignified member of the global community by respecting the laws of each member.

I cannot say the same for Saudi Arabia and Malaysia for the way they transgress international norms and behaving like pariahs in the global community.

Free Thinker: They deported Saudi journalist Hamza Kashgari within 24 hours without trial, but with the guy who bombed Bangkok, they delayed handing him over to Thailand and are asking for further evidence from the Thai authorities backing their extradition request.

Swipenter: More lies exposed coming from the Home Ministry and police, but they do not give a hoot about being caught telling lies. It is not unusual for them to do things this way.

Anonymous: The lies I can take because they do it all the time. The lack of compassion and sense of decency is what I cannot stomach. The poor chap is in solitary confinement and I hear no regret expressed.

Anonymous2: Now we wait with bated breath for the police and home minister to say that the photographs were doctored. Every time we think the government's credibility cannot possibly go any lower, they surprise us.

