

La Rue, don't expect invitation card from Najib
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VOXPOP 'Umno will want to know - are you going to side with us or speak the truth? If you side with the corrupt, then welcome to Malaysia.'

UN special rapporteur willing to probe Bersih 3.0

Akar: Forget about a voluntary invitation for Frank La Rue, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression.

The UN secretary-general should visit Malaysia and find a mechanism to demand truth through a credible independent panel, failing which, the UN should act against Malaysia for human rights abuse by its police force and the unfair political process, with the people unable to make change through the ballot box due to crooked EC officials.

Bender: Reading the comments in *Malaysiakini*, you might be compelled to think that we Malaysians don't want people like yourself present here.

Truth be told, La Rue, we - the rakyat of Malaysia - welcome you with open arms. In fact, we desperately need an objective set of eyes to see what really has happened to this once great nation.

But we fear that if you wait for the invite, we can guarantee you that you'll never set foot in this country.

In fact, Prime Minister Najib Razak is more likely to treat your offer as nothing more than outside meddling in our internal affairs and Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim will again be branded as traitor or an outside agent as a result.

We expect Najib will announce his own team of investigators to look into the matter and come up with another lopsided report which will later become his own outstanding report card to be announced to the public.

Also, be careful with Najib, if doesn't like you, you'll be a victim of his notorious lies and ruthless propaganda machine. Just ask Australian independent senator Nicholas Xenophon.

Voice: Now, even the issue of coup d'etat was raised. Maybe, it was raised with certain motives or possibly to divert people's attention from the success of Bersih 3.0 and also the police brutality, etc.

So, to bring in the UN special rapporteur to conduct his own investigation is necessary and timely. Maybe, one of the Pakatan Rakyat state governments should issue the invitation.

Msiakini4all: Umno will first want to know - are you going to side with us or speak the truth? If

you side with the corrupt, then welcome to Malaysia.

Galpasqueen: Don't hope too much for an invitation from Najib's government, La Rue. They are the worse kind there is. The Malaysian people are not facing problems from a few rotten apples in the barrel. Almost the whole barrel is rotten.

Your findings will be swept under the carpet, anyway. The only way for us to move forward is get rid of the barrel and get a new one.

Anonymous #06659895: How about an invitation from the Malaysian public - will that be good enough for you to proceed?

Road to Malaysia's day of destiny

Armageddon: By hook or by crook, BN will cheat in the coming election because there is too much at stake if they lose.

We also know BN has already prepared its standard response if accused of cheating. They will say, "if we cheat, how come we still lose some seats", since it is impossible to win all the parliamentary seats and state seats.

Onyourtoes: In physics, there is the point of no return. I think Malaysians have given sufficient time and opportunity to the regime to turn back from its current course of action.

But now, I think it is too late and I think Najib and the rest of the hardliners know it.

They should also know that when the ruling establishment is so saddled with colossal misdeeds, corruption and abuse of power, engaging in reform or compromise is no longer possible.

Why do you think Dr Mahathir Mohamad is fighting as hard as Najib to preserve this regime? To save this government? No, to save himself, his family and cronies for as long as he can.

Ferdtan: With more than 200,000 protesters heeding the call to attend the April 28 sit-in protest from Bersih, it is a clear-cut mandate from the people.

This informal endorsement of Bersih, consisting of a group of NGOs, should get special reference from the EC, as well the BN government.

It did not. Instead they were demeaned, especially Bersih co-chairperson Ambiga Sreenevasan, who had racial and crude character aspersions thrown against her.

She had tried to keep the Bersih committee as neutral as possible, but the very action by the BN government to punish her and her members may push them closer to Pakatan - at least for protection.

Many of us who were there were overwhelmed with the huge multiracial crowd. We made

history and it was worth the pain of being gassed and for some to get beaten.

Special thanks to the PAS' Amal security unit for providing protection to all races.

Unspin: I have a couple of hypotheses as to why the regime chose confrontation over compromise:

1) They were trying to teach Bersih supporters a lesson so that if there is a Bersih 4.0, the supporters will shy away.

2) Although they knew that they have more to lose by confrontation, they do not care a hoot because they have Plan B - that is, if they lose the next election, there will be no smooth transition of power.

Jedi_Who: When you allow the same government to rule too long, they would have built a network of political dependencies so strong that it would be difficult to dismantle.

That is why they are cheating in elections. It is their only way of self-preservation. We see how the Election Commission, police, City Hall and most governmental institutions are serving this regime.

By now, the regime has turned into a monster and feeds upon its citizens it was primarily meant to serve.

Foo: Bridget Walsh, this is an excellent analysis of Bersih 3.0 but I doubt the government is willing to hear the different voices of the people.

Just like water which can lift as well as sink a boat, it is the will of the people that put them in power, and likewise it is also the will of the people that will take power away from them.

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