

Unfair to compare Brown to Najib
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YOURSAY 'Brown held a clean election and lost. GE13 won't be clean. So Najib might well win and prove the Economist wrong.'

Najib is more Brown than Blair, says Economist

Ferdan: PM Najib Razak has been compared to former British prime minister Gordon Brown, who had failed to call for elections while he was still relatively popular.

Both were similarly unelected to the post and seen to be indecisive. Najib, when he took over the post from Pak Lah (Abdullah Ahmad Badawi), was riding high at least within his party.

Then he didn't face much internal dissension; the power struggle within the party was kept in check due to his well-supported rise to the top post.

Now we can detect even minor party leaders, probably nominees of his internal foes, showed open rebellion against the party chief. This brings his prestige down and may well affect his performance in the GE.

He should have made time to read Machiavelli's book 'The Prince', which stated that "You don't avoid such a war, you merely postpone it, to your disadvantage."

Swipenter: Let us not forget that Najib always has the reputation as king procrastinator - a 'lalang' always swaying which ever the wind blows and never has the guts to confront his detractors.

He has no strong convictions and principles. Remember how he switched camps at the last minute during the tussle between then PM Dr Mahathir Mohamad and party rival Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah, with Mahathir emerging as the winner.

Najib is the "second longest unelected prime minister" primarily due to Mahathir repaying him a favour for the debt he owed him. He is just not prime minister material, just like Abdullah. The same goes for Muhyiddin.

They are all there because of the kingmaker, who is a "retired" prime minister.

Clever Voter: The Economist is just too polite. Brown was an effective chancellor of Exchequer, and his records were most definitely several notches above the PM we have.

Perhaps there is one other thing they may share - both may have the unenviable record of losing their first general election.

Tailek: Will the mainstream media print this Economist article?

I don't think so because it makes Najib look like some dithering fool of a PM. And that he is the second longest unelected PM after his father. That says a lot about the Razak genes.

Abuminable: Thanks, Economist, for reminding us that Razak Hussein - Najib's father - was never elected either. He seized power after the May 13 coup d'etat and died before he could contest an election.

#27342##65#: A Canadian newspaper has labelled Ah Jib Gor (brother Najib) as a false democrat, sharing the same club with Serbia's Slobodan Milosevic and Egypt's Hosni Mubarak.

Now the influential British Economist has described Ah Jib Gor as being more Brown than another British premier Tony Blair.

The comparison between Brown and Ah Jib Gor is purely on their failing as tactical leaders, who have been unable to strategically deployed all the resources at their disposal to go for an early election date and secure their required mandate from the rakyat.

Both let the best dates slipped by and by leaving it to the end of their terms, Ah Jib Gor might ultimately be voted out of office.

CKL: Yes, Najib looks like the dithering Brown alright. But in some important aspects, he is not.

Brown didn't manipulate the polls, cheat by using foreigners-cum-voters and bribe the electorate. He didn't have a dirty electoral roll or secret campaign funds, and control the mainstream press.

He held a clean election and lost. GE13 won't be clean. So Najib might well win and prove the Economist wrong.

Lim Chong Leong: Najib is unlike Brown. Najib is afraid of free press. Najib is powerless against his warlords. Najib is afraid of debate with the opposition, even in Parliament.

Najib is tainted with murder and corruption. Najib has a shopaholic wife.

Zuki: I watched in awe the presidential debate between US President Barack Obama and governor Mitt Romney. It amply showcased the quality of American leaders.

Like all rakyat and as a voter, my wish is to watch a debate between PM Najib and Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim. Anwar is ready and raring for one. Hopefully, Najib will agree to it before the next GE.

FellowMalaysian: Najib's weakness in controlling the internal power struggle within Umno's

ruling has made him look like a lame duck.

He vacillates over calling of the general election and the delay does not reflect well on him, given the impression that he is leashed to Mahathir's chains.

He is fast losing his grip and chances are he may go down in history as the PM of the longest ruling elected political party who lost power.

Anonymous_3e68: Will Perkasa and another 201 NGOs be making police reports against The Economist?

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