

Umno's Zam trashes 'I love PM' pitch

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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak is getting heat from certain factions in Umno, with the latest public flogging coming from former information minister Zainuddin Maidin.

In his blog 'Zamkata', he said Najib's attempts to show that he is a popular leader have only exposed him as an "imitator", rather than a statesman.

He also said the mooted of a single multi-racial BN party shows that Umno leaders are "panicking".

azlan "Serious proposals should be mooted in calm situations, not (when there is a) storm ... Now is not the time to test the ground," said Zam (left), as he is widely known.

He was scathing of the 'I Love PM' banners distributed during the 13th general election campaign, likely the brainchild of Najib's advisers.

Zam said these had only served to "hypnotise" Najib into thinking he had support especially from the Chinese Malaysian community.

Attempts to portray Najib as one of the rakyat, by placing him at hawker stalls and roadside cafes, appeared "odd" to the people as the "elitist aristocratic" PM had never been spotted at these places before, he said.

"It was even more odd because he was flanked by bodyguards and personal assistants. It looks fake.

NONE "Former Finance Minister Daim Zainuddin (right) said he acted like a clown, but I say Najib is an imitator. His advisers have their heads in the clouds and should be sacked."

The septuagenarian said that he has also received text-messages from friends saying the 'I Love PM' banners are "disgusting" and that the PM should stop acting like a student leader.

Also on the attack is Umno supreme council member and Kampung Gajah

assemblyperson Dr Wan Norashikin Wan Noordin who has sent out several tweets that the BN needs to remove those who failed to deliver in the last polls.

"BN needs courage to zero-in on those among us who promise wins or big wins but results say otherwise and remove them before people remove us," she said on Twitter.

She said that an honest review will show that the 13th general election did not bear good results for the BN, with a wider defeat in Selangor as well as narrowly won states.

"States that were won with a narrow majority are inherently weak and in constant danger of collapse. BN needs to examine closely what happened," she said.

Halal then, haram now?

Zam also said Najib should realise that the country is still not out of the political woods, with challenges from "the head jester and Chinese chauvinist" whom he did not name.

"Our security is threatened by communist surrogates, every day Chinese people in black smear a legitimate election, all sorts of false police reports are lodged; blackouts and indelible ink removed," he said.

The former Utusan Malaysia editor-in-chief, who was named Tokoh Wartawan in 2006, further took a swipe at the standard of reporting by the mainstream media and questioned the seizure of opposition organs.

"Star dramatis(ed) news that the lights went out during the Black 505 rally in Tapah for 10 minutes, as if it had truly happened, despite getting confirmation only from the opposition. Journalism, by Star," he mused.

"A blackout at a school in Sedim, Kedah on the same day also lasted 10 minutes. The more reports are made, the more people will believe. This is their strategy."

azlanHe said that the seizure of opposition mouthpieces by the Home Ministry is "funny, odd and magical".

It seems that something could be "halal" under ex-Home Minister Hishammuddin Hussein but "haram" under new Home Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, he noted.

"Could there be those who were pro-opposition who closed their eyes (on the

selling of these newspapers to non-party members) or was it really that difficult to control?

"Such actions convince the people that there are flaws in our democracy, as they have for so long been free to buy something which is banned."

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