

Why is identity of ink supplier still top secret?

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YOURSAY 'What security reasons are the EC and the minister talking about? The general election is over so who or what are they protecting?'

No chemicals, only food colouring in EC's ink

your saySlumdog: Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Shahidan Kassim, please explain to the rakyat what the security implications are for disclosing the name of the company that supplied the indelible ink? What are the implications for national security?

This fiasco has all the hallmarks of some Umno crony company involvement. The perpetrators have pocketed RM6.9 million for a sub-standard product that probably cost a few thousand ringgit to produce.

Disclosing the name of the company will reveal its connections to corrupt Umno cronies.

The continued lying by Election Commission (EC) chairperson Abdul Aziz Mohd Yusof and EC deputy chief Wan Ahmad Wan Omar has to be one of the most despicable acts against Malaysian citizens. But as we all come to expect, nothing will happen.

Daniel: What security reasons are the cheating EC and the minister talking about? The general election is over so who or what are they protecting?

The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) should make this RM6.9 million scandal a high priority noting that Teoh Beng Hock was interrogated overnight and died over a measly RM2,000 accusation.

Or the suppliers are being protected because the EC is planning to buy some more edible ink from them?

Holden: Could the PM do the rakyat a favour and not appoint jokers and dinosaurs to these jobs? Why is this joker of a minister in the PM's Department?

RM6.9 million alone for food colouring? Surely we could have gotten our own food colouring from the local 'kedai runcit' for a fraction of the cited cost.

And when did ink suppliers' identities become top secret? Is this now an Official Secrets Act (OSA) issue?

If money from public coffers amounting to RM6.9 million is being spent so that these clowns can mix edible ink and sell it as indelible ink, the nation has a right to know who has been conning them.

Malaysiawatch4: I like that flimsy excuse "security reasons". Actually it does not matter who supplied the edible delible ink. The EC has committed a fraud on Malaysian voters and should resign.

Wg321: Again, the Official Secret Act will be misused to protect the indelible ink supplier for "security reasons". I think it is more to protect those cronies who profited from this mess.

KB Menon: I have been saying for some time now that the huge cost of the 'indelible ink' must be investigated. Certainly there is something very fishy here. Let us hope that the auditor-general (if it is within his purview) will audit the cost and the supplier.

Anonymous_40f4: It was not a mistake or an act of God. It was not meant to last seven days but supposed to be washed off immediately.

Even domestic wood paint will need turpentine to wash it off and after one day, even turpentine won't work on the paint.

But with the EC's RM6.9 million ink you could wash it off with water easily. It was conspiracy to cheat the rakyat.

Game Changer: The story keeps getting better and better. Gosh, let me recall some of the events:

1. EC denied the ink was delible.
2. The staff didn't shake the bottle well enough.
3. Halal issue reduce the ink effectiveness.
4. The ink was made of food colouring.

What's next? From saying the ink contained silver nitrate and can remain for five to

seven days to the ink being made of food colouring.

So EC, now, can you please name the supplier? More importantly, who instructed the supplier to provide the ink with those specifications?

Wira: If this is a written reply by a minister, then it is not a joke and must be taken seriously.

What is then the purpose of the indelible ink as recommended by the parliamentary select committee? To prevent fraudulent voting or to make some crony ink supplier very rich?

NuckinFuts: The people wanted Rolls Royce jet engines for their plane. EC delivered 'halal' cancer-free Kancil engines that required shaking first without informing anyone.

When the plane crashed, EC says it's not answerable to anybody and everything is still fine and dandy.

Ferdtan: To paraphrase a saying from the book 'The Lord of the Rings':

"Three lies for the MCA kings under the sky. Seven for the MIC in their halls of stone. Nine for Umno men doomed to die. One for the Dark Lord of EC on his throne. In the Land of Mordorsia where shadows lie, one lie to cover all lies."

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