

Pakatan MPs and the art of not making a decision

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YOURSAY 'It appears that almost all Muslim MPs in Pakatan magically lose their abilities to take an unequivocal stand on a matter impacting non-Muslims.'

MPs coy over stand on unilateral conversions

your sayAnonymous_5fb: What is there to be coy over, briefing or whatever, to make up your mind on unilateral conversion? To me, it's a straightforward issue that unilateral conversion is not right and against natural justice.

I would advise these Muslim MPs to think of the issue if such a thing happens to your own child - what would you do?

Don't be afraid to stand up for what is right. A wrong is a wrong, don't let your beliefs shackle your thoughts.

My4HOPE: Comparing Lembah Pantai MP Nurul Izzah Anwar to all these 'seasoned' Muslim MPs, a simple stand of right or wrong, just or unjust, clearly shows what makes a true leader.

It is the courage to stand by truth. May these Muslim MPs answer this: Can you accept any compulsion to convert your children into another religion?

Abasir: Based on this report, it appears that almost all Muslim MPs in Pakatan magically lose their abilities to take an unequivocal stand on a matter impacting non-Muslims. This is very indicative of the character of these people who wish to replace the BN regime.

Perhaps the popular line "you can take a fellow out of Umno but you can't take Umno out of him" holds some truth after all. In this regard, Tourism Minister Nazri Aziz and former law minister Zaid Ibrahim et al are truly the principled mavericks they have appeared to be.

One of the more interesting facts to have emerged from this 'legislative' debacle is that lawmakers professing Islam and who periodically spout verses in Arabic for theatrical effect are wondering if the proposed nonsense is "in line with the teachings of Prophet Muhammad".

While this Prufrockian doubt is in itself a curiosity, it is even more curious that common decency, an abiding sense of fairness and empathy for affected persons of other faiths have no place in their hearts and minds.

Malaysians now need to reflect whether these are the people best suited to take over from the current regime, or whether change (when it happens) will merely be a case of the same old nasty Umno hooch in new bottles.

Hamid: Abasir, your considerations about the politicians from the opposition are the same as what many others have thought. Only very few politicians from the opposition and others have shown their stand in this case.

Is it not that the case itself has again proven that politics and religion does not mix well? Just see what happened during the past year in Egypt and for that matter in a number of other Middle Eastern countries.

Anonymous_VV: Right values should be respected. When individuals due to political pressure are evasive of the truth and rightfulness of a situation, it becomes untenable.

The sandiwara speaks for the character of the party. There are plenty of devils in the religious field and when human values are lost we are back in the Middle Ages where eventually might becomes right.

Joker: If one were to ask which of you are defenders of Islam, all these Muslim politicians would clamour to be first in the line. When asked whether Islam supports this 'one parent conversion', everyone keeps quiet and becomes non-committal.

Why? Is it because they themselves are unsure about what the Quran says? Is it due to differences in interpretation of the Quranic teachings? If no one is sure, then how can they properly defend Islam?

The Quran says there is no compulsion in Islam. In Malaysia, once you accept Islam as your personal religion, you cannot leave it. When a child is blessed into a Muslim family, that child automatically becomes a Muslim. Isn't that compulsion?

One must remember only in Malaysia is there such a law of 'deemed Muslim'. It is a human enacted law, not a Quranic law.

Hang Tuah PJ: Firstly, MPs, you were not voted in to be coy about issues. Take the bull by the horns and remember, you were voted in by Malaysians, not Muslims only.

Secondly, Nurul Izzah says she understands the need of some Muslims to ensure the faith and moral position of Islam is defended at its "utmost".

But Islam is not under threat here. The non-Muslim children are. Sheesh, what a bunch of idiots we voted in. I am disgusted and I am a Muslim.

For those wishing to convert, if you really, really want to be a Muslim, be prepared to sacrifice for Islam; including letting go of your past.

Anonymous_5fb: Certain people have a strong devoted belief, but they have no wisdom. This happens to all religions, not just Islam. When this happens, what we would see are fanatics all over the place.

Wira: Our Muslim politicians are holding on to the old and tested adage by Lord Falkland: 'When it is not necessary to make a decision, it is necessary not to make a decision'.

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