

No country for old men in Malaysia

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YOURSAY 'Why is it that Umno is so scared of octogenarians - national laureate A Samad Said and former CPM leader Chin Peng?'

No need to revisit divisive Chin Peng issue, says Soi Lek

your sayRestless_Native: My uncle was ambushed by Chin Peng's men and murdered while in the service of the British Malaya administration - he was an inspector in the police force.

He tried to pull his Malay driver who was hit first (lead Land Rover) but was also killed in doing so. He did not see it as a "you Malay, I'm Indian, etc".

He was barely 27 years old and I was bitter for many years with the Communist Party of Malaya (CPM). Then I read his book a few years ago and saw that the Malaysian government had agreed to an amnesty and repatriation of those who were in exile.

A pledge is a pledge; if you can allow Chin Peng's colleague Rashid Maidin to return, you must allow his other comrades to return too. This is gross injustice and it shows the racial bent of Umno.

Rezeki Iklas: We Malaysians are just no match when compared with Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

There is no doubt that both sides had committed a lot of atrocities against each other. But when you have signed an agreement, you should live by it and pave the way for national reconciliation, like what Nelson Mandela did.

Those who had decided against allowing Chin Peng to rejoin our society were too shallow to lead the nation.

Geronimo: MCA chief Chua Soi Lek doesn't know when to keep his mouth shut. If allowing Chin Peng to return is deemed divisive, then why didn't he say something about the screening of 'Tanda Putera', a film by far more divisive in nature.

Soi Lek, I am just wondering whether you are aware that the chicken has finally come home to roost for MCA or you are still in la-la land.

Hplooi: This is about integrity and trustworthiness. If the government cannot even hold on to a promise made in the peace agreement and after the agreement, twist the issue with a racist slant - CPM = Chinese Malaysians - then do you think this should be swept under the carpet?

Paraphrasing Geronimo, "ketuanans speak with fork tongues".

Survivor: Soi Lek has intention to retain his MCA presidency. That is why he is speaking like Utusan Malaysia columnist Ridhuan Tee Abdullah.

He wants to be in the good books of Umno Baru so that the latter will support him in his quest for another term as party chief.

Anonymous #19098644: The Malayan emergency ended 53 years ago in 1960. We are the best of pals with Indonesia, which engineered the Indonesian confrontation in 1964.

Umno has party-to-party ties with the Chinese Communist Party for decades. We are best of friends with the former colonial power, Britain. Yet this BN-led government is afraid of a 90-year-old man on the verge of death.

The government of the day signed and ended hostilities with the communists and agreed to the return of the former opponents and yet today its signature holds no meaning. What a pathetic bunch of nincompoops that we have in the governing party.

Razak Naim: The Chinese should just shut up and go to sleep. Your nonsense is simply unbearable - Dong Zong, Chinese schools, gambling, prostitution, urinating on flag poles. Enough is enough.

Sinner: Isn't May 13 not divisive? Soi Lek, you did not condemn Umno for funding 'Tanda Putera' using our tax money, did you? You only dare to condemn the Chinese. And you dare call your party a Chinese association.

Ade: Soi Lek, you don't even know your early Malayan history. Credit should be given where credit is due. There is no denying that Chin Peng and his comrades fought the Japanese and was honoured by the Brits.

It was only subsequently that they had differences with the government of the day. Read 'Chin Peng: My Side of History'. You bully an aging brother but kowtow to Umno.

Why silent on the 'Tanda Putera' issue? They are blaming your Chinese brothers and sisters for the May 13 riots when that is a lie. Read Kua Kia Soong's book. Chin Peng was to some extent a hero, but you are zero.

Continue-The-March: When they signed the peace accord with CPM, it was an agreement to allow all Malaysian nationals to return to Malaysia. Why are the Malay communists allowed back and not Chin Peng?

These are presently MCA parliamentary seats - Tanjong Malim won by 4,328 votes (Malay-majority seat), Bentong won by 379 votes (Malay-majority seat), Labis won by 353 votes (Chinese-majority seat), Ayer Hitam won by 7,310 (Malay-majority seat), Tebrau won by 1,767 votes (Malay-majority seat), Tanjong Piai by 5,257 votes (Malay-majority seat).

From the above data, MCA survived because of Malay support. How can MCA still call themselves Malaysian Chinese Association? It gets no support from Chinese voters.

Haveagreatday: That is the reason the rakyat has consigned the MCA to the footnotes of the nation's history - never daring to stand up for what is just and fair, just bowing to the wishes of their political masters.

Not Convinced: Why is it that Umno is so scared of octogenarians - national laureate A Samad Said and now former CPM leader Chin Peng?

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