

## **Zahrain's post just another Umno rewards programme**

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YOURSAY 'This is nothing new and typical Umno/BN behaviour. Posts are not meant to provide service to the public or the government, but are mainly as political rewards.'

Zahrain as envoy deprecates Jakarta posting

your sayDont Just Talk: Zahrain Mohd Hashim, a reject from PKR is now made the ambassador to Indonesia while others are made senators. Are Umno leaders serious about their transformation plan under 1Malaysia PM Najib Razak?

Are there no other credible Malaysians to be picked for this post? It looks like rejected katak (turncoat) politicians are well looked after by Umno.

Anonymous\$&@?: Umno/Najib is good at selecting clowns to do a man's job and this appointment of a double crosser and a backstabbing two-headed snake is a fine example. Right thinking rakyat know this was the reward for being a turncoat.

This fat headed MP thinks he has landed a posh job, but wait till the crunch hits him when he least expects it. With sensitive issues that bloom like spring buds (the haze problem and the maids issues), dealing with the Indonesians needs a level headed and experienced person.

You can rest assured that this Zahrain will screw things up instead of solving problems that arise. Malaysia Boleh!

Playfair: If the dummy from the Jalan Masjid India's tailor shop could be appointed Malaysia's foreign minister it should not be unexpected that another tailor's dummy from Pulau Pinang is made ambassador.

Forget about class, finesse or diplomacy skills, we gave all such things up with former PM Dr Mahathir Mohamad's policy of resorting to expediency to entrench his position, no matter what damage it does to national interests.

For Mahathir, everything or anything that stood in the way had to be destroyed, manipulated or made subservient to Umno. For Najib, it is just monkey see, monkey do. Wassalam.

Anonymous\_3efc: Politics aside, a diplomat needs a modicum of intelligence, which I'd think is sorely absent in our new ambassador designate to Indonesia.

Pimai2tangtu: This is Najib's philosophy of 'you scratch my back, I scratch your back', and that is how Zahrain was appointed as ambassador to Indonesia.

Dood: This is nothing new and typical Umno/BN behaviour. Posts are not meant to provide service to the public or the government, but are mainly as political rewards.

Timo100: Not surprising! Zahrain is where he wanted to be. He has got it. Now, we can all wait for this 'turncoat' to screw up. The BN government will continue to screw with the country, with many more dubious appointments.

How come we do not hear of any comments from the BN component parties?

Anonymous #039163649: The Malaysian government often feels that the ambassador to Indonesia is a dumping ground consolation post, and that explains Zahrain's appointment. Previously when Mahathir did not want Mohd Rahmat in the cabinet due to a lack of quality, he was appointed ambassador to Indonesia.

Rahmat later came back as information minister when Mahathir needed some blind loyalist to dilute Musa Hitam's strength in Johor.

With so many diplomatic issues with Indonesia, we need a higher calibre person to be sent to Jakarta and not some trash like Zahrain, who is being rewarded for having turned on PKR. Former deputy higher education minister Saifuddin Abdullah would have been a better bet for the post.

Siang Malam: Yes, Saifuddin Abdullah would have been the much better choice. Zahrain Hashim can't even manage the Football Association of Penang without breaking its piggy bank.

Harapanbaru: Najib is a complete and utter failure on every level. It was evident right from the day he inherited his father's political career by default. He may share the same ruthless ambition, but certainly not the smarts.

Onyourtoes: Career diplomats from Wisma Putra should picket at the Indonesian Embassy in KL to urge Jakarta not to accept this half baked nincompoop. Can't they see the government has just trivialised diplomacy and the role of foreign relation particularly with an important neighbour?

He will be the envoy representing nincompoops, not Malaysia.

Matteropong: Garbage in garbage out (GIGO) equals to taxpayers' money in taxpayers' money out, but they don't care.

Lynn: The government of Najib Razak is turning into a cesspool of stupidity. That's how Umno does it nowadays. Appoint losers as a thank you for their loyalty. So malu.

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