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Hwa Beng: Current batch of MCA leaders have to go

vox populi small thumbnailDr C: Yes, former MCA central committee member Lee Hwa Beng hit the bull's eye. The current crop of party leaders has to go. If not, MCA cannot change.

Neutral Stance: Lee says it all; the current batch of MCA leaders must go, from division to branch. 80 percent of the Chinese have abandoned MCA. MCA does not represent the community anymore. It only represents less than 10 percent, who are MCA cronies.

Heavywater: Yes, I would have to agree. For MCA to have any chance, the current batch of idiots must go. They harm MCA more than help - you have got a porn star, liar, cheater, and so on, all must go.

Onyourtoes: Lee, it is not just the party leaders. It is MCA as a political party and all its delegates that are depraved and defunct. If the delegates can prefer president Chua Soi Lek over his predecessor Ong Tee Keat, it shows the Chinese in MCA are nothing but a bunch of depraved money-faced opportunists.

As a Chinese Malaysian, I feel insulted by MCA's choice of Chua as the president of the party. I am not being holier than thou here. It is just that leadership has its responsibilities. Chua shouldn't have stood for the presidency and the delegates shouldn't have chosen him.

As it is, the consequences are clear now for all to see. It is MCA that is depraved.

Hplooi: When intellectuals abandon the party, then you can say that the brains have left and only scum and demagogues remain. Indications that this is true? Check out MCA people in the news and the pronouncement they made e.g. Miss Towtruck Jessie Ooi, and so on.

Anonymous #33877536: Yes, Chua must leave if the Chinese are to come back to

MCA, but now it's too late. The Chinese are with DAP now and it is going to be difficult to sway that. The Chinese are fed up with what is happening now in the country. Ong Tee Keat can try to change MCA, but it will be fruitless.

ZhangFei: MCA is always like that, only talk and talk. Let us tell you MCA guys one thing; whoever is at the helm, enough is enough. To us, the present as well as the future MCA is irrelevant to the Chinese community.

Most of the heads are jerks, opportunists, are selfish, power-crazy and money-crazy. I've personally known a few of them. All are crap. Some are bullshit. But worse, MCA even has liars and chicken worms.

So MCA just go and get yourself buried for good. Now you are drowning. Later you will be suffocating. Lastly, the devil awaits you.

JBond: When the party has to survive on Umno's Malay votes, it speaks volume of its dismal Chinese support. It is just Umno's tool to make BN look multiracial. But the reality is Umno holds the party by the balls all the time. Chinese representation my foot!

Anonymous #20513663: Lee, if that is the case, it is better for the current crop of leaders to stay so that MCA will be a footnote in history. They already are, anyway. Race based parties have no place in the future of Malaysia. The sooner MCA, Umno, MIC etc. are dissolved, the better.

Pokarekare Ana: The only solution for MCA to regain some form of dignity is to disengage with the Umno devils or even better still, just close shop. This beggar political party had spent its shelf life from the time Umno Baru emerged. MCA is left only with maggots.

Boonpou: But MCA is already a footnote in history. What I don't understand is why Ong and other sensible MCA members have not resigned from this footnote in history. Please do tell me honestly, and there is no serious studies or statistical figure needed, do you really think the majority of the Malaysian Chinese still care about the MCA?

The answer should be obvious. If there are any sensible MCA representatives left, please do something else instead of being a MCA member. Form another party, join Pakatan, and remember this, move away from race based thinking.

Malaysia is no longer in the 20th century. Racial politics and identities is so yesterday. Umno will also soon be a footnote in history. And so will DAP if it doesn't

move quickly beyond a race based party. PAS too for that matter. Malaysia is maturing fast and for real.

Apapunboleh: Would I give MCA a chance? A big yes - if the current bunch of leaders go and the party leaves BN with a big middle finger to Umno. Will that happen? Sadly, no.

Senior: MCA will indeed be a footnote in history - there will be no change.

Fuel price hike wrong approach to fiscal reform

Harapanbaru: An intelligent analysis on the GST issue by Yin Shao Loong. This is what has changed since former Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad's era. Capable, competent and intelligent individuals used to have little option but serve the agenda of the ruling elite or risk being labelled 'a security threat' or 'traitor'.

In the digital era where power must by necessity be decentralised, thinking people are free to withdraw support from the power structure and use their skills to expose the weak underbellies of the traditional elite.

Once revealed as naked emperor wannabes, these pompous self aggrandising poltroons transform into cartoon villains and become objects of relentless public ridicule. How to rule when relentlessly ridiculed? Point a gun at your detractors!

Ong Guan Sin: The GST idea was first floated not because of its efficiency, but for the need to widen our tax base, i.e. more rakyat should pay tax for the drying public finances. The timing of this petrol price hike, right after Hari Raya and Merdeka Day, indicates how desperate the situation is. It is no longer a matter of public policy debate, but when Malaysia becomes the next Greece.

Onyourtoes: It is obvious that BR1M was never an 'assistance' programme. It was political and will remain so, to make the people beholden to and be grateful to the government. The fundamental issue to resolve is not why the poor need BR1M but why, despite working full time, people are unable to earn a decent living for themselves and their families.

We did not have BR1M before the Penang state government started giving some cash as a token of appreciation after the 2008 election. So my question is how did the people survive before that?

Are we saying the income level of the poor was okay then? If we are not careful, BR1M would become another difficult to dismantle 'subsidy' programme probably as

dreadful as fuel or any other subsidy.

Low income is a poor wage determination and an income maldistribution issue. Unless these issues are resolved, no amount of BR1M will solve our problem. RM3,000 income as a cut off qualification for BR1M is also very arbitrary and can be easily manipulated and abused.

Anonymous\$&@?: The intent of the fuel hike has never been to solve the country's financial problems, but to give reasons and money to cronies to enrich themselves.

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