

## **Giving Anwar enough rope to hang himself**

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YOURSAY 'It is now waiting for Pakatan's move on the Allah issue.'

Cease being soft on hard issues, Zaid tells Anwar

Anonymous\_3f4b: The first step to show that Pakatan Rakyat means business is to revoke the enactment passed by the former Selangor government. Pakatan has the majority now so why the fear and hesitation. Pakatan have to show real change and not mere sloganeering.

When it comes to the crunch, Pakatan must show a united front and be different from Barisan. If Pakatan is afraid to ruffle the feathers of certain segment of the electorate and the sultan then they are no different from BN.

Fair Play: When push comes to shove and an amendment is proposed in the state assembly, it is very unlikely to get the support from the Muslim Malaysian state representatives from both sides of the political divide.

The issue is too highly charged and too highly sensitive for their own comfort and certainly their political survival. The nation does not need external enemies because we are our own worst enemies.

Antoine Ross Deliones: Roughly, out of 100 Malaysians, 60 are Malays, of whom 20 Malays are 'progressive P'; 20 are the 'mass M'; 20 are 'hardliners H' like Perkasa and co.

In GE13, support for opposition is probably 30 non-Malays, 20 P Malays and one from the M Malays (the 51%). Indeed, the M is the power broker. The H understands this.

In the Allah issue, with hardly any strong leadership from the P, the M supports fully the H (66% of Malays). P leaders need to speak out with conviction on issues to chip off any M support for H.

Single Malt: The 'Allah' issue is like playing chess. Umno has made the first move by sowing confusion among the Muslims.

They are now waiting for Pakatan's move, namely Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim. If he offers a solution in his move, Umno will then strongly claim that Pakatan is siding non-Muslims and further cause confusion with their next move, the victims being the people of this country.

We really do need a change of government.

Ferdtan: Zaid, what you said is correct. However, in practice it is not easy. It is not right to put all the blame on Anwar or any opposition leaders when it comes to issues like race and religion. It needs time, patience and proper strategy to put out the fire that Umno deliberately started.

It was a trap set by Umno; and without support from the mainstream media any move not properly thought of will back fire on the opposition. We are sure the Umno's mouthpiece will spin and twist any statements made by the Anwar.

Zaid, if you want to blame someone, you should blame the majority of the Malay Muslims (from both sides of divide) - as shown by the Universiti Malaya's Centre for Democracy and Elections (Umcedel) survey - who due to the influence of the Umno's propaganda believe that the word 'Allah' belongs exclusively to them.

If this controversy drags on it will adversely affect Umno government as the critical issue of economy is been sidetracked. If ever Pakatan wants to lead in this 'hard' issue, PAS leaders who have better Islamic credentials than any party (including Umno), should take charge.

Sad to say, politicians act on what the people want - right now it is the majority - Malay Muslims, want it that way. Unless and until the Muslims in Malaysia change (hopefully the youth will), this will go on.

Continue-The-March: Zaid is right. Pakatan needs to make a principled stand on this Umno-created mess, however this is not the time yet. Racist Umno is imploding now with mass dissatisfaction on spiraling of cost-of-living.

Umno is using the bible raid as a red herring to divert public anger away from the dissatisfaction. If Pakatan were to bring this issue up they are falling into Umno trap.

Let the public anger simmers and burn Umno, the creator of the mess. In addition, Sarawak election is coming soon.

wg321: 'Allah' is no more a religious issue. It has become a political issue. One

wrong move by Anwar will be very costly to him. Pakatan is now trying to reach out to the ignorant rural Malay voters whose minds are controlled by mainstream media, especially Utusan Malaysia and TV3.

Najib is caught between a rock and a hard place. If he openly reaffirmed his support for his 10-points solution, he will be considered as anti-Islam by his two fixed deposit states in Borneo as well as in Peninsular Malaysia, especially the rural Malays and the 1.45 million Malay civil servants.

If he revokes the 10-point solution, he will betray his fixed deposit states. The East Malaysians will accuse him of tearing up the 18/20-point Agreement which led to the formation of Malaysia in 1963.

It is a strategic move by the "soft" Anwar not to speak out first because he is not the prime minister.

Jiminy Qrikert: Zaid failed as a law minister. He failed as a leader in PKR. Zaid failed again as a leader of his own party. He should slip into oblivion as it is quite obvious he is out of his depth in politics.

He gives nonsensical advice that is politically suicidal. That's why he failed in all those roles. Who needs to have the head examined?

He has already said that Pakatan made a decision three years ago to allow unhindered use, except to proselytise Malays or misuse the word. But just before GE13, Pakatan broke ranks with PAS, which was trying to outdo Umno.

Now Umno stirs this up again because it gets tremendous mileage and sympathy votes from Malays and Zaid wants Anwar to jump in on this nonsense?

Hasn't Zaid heard the saying, "Give enough rope to hang himself"? Anwar is not as dumb as Zaid. Umno will soon hang themselves.