

Umno Youth, so it's okay to punch a minister?

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YOURSAY 'Don't try to turn it into a racist issue to save Najib's face.'

Apology demanded over tudung threat

Flamescanner: If the allegation that a 25-year-old Muslim school teacher in SJKC Nan Ya in Kota Tinggi was told to take off her "tudung" (headscarf) to continue teaching there is true, then an honest apology to the teacher concerned is in order.

At the same time, I would like to ask Umno Youth exco and bureau chairperson Mohd Rafiq Naizamohideen what his thoughts are regarding the seizure of more than 300 copies of the Bible by Selangor Islamic Religious Department (Jais)?

Does he consider that an insult or does he consider that his right? You see, this is where the proof of the pudding lies. Can you apply the same rules and principles of respect for another person's belief or is it simply you championing your cause and trampling on someone else's view.

By the way, Mohd Rafiq, Catholic weekly The Herald's editor Lawrence Andrew was probed for sedition recently, which in itself is wrong, but what do you mean that no action has been taken?

What would you consider to be a justifiable action? I'd like to hear a reasoned argument.

Onyourtoes: If indeed such a threat was issued to the Muslim teacher, I agree that an apology is called for, but only to the teacher concerned (not to all Muslims as demanded by Umno Youth).

But I have an inkling that this episode was orchestrated. The silence from the Education Ministry was just to prolong the controversy, regardless the threat was true or otherwise.

If we have done wrong, just apologise. There is no need to demand counter apologies from 'well-established' racists. They are not our teachers.

Sali Tambap: Make no mistake about it. The headmistress who stopped her Muslim

teacher to wear her tudung is wrong.

As it is also wrong for the Muslim teacher in Sarawak a while back (I think it was reported in Malaysiakini) who caned a Christian Iban pupil that brought his purported non-halal lunch to school provided for by her mother.

It was also wrong for the Muslim teacher who punished the non-Muslim Orang Asli pupil who failed to recite an Islamic prayer.

Mohd Rafiq is right about the headmistress insulting Islam but so did the two Muslim teachers mentioned were using Islam to insult other religions. Well, we do not want both.

Failure to respect each other as individual and belief is totally uncalled for. In other word, what Mohd Rafiq wants is respect for Islam. And it is his right to ask for that.

But let him understands this - respect is a two-way traffic. You cannot demand respect nor can you force it on people to respect you. It has to be earned.

By their gentle nature Malaysians for the most part, regardless of their backgrounds, do respect each other. The action of Jais (Selangor Islamic Religious Department) towards the Christian's holy books and house of worship is not respect.

Let us get rid of Malaysians who do not respect each other, irrespective whether he/she a Muslim or non-Muslim. Such person has no place in the Malaysian nation.

Heavenly King: Ordering one woman to remove her tudung is an insult? What about banning non-Muslims on the use of the word 'Allah', burning churches, and protesting in front of churches?

Malaya: If you think this is serious enough to warrant a sack, how about making non-Muslims eating in a changing room? Isn't that serious too?

Umno Youth, you are in no position to make this demand. Where are you during the changing room row? A school is a school so don't bring in politics and religion. Please let the ministry settle this issue by themselves.

Anonymous #66797900: Whilst we all should respect one another's faith, why must Father Lawrence be punished? He was also defending his faith.

Umno Youth is desperate as no one supports them as they have proven themselves

to be hooligans. Apparently, punching a minister is okay.

It is time for non-Muslims and rational Muslims to stand firm in the face of constant threats and demand an apology. Most Muslims in this country are against extremists. It is the political desperadoes who are out to cause rift.

Vgeorgemy: Umno has no issues when one of its members slap a non-Malay minister publicly and a mufti calls for mass murder. It seems that Umno has lost its legitimacy with common man issues.

Kangkung: After the Jais raid on the Bible Society of Malaysia (BSM), this new set of Umno goons are trying hard to divert attention from Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's 'kangkung' remark to this tudung issue.

So many Muslim staff and students are teaching and studying in vernacular schools so Umno, don't try to turn it into a racist issue to save Najib's face.

Well Thats Fantastic: When politics enters religion and religion enters politics, they do no justice to each other whatsoever.

In fact, we can often see a politician with a hollow or weak argument very quickly try to become more godly than God himself.

Fair&Just: No minorities of ordinary intelligence will be foolish and stupid enough to threaten a Muslim or Malay unless with the scheming or backing of those with ulterior motives as the minorities have for decades being used to the ways of the supremacist bigots and biding their time for retribution and just dessert if it ever come but hopefully do.

Enuf: The only reason why SJKC is around is because of the divide-and-rule tactic. And the majority of Chinese fall for it by sending their kids to an SJKC. So the Chinese are still amateur in playing politics.

Continue-The-March: Hello Enuf, I beg to differ. SJKC would have disappeared if not because of Umno's screwed-up education policy.

Up to the 70s, the enrollment of SJKC was going down because Chinese started to see more value in English education until former premier Mahathir Mohamad converted all English schools into Malay schools which slowly change into mono-culture Islamic-inclined schools.

From then on, more than 90 percent of Chinese parents send their kids to SJKC,

including Indian and Malays parents.

Cryodude: What about the head mistress who told the Chinese and Indians to go back to China and India?

Did she make an apology? I guess she did in the end. Was she sacked from her post because she failed to understand the sensitivities of other races? I guess not.

In this case, the person concerned should also apologise to the teacher and that should be the end of it. Let all parties stop spilling poison in schools. What are we teaching our kids?

Sali Tambap: This is perhaps the rare time that I agree with the call from Umno Youth education bureau.

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