

Breakup of Pakatan will be BN gain
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YOURSAY 'But at the end of the day, Malaysians are the real loser.'

Pakatan breakup not ruled out, says Guan Eng

Kim Quek: It is unfortunate that just as the rejuvenated PAS was ready to climb new heights with Pakatan Rakyat in the march towards Putrajaya, the Islamic party dropped two potentially lethal bombshells to halt Pakatan's advance - first its plan to push for hudud in Parliament, and now its possible divergence from Pakatan on the removal of Khalid Ibrahim as Selangor MB.

While the former is temporarily defused, the latter is prone to be ignited imminently. At stake is, of course, the nation's dream for a renewal under Pakatan from the age-old decadent and regressive rule of BN.

It is hoped that the progressives, whose recent climb has reflected the grassroots' desire to capture Putrajaya with Pakatan, will once again lead the party out of the woods.

Kingfisher: The 12th general elections gave positive indications that a multiracial alternative to the BN was in the making and responsible leadership from Pakatan should establish its relevance and significance to Malaysians.

But post-election betrayals and the emergence of individuals and groups with sectarian interests soon posed a threat to the esteem of Pakatan. People who for decades felt betrayed by BN are now equally frustrated with Pakatan's lack of vision for the common good.

Leaders like Anwar Ibrahim, Khalid, Azmin Ali are largely responsible for the increasing notoriety of Pakatan as a failing coalition.

Anwar's attempt to hang on to some personal agenda and his failure to act resolutely with his collaborators for the progressive futuristic vision that he articulated so well in the founding days of Pakatan are main reasons for Pakatan's decline as much as the arrogance of the likes of Khalid and Azmin and the inconsistency of PAS in policy options.

Apa Nama: Pakatan breakup, which I hope will not take place, will be BN gain and BN will be happy for that.

Their well-orchestrated plan seems to be working well. At the end of the day, Malaysians are the real loser.

Bluemountains: Some PAS leaders are wolves in sheep's clothing. They have been sabotaging Pakatan at every nook and corner. Some have been caught red-handed trying to form a unity government with Pakatan's opponent immediately after GE 2008.

In GE 2013, PAS fielded a candidate to stand against PKR in Kota Damansara resulting in BN winning the seat. Pakatan will die soon if it does not cut off the 'cancerous limb' now.

Proarte: DAP leader Lim Guan Eng's assessment of the current state of play in Pakatan is correct, but it was sheer political opportunism which brought Pakatan together.

The people were given a false prospectus of 'unity in diversity' when the fundamental problem is an inherently unstable coalition where component members have diametrically opposed positions on fundamental principles.

How can a secular party such as DAP share a 'common policy' platform when the core belief of PAS is to implement syariah in contravention of the constitution, which is supreme law of the land in plural Malaysia?

Pakatan cannot blame the rakyat for the shambles it is in. It was its power hungry and opportunistic leaders which saw benefit for themselves and used Pakatan as a vehicle to take on BN, the common enemy.

But it was only a matter of time that the fault lines would manifest thus revealing the lie which the 'common manifesto' was. PAS' treachery has a proven track record and DAP was foolish to trust them.

The crux of the problem is allowing religion to influence the discourse of governance in Malaysia. Anwar and family unfortunately have stridently conflated their personal religious convictions with their politics.

As a result, they too have been bedfellows with PAS in abusing Islam for perceived political benefit. As opposition leader in a plural Malaysia, Anwar has done nothing to convince the non-Malays of his commitment to equal religious and racial rights.

Even his forays into opposition politics has always had a subtext of 'Ketuanan Melayu and Ketuanan Islam'.

'Reformasi' was merely a slogan to give a notional intended change in the nature of politics which was ostensibly to be based on fundamental principles of good governance and universal human rights. But the bitter truth is Anwar and PAS are merely reverse sides of the Umno coin.

Quigonbond: Might as well see PAS breaking up into two. Trouble is the MPs and state assemblymen are majority from the conservative faction. Umno 1, Pakatan 0.

The rest of Malaysians should also resign to the fact that we will always live in an environment of crony capitalism and political monopoly, really, no different from communism.

Bau Busuk: Umno will rule this country for another 50 years. Because of the propaganda and brainwashing and their huge financial war chest with money flowing from Petronas, there will never be good and fair governance.

Malaysia will end up like the Philippines and our great grand children will face the brunt. The only alternative is for our children to study overseas and migrate to a foreign country. The grass may not be green overseas but certainly not dirtier.

We cannot migrate but our children can. After all, we are living the last part of our life and will pass off here. There is no way we can change all the crookedness that is happening here.

As long as we get our daily bread and hope for nothing, we are all okay. I hope to die in peace in this country.

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