

**With Dr M, it's hard to teach old dog new tricks**  
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YOURSAY 'He is no longer in hot seat. He should shut up - be seen, not heard.'

Najib told to muzzle his barking dogs to woo Dr M

Ferdan: "I am not an Umno member," said blogger Ahiruddin Attan aka Rocky Bru.

As I remember well, before 2008 when Abdullah Ahmad Badawi was PM, Rocky was one of the harshest critics of the administration. This is to show how much interest he has to exercise his rights as a citizen so the remark of not being an Umno member meant nothing.

Here's straight from the horse's mouth - his posting in his Sept 20, 2007 blog - and we wonder whether he should comment on politics at all.

Quote: "I, Phantom? I have never registered myself as a voter in my entire life. So how did I get my name on the Election Commission's voter roll? Someone must have done it for me. Who?"

"I have never been to Rapat Setia, for heaven's sake. My address on my old ID and on my new MyKad is Puchong, Selangor. I have never lived in Perak. My kampong is in Melaka. So who did I vote for in Gopeng? And in Simpang Pulai?"

From a person who never bothers to register to vote, he wants to talk about national politics?

Blackknight: If indeed Dr Mahathir Mohamad is so powerful in Umno, why couldn't he get his son elected as party vice-president?

Dr M is punching above his weight and his influence has definitely waned. Rocky is desperate to see PM Najib Razak take the old man seriously, hence his advice.

I think the old man is sulking because lately things are not going his way; for instance, he couldn't get the northern airport project approved to bolster his son's image and secondly MAS (Malaysia Airlines) was not handed to his favourite crony, Syed Mokhtar Al-Bukhary.

I don't think Najib needs to lose any sleep over the old man's rantings. Malaysians have come to realise that this old man only cares for himself, his family and cronies and when he doesn't get his way, he lashes out that nobody is good enough.

By the way, I hear that his son is doing a miserable job as Kedah MB and his family is still in Kuala Lumpur where he spends about three days a week.

Vijay47: A classic 'rojak' of contradictions and assumptions from a so-called 'veteran newsman'. He advises Najib against trying "to defend himself publicly and vehemently".

This is hardly likely to happen as Najib is better known to be dumb (the silent kind) or given to taking off to all manner of exotic lands after losing sleep over MH17 but not MH370. With his darling wife in tow, of course.

Penang's mega mega projects? Pray share these well-kept secrets with us, Ahiruddin. But the best is when this ex-journalist suggests that Najib "tells Mahathir what he's doing that the old man may not be aware of".

What he is doing? That would indeed be a very short page. From what he has written, I can see that Rocky is all clay.

Fernz: Najib does not need Mahathir. That's why he ignores him. Mahathir is no longer in the hot seat. He should shut up - be seen, not heard. Mahathir wants Najib to be a control freak like him. That is no longer possible.

After one control freak, the country will not accept another control freak. Najib is more into tai-chi politics: now you see, now you don't. He's trying to survive. He's a survivor. So, he has no time for Mahathir.

There's no fool like an old fool. You can't teach an old dog new tricks.

Shahrizat: We laud Dr M, but Najib's our man

Slumdog: Wanita Umno chief Shahrizat Abdul Jalil said that "Najib has kept the higher values of democracy and justice at the forefront of his administration."

She must be in fairyland or delusional. When she made this comment, at the back of her mind, she was saying thanks to Najib for the RM250 million soft government loan to raise some cows.

Casey: I know I may be accused of naivety for even suggesting this. To my mind, the best and most effective way for Najib to neutralise Mahathir is not to pursue his legacy but to undo all the ills and injustice that the latter had done.

And if you think of it, and with the power vested upon a sitting PM, it's simple. All that Najib has to do is to:

1. Drop all forms of repressive justice or political repression including all politically motivated persecutions against opposition leaders Anwar Ibrahim, N Surendran, Tian Chua, Kasim Ahmad, etc.

2. Repeal the Sedition Act.

3. Renounce and reject all forms of bigotry, racial as well as religious.

4. Stop all forms of government subsidised, bubble-inflating, swindlers' game; where it has favoured or benefitted only the plutocratic personalities instead of the public and the nation at large.

5. Introduce some semblance of equality and meritocracy as regards to the employment under the public sector and trades.

Now, if and only if Najib can do that, Mahathir will see his own political demise.

Vijay47: Shahrizat, of course, Najib is your man. He turned dumb as usual and let you and family run riot until the cows come home. One man's meat and all that, where you have nothing to beef about.

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