

**Ibrahim Ali & co more dangerous than nudists**  
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YOURSAY 'Six months jail for frolicking in the sun and having fun?'

10 charged over Penang nude sports event

Old Timer: I don't agree with the nudist event in Teluk Bahang, but how that event, held in an isolated place, can cause public "unrest" is beyond me.

And how can the nude event disrupt racial harmony? Maybe the honourable judge can come up with better reasons.

Victor Johan: They were charged with taking part in an event in a secluded place, far from the public. Thus their 'act' did not cause 'public unrest'.

It was the uploaded promotion video in Vimeo, which was done many months after the organised activity, that brought public attention to the event.

Perhaps it is the viewing of the video that is of concern to the public. Those specific viewers should refrain from watching the uploaded video and will thus be saved from their 'unrest'.

To those who have pleaded guilty, well that's your choice, but to those who didn't, fight your case, and in return, counter the charge and seek appropriate compensation.

Wira: The participants did not cause the unrest. It was the person who uploaded this to Vimeo that did. Charge that person instead.

Lim Chong Leong: The nudists may cause "public unrest"? No one knew about it until it was publicised. How could there be public unrest when no one knew about it?

Was it more a case of "pubic unrest" for some after seeing some netizen's photos?

Gerard Lourdesamy: The jail sentence is excessive. A fine would have been sufficient together with a period of probation (if deemed necessary). This was not a serious offence as it did not involve sexual acts in a public place or any violence.

There were no members of the public or children present when this group decided to go nude. The offenders have shown remorse and have promised not to repeat the offence.

While I do not condone public nudity, it is a matter of personal preference but these naturalists should be reminded that we are a conservative society where religious and moral values are important.

If they want to go nude, they should go to countries that have legalised nudist areas and not attempt such practices here.

Chris Wong: Since when do we have a right to apply moral judgment to a bunch of human beings who decided not to wear anything among themselves?

Why spend time prosecuting and hurrying the wheels of justice such that the need to go to jail for a crime of not wearing anything?

Is this so offensive that we have to placate those among us who feel holier than others, such that we can feel more righteous than others?

Straight-Talk: The judge who criminalised such a minor public offence ought to be more open-minded and accept the so-called offence as an expression of art.

It did not offend the public because it was held in a secluded beach away from public eye. More of such expressions of body art should be held in the future and membership should be open to those wishing to join. Cheers to all who dare...

CQ Muar: Curiously, does roaming naked within the confine of my own property compound, with no intent to exhibit for 'public' viewing, constitute an offence?

Correct me if I'm being ignorant, but isn't this my 'constitutional' right to freedom of expression, perhaps not in the eyes of Muslims but others who're more liberal in mind and nothing else?

Were we fully clothed the day we were born... and wasn't that a glorious sight to everybody? Why the prude of being in the 'birthday suit' so long as it's not done in front of Sogo along Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman?

My4Hope: Feeling unrest over nudity is a form of sickness, and yet the healthy ones got punished for returning to nature. What a uniquely unrestful nation.

FairMind: The police were quick in taking action on some guys appearing nude in a secluded beach. They even splashed their faces in all the mainstream papers to shame them.

How about the police doing the same thing on the women who reportedly offered free sex to ISIS fighters? Isn't that worse?

David: Their actions are certainly unlawful, so are the actions by Perkasa, Isma and Umno Youth, which are publicly thuggish and racial in nature. Inciting racial hatred is certainly more serious than those nudists.

Then again, this is Malaysia, where all the priorities are in a disarray.

Kit P: I don't support the nudist event, but I would say Perkasa chief Ibrahim Ali is much more dangerous to public order in Malaysia than anything these six have done. The authorities have yet to charge him with anything and he is unlikely to face any legal penalties.

Pisasu 7: Which is more offensive, spitting at a MP or running naked on an isolated beach?

Pakatan-Ku: There was not a single member of public around when the nudists did their thing, while Isma, Perkasa and cow head demonstrators got off with a slap on the wrists.

Six months' jail for frolicking in the sun and having fun? That's an overkill.

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