

For DAP, break-up with PAS a blessing in disguise

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Ex-PAS Youth activist Sheikh Omar joins DAP

Dont just talk: Good for both of you, Sheikh Omar Ali and Norazimah Mohamad Noor, for having the courage to do the right thing, which is by joining DAP or even PKR for that matter.

However, by joining the opposition parties, both of you must be prepared to remain poor, work hard and smart, be strong in your political ideology and not behave like 'katak' (frogs) when offered millions of ringgit to defect or offered a senator post.

Follow the footsteps of DAP founders like the late Karpal Singh, YB Lim Kit Siang, YB Lim Guan Eng and many other principled opposition leaders, who were detained under the Internal Security Act (ISA) and whatever obnoxious laws that they can charge you with.

Emulate A Samad Said, a national icon, on why he chose DAP over Umno Baru, which can make him a rich person. Hopefully, with more intellectual, moderate, liberal Malay youths joining DAP, and not PAS, it is time for a new Pakatan to be formed leaving out PAS, which is the main obstacle to a progressive Malaysia.

Ferdtan: The break-up of relationship between PAS and DAP is a blessing in disguise for the multiracial party.

With the disillusioned PAS grassroots leaders, tired of waiting for the prominent, progressive leaders of PAS who were defeated in the last party elections dithering to make any clear-cut decision to form a new party to start anew, DAP is enjoying the support of these former PAS members (in the case of Sheikh Omar Ali).

Another blessing is that DAP does not have to abide with the former Pakatan's rule of one-to-one contest against BN. DAP, with more Muslim members joining them, can now contest in any seats including those previously contested under PKR and PAS.

PKR, watch out. Don't take too long to decide which direction you want to take; whether to be with DAP or PAS, for you are now at risk, too.

National laureate A Samad Said's earlier decision to join DAP could be the beginning of the opening the floodgates for large numbers of other Muslims to do

the same, including a reformist activist, Norazimah Mohamad Noor.

Thinking citizen_1403620863: Our country has a future as the young from all communities have broken out of the government-skewed ideology and to evaluate reality as it is. We are all Malaysians born, bred and we will probably die here as well.

Ini ialah 'tanah air kita semua' and it is our interest and desire to make this lovely country, which is currently mismanaged and plundered, into a better place for our children and grandchildren.

To me, I'm not concerned too much about differences in race, culture and religion because I was brought up in the 60s and 70s, when we always respect each other communities' culture and beliefs as they in turn respects ours.

Young Malaysians, it is time to rise up and be countered to build the country for your generation and the rest, so that it is not going to be one where it is raked by disunity and promoting that one community has the right to live off the others. It is the combined effort of all of us to rebuild this country.

Xed: Many years ago (long before social media took off), there was published in the not so mass media a photograph of Lim Kit Siang sitting on the floor in a meeting with Malay farmers who were suffering from exploitation by and unfair treatment from the authorities.

Umno was annoyed at what it saw as disloyalty. Corruption, cronyism, mismanagement and incompetence are eating away at our society but the crooks and morons responsible for it are using race and religion to divide us.

Even to the extent of trying to get us to protect and defend those of our individual race or religion who are sinners and criminals. My countryman, right or wrong!

If only enough Malaysians know of the stealing by our so-called leaders. They claim to get benefits for their own race or religion but swallow most of this for themselves. How ready are many Malaysians to condemn wrongs committed by those of other races but are quick to protect and defend those of their own kind who are guilty of the same thing!

Anonymous_3e79: Yes, progressive Malays, please review the charter of DAP. Nowhere does it state that its purpose is for the progression of any single race but for all Malaysians.

By changing the racial mix of the leaders, I hope a party will eventually be that which can be called a true Malaysian party, which is not race- or religion-based. This is what we need. The old leaders (Lim Kit Siang and others) need to groom and make way for a younger leadership to take charge.

Headhunter: DAP is now in a very enviable position. With so many smart Malays joining its ranks, Umno can no longer accuse it of being a racial party. And many of these intellectuals will be nominated and win seats for the party in the next general election as all races will come out and give them support.

PAS' loss will be DAP's gain for sure. The biggest loser will be the BN. Its clear that Azmin Ali and PKR will have little choice but to partner DAP and eventually dump PAS. Who wants to be associated with a loser, anyway?

Basically: Well done. Many may hate to admit it but DAP is one of the true Malaysian parties that struggle for fundamental values that will make our country great again. Sadly, Umno, with the help of its lackeys MCA and Gerakan, continues to demonise DAP as communist and racist Chinese, as though Umno and MCA, etc, are not racist parties at their very core.

A DAP-dominant govt is labelled 'Chinese government', like what Umno called Penang and Perak, which all Malaysians should find insulting. We have become so numb to this Umno racism that no one batted an eyelid when BN warned that PKR winning in Sarawak would mean a Christian chief minister.

So? Aren't 90 percent of Sarawakians Christian? And so what if it isn't? Isn't it funnier that Sarawak is now being ruled by a minority community? So it is okay for Sarawak to be ruled by, in BN's own terms, a 'Malay government' but not vice-versa?