

Who was Obama referring to - Najib or Mahathir?

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Salleh: Obama may be referring to Dr M, not Najib

Odin Tajué: Communications and Multimedia Minister Salleh Said Keruak, going by your logic, US President Barack Obama could have referred to any of the corrupt leaders in this world. So, let us take a simple exercise in basic comprehension and analysis to show why you are very wide off the mark.

Obama has to have been referring to current and relatively recent leaders and events. It does not make sense for him to go back decades before his holding of office.

Although former PM Dr Mahathir Mohamad is not exactly known to be Mr Clean himself, he left the picture too long ago for him to count.

The 'development funds' that Obama was referring to have to be no other than the 1MDB money. No other much publicised kleptocracy cases have been known to involve funds associated with an activity described as 'development' or with a company whose name bears the word 'development'.

The sum involved is also so substantial that even some 10 percent of it (US\$1 billion) determined by the US Department of Justice (DOJ) to have been siphoned out and converted to assets kept in the US has made for the largest kleptocracy case in US history.

For that reason, it was sufficiently extraordinary for Obama's attention - and, of course, for the US authorities and the shakers and movers in the private sector there to be aware of.

Vijay47: Salleh, it is good to see that you have returned to your day job of keeping the nation amused; I had feared you were never going to leave the circus.

I cannot challenge you when you refer to people "being delusional", since psychological afflictions are issues you are especially familiar with.

You suggest that Obama had the world's problems to fret about, so he would hardly want to speak about any particular person, even one as unique as Najib.

But Obama did indeed look at the bigger picture, he did speak about responsibilities, dignity, and the worth of citizens. Surely, Salleh, you cannot expect him to speak of hula-girls and golf?

He then homed in on a gentleman you seem devoted to, who has a thing for transactions in

Switzerland, and I don't mean shopping for chocolates, milk or Rolex.

Of course, when Obama used the word "corruption", he may well have been talking about most of Umno. You say it may have been Mahathir he alluded to. Could be. Or maybe George Washington.

Inworldnotof: They all take turns to remind us of the never-ending nightmare of denials, self-deception, cons and lies that Malaysia is living with every moment, as these treacherous sycophants drag it unrelentingly through the mud without flinching.

We all shall never forget the names of these that shall hang forever in Malaysia's hall of shame.

Shame on you for choosing to stand on the wrong side of history: you failed Malaysia at this moment when it needed you to stand up and speak the truth on its behalf.

Tajuddin lashes out at media when grilled on 'Kok row'

SRMan: We know this is one man who has been speaking crudely with sexist connotations and also one who is then too cowardly to take responsibility for his words.

The low-quality replies he dished out to the reporters' questions only serve to confirm our impression of him - he has no class. Deputy minister Tajuddin Abdul Rahmann, why bother to wear a suit and put on a tie?

For a person like you, it would suit you more if you were to put on an old worn-out singlet and a loin cloth and then roam around in town or in the jungle. Frankly, I do not think anyone would be surprised to see you in such a situation.

Odin: It seems that this is not the first time that he has made sexual innuendos.

In March this year, he courted controversy when he publicly defended the excesses of Najib and his wife, Rosmah Mansor's.

He told reporters at the Parliament that it was perfectly normal to purchase expensive handbags for your significant other to court them, and he continued to defend the couple's acquisition of extravagant goods and vacationing at the playgrounds of the rich and the famous.

He has brought disrepute to the Parliament and to Malaysia, and he is also an insult to the Malay race and to Islam, as well as to the title that he has been bestowed with.

Headhunter: Pathetic little man. Serves him right to be despised and cursed by so many. He knew very well that he intended to humiliate Seputeh MP Teresa Kok by saying what he did, and yet still try to worm his way out.

And mark my words, he'll put his foot in his mouth again in the near future.

360: What he said and meant was very clear. It was wrong for the House speaker and deputy speaker not to reprimand him. This is completely unacceptable conduct in Parliament.

P Dev Anand Pillai: Generally, it is only the women groups, feminist NGOs and those associated with them who get very offended by this comments.

Women in general do not come out in large numbers to protest or at least show their disgust in the ballot box when the time comes, so these MPs think that it is alright to keep commenting in this fashion.

What we need to see happen is women in general come out hard against this type of derogatory politics which is what our Parliament is good for.

But instead our women, be they educated or not educated, still return the Umno-BN parties to power come the general elections. So, who do we blame?

Curious Observer: I am in agreement with his assertion that he was alluding to the surname 'Kok' when he referred to Teresa in Parliament. That's perfectly logical.

As such, I proposed that YB Tajuddin be known as the "MP without a Kok" from now on. I'm referring to his name, of course.