

**YOURSAY | Never take voters for granted**

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KK Voter: In the article, it is stated that political scientist Wong Chin Huat viewed the poor Chinese voter turnout as a “protest vote” against Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, who is “seen taking non-Malay support for granted”.

These analysts are being very gentle in their assessments.

Anwar did not just take their support for granted; he actively distanced himself from the non-Malays and made them his whipping boys to show the Malays he was one of them.

He hurled insults like “elites” and “maha kaya” at the urbanites, his support base, which includes the few Malay voters he has left.

He let the radicals attack the non-Malays for flimsy reasons without repercussions.

When you openly and actively declare war on the people who put you in power, what do you expect?

To the Pakatan Harapan apologists, fanboys, and hired trolls who still want to throw around the “lesser evil” rhetoric, here is my response.

Who is the lesser evil? The one who made no secret you are not one of them, or the one who pretends you are one of them and throws you to the wolves after he got what he wanted?

Undecided: Political scientist from Universiti Sains Malaysia, Azmil Mohd Tayeb is spot on. The truth is that the aspirations of non-Malays are quite different from those of Malay Muslims.

The 10A solution to the matriculation programme displeased both Malays and non-Malays although the degree of unhappiness is much greater for non-Malays since they are the ones who are the victims of discrimination.

The resurfacing of the 90 percent quota for bumiputera may be the most important reason for the dismal performance in the recent by-election - apart from the apathy of non-Malay voters in Sungai Bakap.

The racist behaviour of some of the top Umno leaders, like Umno Youth chief Dr

Muhamad Akmal Saleh, was seen as repulsive by the non-Malays, which is another almost equally unfavourable factor.

So is the reduction in the jail sentence of former prime minister Najib Abdul Razak despite his role in the infamous 1MDB scandal which shamed the country.

As for Anwar's grandstanding in the Palestinian conflict, the majority of non-Malays are less enthusiastic compared to the Malays.

Most non-Malays are probably not too concerned about the selling of the Malaysia Airlines Holdings Bhd (MAHB) shares to Global Infrastructure Partners (GIP) either.

Esviel: BN made the mistake of not putting their ears to the ground in the 15th general election.

Najib was surrounded by sycophants who simply echoed what he wanted to hear. He paid the price, discounts notwithstanding.

Anwar is rowing the same boat. He is not listening either. He is also surrounded by yes-men and some who were vocal before have pressed the mute button - DAP, that is you.

The Madani government needs competent strategists. I don't see any. There is no clear ideology either.

Economy Minister Rafizi Ramli is immature, a loose cannon, and a dreamer. He does not know behavioural science and thinks everything can be explained using equations.

As for Home Minister Saifuddin Nasution Ismail, I don't have a clue of what his strengths are in the position he is holding.

The list is long and not very encouraging. Essentially, we don't have much to hope for. Harapan was voted in on promises which they had no intention of fulfilling.

While we can understand that not all promises can be fulfilled, at least explain them rationally and do not belittle the people with nonsensical statements. We had enough of this!

TC: The psychological impact of a by-election victory is critical during such times.

Perikatan Nasional treated this by-election as being crucial and gathered all their top leaders, including Kedah Menteri Besar Muhammad Sanusi Md Nor, to lead the campaign.

In the recent Kuala Kubu Baharu by-election, DAP gathered their top guns to campaign. Aided by an aggressive Menteri Besar Amirudin Shari, they were seen to be very serious about winning.

PKR did not treat the Sungai Bakap by-election as a priority.

Their top leaders were not there. Anwar was missing but PN leaders Abdul Hadi Awang and Muhyiddin Yassin were there.

PKR vice-president Nurul Izzah Anwar did not carry any influence at all. Penang Chief Minister Chow Kon Yeow is not politically aggressive.

When certain Umno leaders claim that many DAP supporters did not know about the election or did not bother to vote, this may not be far from the truth.

XoXo: The message from the non-Malays from the Sg Bakap by-election is pretty clear. Enough is enough. There is no difference between Harapan and PN as far as they are concerned. Why waste time voting?

Going forward, in the next general election, let PN and Harapan slug it out. If you can settle the score between yourselves, all is well and good. It is not going to make any difference to the non-Malays at all.

On the other hand, if the Malays cannot settle the score among themselves, then come to us, and we shall see how we can help you.

Neutral Point: When a government or leaders don't keep their promises, we the people will reject them.

Someone said that if he becomes prime minister tomorrow, the price of oil will drop. That turned out to be an empty promise.

Abolishing tolls and charging high-profile politicians with corruption are among the many other empty promises.

Do you think people can still be fooled by you after all this?

Anonymous\_4020: The message is loud and clear by non-bumiputera to Anwar and his partners in Harapan, especially DAP, to not take us for granted.

Anwar, you can be as arrogant as you want but remember this, you have been warned.

Don't blame the Chinese and Indian voters if you lose the next election. This includes DAP.

Optimus: Even though PN has not and is still not bringing anything new apart from continuing to play up race and religion issues, the arrogance and stupidity of Harapan are in abundance. They never learnt from previous events but keep committing political suicide.

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