

PM 'cakap angin' while monkeys frolic
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On Errant MPs apologise over sexist remarks

Chris Liew Siak Wei: I am an ex-Malaysian now living in Australia and after so many years of living outside of Malaysia, I am very disappointed to call myself Malaysian. It is terrible to see how our MPs (so-called representatives) make such a remarks in Parliament. If this were to happen in any other country, the two MPs will be immediately escorted out from the sitting.

I would like to say that before being appointed, our leader, the PM, should screen each one of them and to see whether these people have finished their education to the level required.

They should know that women have equal rights and some are even better at their jobs than men. I can say now politics are a joke in Malaysia because I guess our PM is too soft so everyone can indulge in monkey business and do what they like and talk as they wish.

Ah Chong: In their apology, they said their words were necessary to defend the government of Abdullah Ahmad Badawi. Did we all hear that and did the prime minister hear that? Apparently, the remarks were necessary to defend the government over the shoddy work of the Parliament roof and other government buildings.

The apology was not only weak, it make the BN government led by Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Najib Razak look foolish in that they need to resort to such crudity and sexism to defend the BN government.

I hope the women folk of Malaysia hear this loud and clear and punish not only these two MPs from BN but this sexist government as a whole come the next general elections.

That aside, it has been revealed that the entire Parliament roof needs to be redone. After spending so much of our valuable taxpayers money, the entire roof now needs to be redone? This is disgusting and reveals a very serious crack in the administration of Prime Minister Abdullah Badawi.

The patronage system and the worthless middlemen have once again robbed the country and the nation. I get sick to the stomach when the Inland Revenue Department comes to seek more money and then the government throws the money away like dishwater. This is very frustrating.

Ratormo: The reason why there's no circus show in Malaysia is because all the clowns have switched jobs and are now government MPs in Parliament.

Mathew Alexander: We must now see how our prime minister is going to view all these parliamentarians who are all so quick to utter nonsense without the slightest guilt and are so reluctant to apologise.

What about the Jamaluddin Jarjis issue?

If our prime minister is sincere is talking about religious and moral values of Islam Hadhari; then he really ought to conscientiously see his 'own home' first and to get rid out the deadwood in there!

We want our prime minister to walk his talk.

On **PAS veep: We may lose Kelantan**

YSM: Isn't it sad that after all the proclamations of integrity and Islam Hadhari, we are faced with electoral fraud and questionable practices like different electoral rolls.

If the ruling coalition wants to win that badly to the point of using government agencies to accomplish their goals, then it cannot be a legitimate government ordained by the Almighty.

PM Abdullah is a religious man and therefore one can only appeal to his conscience and fear of God. Do what is right and honourable. Release your hold on the EC and instruct them to be fair.

This for the sake of the nation and your own soul.

On **Was May 13 naturally orchestrated?**

Upset: Cultural logic ... tell that do the families of the dead.

On **Confusion reigns over interfaith conference**

ProArte: The cancellation of the international religious' bridge-building' conference which was initially welcomed by PPM Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, shows the capitulation of rational and civilised thought to the will of extremist and supremacist Islamic elements in Malaysia.

It also betrays Pak Lah's weak and rudderless leadership. Abdullah, whom his spin-doctors have described as a 'progressive Islamic scholar' and who had the temerity to introduce 'Islam Hadhari', has forfeited his claim to be a progressive scholar and has instead exposed the intellectual cowardice of 'Islam Hadhari'.

The result is the impression that Islam in Malaysia is divisive, exclusivist and backward. This is another example of Pak Lah's 'cakap angin' promises to the nation which he has reneged on, and it is not surprising that his credibility has plummeted since being given a landslide endorsement to govern in 2004.

On **Expect smaller curry puffs, warn kuih sellers**

Concerned Non Economist: I am puzzled that the minister of consumer affairs increased the price of flour without giving an explanation. To my mind the price should actually go down.

Flour is an imported item. In 1998, one US dollar worth of flour cost RM3.80. Today the same flour costs RM3.50. Based on the exchange rate, the price should come down here.

The minister has to come out with a better reason to increase the price of flour.

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