

Azmin vs Khalid: Problem delayed, not solved
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Azmin replaces Khalid as S'gor PKR chief

Habib RAK: I prefer to trust the wisdom of the PKR leadership in making these changes. TSKI (Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim) has gracefully accepted that he does have weaknesses in managing the political needs of Selangor PKR.

With Azmin Ali taking over as Selangor PKR chief, we have the benefit of two specialists serving Selangor. TSKI can now focus on running the state administration which is his forte. TSKI has come across to me as not having high political ambition. He draws his satisfaction from achieving good results from administering Selangor.

Azmin Ali does have high political ambition and as such it is good that he has taken responsibility for the stewardship of political leadership for Selangor. This will allow him to hone his political leadership skill better. TSKI and Azmin Ali will compliment each other and to me - this is a win-win formula.

Closet Inspector: This is vintage Anwar Ibrahim - postpone the problem, never solving it. Come party elections, there will be another major outbreak. We are fed up of Anwar digging one hole to fill up another. He's definitely not PM material. Thank God, you are not getting within 10 miles of Putrajaya.

Zaid Ibrahim, this is your opportunity, make your move. We, the voters for an efficient government, are ready to welcome and back you. As for Azmin Ali, do the right thing: keep barking at Dr Mohd Khir Toyo. At least, you are proven effective as a barking dog.

Aramsa: People can have their opinion and think they know what's best for PKR and Pakatan Rakyat. I shall reserve my comments and shall not dismiss the action DSAI (Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim) has taken. There is always the wait and see. Come next election, if PKR still exist I shall support them, including all the Pakatan members.

Anonymous: PKR is full of Umno-corrupted politicians. Azmin is certainly one of them. His idea of grassroots support means crony projects and enriching themselves. PKR should just disband.

Ronin: While Pakatan is still not very much corrupted, vote for them. No one is perfect in politics, you can't get an angel to be a politician. Still Pakatan is much, much better than BN. After 10 years they have ruled this country, vote them out and opt for a better party. That's the fact in politics. I think if we are in their position, we would do the same.

Lee Heng Soon: As long as the heads of PKR (Anwar/Wan Azizah Wan Ismail) are not corrupt, everything will not go overboard. There may be noises here and there but the situation is still under control.

Law Kok Soon: The day Azmin becomes menteri besar of Selangor, it will be the day I will never vote PKR again. Mark my words.

MCA veep: Sports betting U-turn 'regrettable'

Cala: (MCA vice-president) Gan Ping Sieu, either you act innocent or you are really stupid. First, look at the way Umno makes its decision to have the licence withdrawn from Ascot Sports. Will you agree that by right the proper forum should have been the cabinet? Unless of course, Umno is also acting hand in glove with Ascot, which in this case shows both are the shareholders.

Second, on what basis is Gan assuming that by allowing the issuance of the licence to proceed it is beneficial to the people, and therefore can effectively suppress underground gambling? Third, what is there "to regret that the government succumbs to political pressure to revoke its earlier decision to legalise sport betting"?

In fact, Prime Minister Najib Razak will lose more support if he does not make a 180-degree turn in decision-making. In sum hence, what utter rubbish Gan is talking? Gan is insensitive on the real needs of both the Malays and the non-Malays.

Anonymous: It's very obvious that Gan is trying to tell Vincent Tan that he is behind the Berjaya Corporation chief in this deal. But Vincent knows pretty well who is the real boss - Umno. Why does he need to waste his time on getting support from MCA, MIC, LDP, PPP, etc?

Tanlei: MCA has got egg in its face. It is Umno that has final say in all policy matters without regard to inputs from other component parties. How is MCA going to 'represent' the Chinese community - its favourite tagline - when it is not even part of the inside track of BN's so-called 'power-sharing concept'?

Revisiting 1963: Joining federation a 'very bad idea'

Sarawakian: There is little doubt that we in Sabah and Sarawak feel cheated since joining Malaysia. The British administrated us fairly, providing us basic infrastructure and a very good education system. Everyone was treated equally - no racial discrimination, no religious bigotry and certainly no corruption.

Civil servants, even at the lowest rung, were people you respect because they did their job professionally. The discriminatory politics the BN brought makes one sick to the stomach. They have turned the gentle people of the two states into their slaves. If anyone care to take a poll now, they will be surprised that the majority in the two states will be quite happy to leave Malaysia to become independent states.

Anonymous: This is a very relevant subject to consider in charting the future of the peoples of East Malaysia. The promise of the federation was in its secular and inclusive constitution. This has not been the road taken by the communalists in Kuala Lumpur. Neither in 1963 nor the present have Sabah and Sarawak signed on for an Islamic state or Malay supremacy.

As East Malaysians become more educated - and that is happening with every passing year - coming generations will pose a much more legitimate challenge than the Chinese and Indians in the Peninsula have, to the convenient synonymity being made between the words 'Malay', 'bumiputera' and 'Islam'.

Our illustrious former PM (Dr Mahathir Mohamad) and his policies represent the crux of the East Malaysian dilemma, the book that, given his ethno-centric perspective, he did not write.

Hwa Shi-Hsia: This sounds absolutely fascinating. I hope they post videos of the talks online so other people can watch/listen. But to nitpick on a small point, it's a bit of a joke to call Dr Ranjit Singh's statement a "bombshell". When the federal government controls stuff as basic as sewage disposal and bus services, it is not exactly a secret that federalism in Malaysia is virtually non-existent.

Kgen: What partnership? It's more like being colonised by Umno leaders who exploited the natural resources of Sabah and Sarawak for themselves while leaving Sabah and Sarawak the poorest and second poorest states in the federation.

Now Umno calls the two states their "fixed deposit". What an insult.

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