

Aborted London trip: 'MACC gets cold feet'
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MACC right not to go to London: Megat Najmuddin

Neders: This is the second time Megat Najmuddin Megat Khas is talking rubbish. Some time ago, he said Raja Petra Kamaruddin (RPK) should come out of hiding and return to the country to face the charges against him. Now he is asking P Balasubramaniam to do the same.

He must think these two fellows are fools. The minute they touch down, we may not hear of or from them again, what with kangaroos running the courts.

Of course, the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) would not go to London as Bala would more than likely formally spill the beans on the matter of the Mongolian's murder and he will not be forced to give a different version the following day.

Geronimo: "The process will involve a lot of cost and a waste of taxpayers' money." This is really ludicrous. Since when did Umno seriously care about saving taxpayers' money, anyway? Compared with the billions spent on all those useless stuff, what is a few thousand ringgit in the name of justice?

Let's put it this way. MACC is fearful of what will be revealed when they meet up with Bala in London and now they have cold feet, so they come out with all the lame excuses. Megat Najmuddin, if you have heard of "karma", this is going to hit you and those in Umno sooner or later.

KSN: In other words, truth and justice are less important than a few thousand ringgit? What brainless logic and talk. What about the billions gone, and going down, the drain?

This guy should know what would happen to Bala if he returns to Malaysia. He would be dead meat. How much will it cost for two officers to go London with a couple of days of board and lodging expenses? Say, RM20,000.00 at the most?

The woman in question (Altantuya Shaariibuu) died tragically, blown up with the worst explosives in the world and RM20,000 is more important than establishing the truth about her killing and bringing those guilty to justice? What is this guy (Megat Najmuddin) doing in the MACC advisory council? No wonder MACC is held in contempt by the public.

X-Umno: Megat Najmuddin never, and will never, understand the fear of the witness (Balasubramaniam). The most important thing to do is to protect him. Can the police or Malaysian government guarantee the safety and well-being of the witness?

If MACC really wants to get the information from the witness, the place or location of the witness should not be an issue. If he thinks in London it's safe for him to express himself without worrying someone will come knocking his door at night or threatening his family, so be it. What matter most is to get the witness to tell the truth without fear.

Tan Kian Khim: MACC advisor Megat Najmuddin is right: it is better for Bala to come back to Malaysia to give his statement to MACC - it will be much easier to have him 'accidentally' fall out of a window, 'commit suicide' or 'accidentally fall to his death' in a police lock-up or be mysteriously blown up with C4 explosives in Malaysia.

It is so much more difficult to get to Bala when he is in a place which has actual laws and law enforcement, like the UK.

Hisham: Zaid needs to clarify relationship with RPK

Louis: I cannot have heard a more stupid reasoning than that made by Home Minister Hishammuddin Hussein. Is there any law forbidding Zaid Ibrahim to mix with RPK (Raja Petra Kamarudin)? RPK is innocent till proven guilty. Anyway, if I happen to be in London, I would definitely pose for a photo with him.

Hishammuddin, fat chance that you can get RPK back. The British know full well that he cannot get a fair trial here.

Hopium: Didn't lawyer VK Lingam take a picture with then chief justice Eusoff Chin when he "accidentally" met him in New Zealand? So, using the same logic (although RPK is considered a "threat"), any Malaysians should be able to take a picture with him.

Why, even Malaysiakini put up a great photo of him recently during his London briefing.

Possible snap election by September?

KayKay: The status quo will remain in Peninsular Malaysia. In Sabah and Sarawak, the opposition can only do better given the Abdul Taib Mahmud factor, SUPP being rejected by Chinese voters and Sabah Umno split in three camps.

SAPP, PBRs and LDP will also be wiped out in Sabah in the coming general elections. This is the reason that both SAPP and LDP are trying to raise their public profile, by attacking the Sabah BN government.

Taib doesn't want state elections in September and would prefer to delay polls until the first quarter of next year, by which time he would have almost run out of time. He wants Najib Razak to tag along so that he can better protect himself against the opposition in Sarawak.

If the state election is held in Sarawak without a general election, Taib fears that his losses will be even greater. A general election which includes the state election in Sarawak at the same time can be expected to stretch the opposition thin, Taib reckons, and spare him. Taib is dead if Najib goes for a full term, as speculated.

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