

## **Why can't Malays unite under PKR?**

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Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin recently reminded Malays that they have to remain united or face losing political power. But why is it necessary for Malays to remain united under Umno? Can't the Malays be united under PKR?

For 52 years, the Malays have placed their trust in Umno and this party have betrayed the trust bestowed upon them. The majority of the rural poor have remained poor and left out of the economic development while the small minority of Umno cronies has prospered with lucrative contracts and other government licences.

So why should the Malays remain united under Umno as hinted by the DPM when there is a prospect of Malays remaining united under the new banner of PKR?

DPM and Umno are synonymous. They want to remain in power so that they can continue to pillage the nation's coffers. On the one hand they warned Malaysians to do away with subsidies because the country was going bankrupt and on the hand they gave extra allocations of RM500,000 each to their MPs under the pretext they have a lot of money in the government coffers.

As if that was not enough of a contradiction, they then went on a spending spree of purchasing defence equipment to a tune of a few billion ringgit and even speculated that they could have spent another RM800 million building a new Parliament building.

The only explanation is that after 52 years, BN in general and Umno in particular have not changed their way of doing things. They are still mired in their old ways of plotting and scheming to have their hands in every pie so that they can enrich themselves and their cronies at the expense of the rakyat's interest.

There is now a genuine fear amongst Umno's inner circle that their time at Putrajaya is almost up. There is a distinct and realistic expectation that they will be driven from office after the next general election.

And that could possibly explain the earnest compulsion to extract whatever they can from the country's coffers before they make their departure. Perhaps it would be even more appropriate to liken it to a last 'hooray'.

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