

**'Allah' row turning into BN's albatross**  
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'A true leader must take the bull by the horns and do what is right. That's the business of a leader. Do we see a leader in Home Minister Hishammuddin Hussein?'

DAP, MCA call on Hisham to rescind 'Allah' ban

Freemisia: Will the home minister lift the ban on the use of the word 'Allah' by Christians? Only time will tell. We all know that this is a non-issue.

It was just politicised by Umno to be seen as more Islamic and religious compared to PAS to get back their dwindling support from the Malays. With the politicisation the issue, Umno ends up shooting itself in the foot.

Disgusted: Former home minister Syed Hamid Albar has dug a hole for Umno/BN to fall into by banning the use of 'Allah' as well as the confiscation of religious materials containing the word. BN will regret its folly at the next GE.

Anonymous: Since the home minister has admitted that the ban on the use of 'Allah' by Catholic Herald should not have taken place, he feels that it is like an albatross hanging around one's neck. Now, the government finds it difficult to get rid of it for fear of a backlash from extremist elements.

A true leader must take the bull by the horns and do what is right. Minister Mentor of Singapore Lee Kuan yew, once said, "If I decide that something is worth doing, then I'll put my heart and soul to it. The whole ground can be against me, but if I know it is right, I'll do it. That's the business of a leader."

Do we see a leader in Hishammuddin Hussein?

Wira: Hisham's intention is probably to blame his predecessor on the 'Allah' issue. I don't think he has the political courage to harness the tiger that has been released. His condoning of the cow-head gang suggests his weak position.

Joe: To date, Customs Department officials are under verbal instructions from the Religious Department not to release the Al-Kitab impounded by them unless the consignment is re-exported from Malaysia, even though the Home Ministry has issued a letter to the Customs authorising the release of the consignment.

The BN-Umno regime is going to pay dearly in the coming general election for playing up religion for its political purpose.

Louis: Hishammuddin Hussein is now aware that the government should not ban the use of Allah by non-Muslims. If he is sincere, it is within his power to lift the ban.

Tell the Truth: I am glad the home minister admitted that the ban on the use of the word 'Allah' was a mistake made by the former home minister Syed Hamid Albar. Indeed, it is a mistake that needs to be corrected.

Another blunder Syed Hamid made was to ban Christians from making pilgrimage to Israel since 2009. This has made Christians angry with the government. Since Dr Mahathir Mohamad's era, this special concession was given to Christians. Why should he put a ban to it? So that he can earn brownie points for the Umno elections?

Anyhow Syed Hamid was voted out, showing that the ban didn't impress Umno members. I urge our present home minister to reconsider lifting the ban so that Christians can once again make the

pilgrimage.

Not Confused: Everyone with a grain of intelligence and common sense knows that the word 'Allah' is now owned by those of the Muslim faith. Any lexicologist or historian can give you chapter and verse about where the word originated and who uses it in this, the 21st century.

The BN/Umno regime has become very adept at shooting itself in the foot at every turn. They all speak with forked tongues - saying one thing one minute and something else the next. Their actions are an utter disgrace and cause the entire country untold embarrassment across the globe.

Gen2: If Pakatan Rakyat and MCA keep the 'Allah' issue in the public view till the next general elections, we can watch BN fidget in discomfort. Turn right, die. Turn left, also die.

Anwar insists Jho Low received Sg Besi airport deal

Cala: Is it another Kuala Dimensi Sdn Bhd kind of a deal? If Anwar Ibrahim's allegation is false, Najib Razak and his cohorts should refute it in the first instance. Is it true that under the guise of 1Malaysia Development Bhd (previously known as Terengganu Investment Authority), the flamboyant playboy Jho Low has secured the contract to develop Sungai Besi Airbase?

Is Low to be another Tiong King Sing? Is the land going to be valued at a fraction of a market price and bought over by 1Malaysia Development Bhd, and later to be resold to a GLC or "apa nama" Treasury at an astronomical price?

Come on, surely Najib is a lot more creative than this. Do not continue to take people as morons. They know what good governance means.

Pemerhati: If what Anwar says is correct, then it would reveal an interesting pattern of behaviour by Malaysia's last three prime ministers. Vincent Tan was Mahathir's front man for several crooked business deals to siphon off the taxpayers' money, Abdullah Ahmad Badawi had Patrick Lim. Now it appears Najib is using Jho Low in a similar manner.

Pakatan senators warn of another Ops Lalang

Upyes: They have started work on a redemption scheme for retired Umno warlords. Getting them to speak truthfully and know the difference between real and false will take a lot of work. Making them understand the value of humility will take even longer. In some extreme cases, the therapy might involve turning them into landfill and letting the elements work on them for several hundred years.

Some of the big guns could take millions of years to rehabilitate. The contract has already been signed. Every step they take from now on will be one more step towards their own ultimate detoxification and purification as former human souls.

Danny Loh: Such glaring preferential treatment. When Perkasa extremists and racists demonstrated with violence as their messages, police were as tame as your normal house cats. When citizens of Malaysia holding a peaceful candlelight vigil, the police are as crass as your normal thugs around the dark corners.

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