

**From Asia's melting pot to Asia's burning pot**  
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Dr Mahathir Mohamad is spewing such venomous words these days and there seems to be no escaping from this Grand Old Man of Malaysian politics. And this seems to be just fine for a man of his age. I always thought that when you grew older you tend to mellow down somewhat but not for this fellow.

There has also been much condemnation of him from across the board such as from Zaid Ibrahim, Lim Kit Siang, Art Harun and the man-on-the street. I, too, would like to say a few words about his latest article (Is meritocracy racist?).

He ended his article with three words; 'So be it'.

Dr Mahathir, when you wrote that article of yours, you mean to say you do not care whatever happens to this country? That you do not care that this country is ruled by incompetent leaders? That you do not want to see the Malay race stand on their own feet. Why?

When you said those last three words, you mean to say come what may, this country of ours must continually depend on a group of racist and bigoted people so they can still be in power so you and your family can still suck out every last penny from this land?

You are such a mean person to encourage your own people to feel weak and inferior just because you think so. But after all, you are not a true Malay by heritage, are you?

Come on, la. You think we can't see through your words. We thinking Malaysians know that you do not have the welfare of the Malays at heart. If you did, then you would have encouraged and propelled them to greater heights.

If you did, you would have made sure they reached their full potential and the 30% bumiputera equity a long time ago. After all, you were a dictator for 22 years in Malaysia. What stopped you?

I, for one, know that the Malays (and others) have begun to stand on their own feet. In fact, they have started to think and feel on their own. And that worries you to the core.

You are afraid that if the Malays start to think and feel for themselves, you will be in trouble. And you are already in trouble because the power base on which you have been depending upon and manipulating all this will no longer be under your thumb anymore.

And lastly Dr Mahathir, you have turned our unity into such a novelty. Turning our melting pot of Malaysia into the burning pot of Asia. I just hope your last three words will be your last three in public. But hey, who is there to stop you? After all, you are a firm believer of free speech, no?

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