

No choice but to give opposition a chance
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I refer to the letter from Low Leng Hua regarding his protest vote against the MCA. What rankles me is his ending which says his vote is not a vote for the opposition but a vote against MCA.

Keadilan's special adviser Anwar Ibrahim has repeatedly spoken out for a review of the New Economic Policy, voiced his support for Chinese education, suffered personally for being brave enough to resist corruption and abuse of national funds and approve amendments to the anti-corruption laws while he was acting prime minister (done while Dr Mahathir Mahathir was out of the country and which I am sure angered his fellow ministers in the cabinet).

He has also spoken out for adhering to the Federal Constitution so as to respect the religious freedom of non-Muslims, etc. Even if these statements represent a 360-degree roundabout turn from his days in Umno, shouldn't we give him and Keadilan a chance to show us that they mean what they say? At least we cannot be blamed for trying if we do.

Because what is the alternative? Are we Malaysians not tired and depressed enough by the daily plunder of our national treasures? While the rest of the world is seriously trying to tackle global warming and mankind's very survival, we in Malaysia turn a blind eye to the damage our politicians and bureaucrats are doing to nature and our environment all in the name of self-enrichment disguised as development.

We are all killing ourselves slowly by breathing polluted air, drinking contaminated water, eating unsafe meat and vegetables because corruption is so bad that there is no proper enforcement.

I did not know vegetables can look and taste so different till I was cooking recently in my daughter's kitchen in Singapore. Even the fruits there taste better. Unlike the ones sold in Malaysia, which leave a taste of chemicals on your tongue.

The destruction of our forests is destroying our green lungs but worse, they are contributing to the changes of climate and soil movements which are affecting the future of Planet Earth and inviting natural disasters such as tsunamis and droughts.

What alternative have we but to give the opposition a chance? Give our future generations a chance to survive by giving the opposition a chance to change for the better. That's the reason, Low Leng Huat, that you should give the opposition a vote. At least for the time being, their record is not one of proven bad governance, corruption and hypocrisy.

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