

**PMs - Pak Lah, Najib, Ku Li, in that order**  
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Looking at the latest political developments in the country, it has now become possible for Anwar Ibrahim to take over the leadership of the country as Prime Minister within the next two months. MCPX

He would be able to contest for election by April 15. At the same time unity in Umno in particular and the BN in general would continue to deteriorate. Pak Lah's desperate attempts to give a new mask to the BN government as represented by his new cabinet line-up, though viewed by most Umno members as radical, is seen by members of the general public as controversial and in dire need of better choices. It is obvious that the required calibre is no where to be found from amongst BN's present line-up of Mps.

We should expect that immediately after April 15, somebody would resign as a member of parliament to make way for Anwar. The by-election would invariably result in Anwar winning no matter how much money is poured in by Umno to bribe the voters. With his charm and charisma, Anwar would also easily be able to attract the required additional 32 odd supporters from among BN MPs to jump ship to create a simple majority required to form the next government.

The call by Ku Li for an Umno EGM on April 11 to seek explanations, possibly from Pak Lah as Umno president, for the devastating performance of Umno and BN during the last election would be of no consequence to Anwar. Perhaps if a motion of no confidence is passed on Pak Lah there would be further chaos in Umno. If such motion is carried by the meeting, Najib would than take over as the PM. This however would not be for long.

Come September, during the tri-annual Umno Supreme Council election, inevitably Najib would be challenged by Ku Li, who has now declared himself as an incumbent candidate for the position of the Umno president, hence the next prime minister.

This whole process is actually too protracted to be of any use as an attempt to arrest any adverse development for Umno considering the present fluid and volatile situation. It would be better for Umno to call for the tri-annual conference earlier to resolve all outstanding issues.

Looking from a distance, Ku Li probably has been destined to be the savior of Umno as much as Anwar Ibrahim has been destined to become the Father of Bangsa Malaysia. Hopefully, both of them as powerful and influential leaders of contending political parties would help create a two-party political system in Malaysia as in the US or UK.