

Why bother, victims are 'merely Indians'
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We refer to the Malaysiakini
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report School kids expelled for not having birth certs.

Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi once said: 'No one from any race, religion or state would be marginalised by the country's economic growth'. This is an utter lie.

Umno expels ten (10) poor Indian pupils from Methodist Tamil School in Kapar Klang because they do not have birth certificates. This was reported by Tamil Nesan on June 13. On the same day in the New Straits Times, Abdullah lies again by saying 'the (Umno-controlled) government will make sure no one is left behind in mainstream development'.

Two conflicting newspaper reports on the same day. Abdullah further says: 'No one from any race, religion or state would be marginalised by the country's economic growth'.

But how not to be left out of mainstream development and not to be marginalised when the government does not even accord poor and innocent children, their very basic and innate right to an education?

It is an offence not to send your child to school. But how to go to school when the school expels the child because he or she has no birth certificate? This is the extent Umno would go to in their extreme policies.

The prime minister had briefed BN. MPs during the 2009 Budget Consultation session themed 'Enhancing resilience for sustained growth and shared prosperity'.

But 'shared prosperity' is only to be read as for Umno and their cronies only excluding the Indian poor.

Abdullah said efforts to bridge income and human capital development gaps would also be given attention. How is the prime minister going to bridge income and human development gaps when he bullies (using his Umno majoritarian might ably backed by the police and civil service) the poor Indian by not even giving them their basic right for an education?

What are you talking about Mr Prime Minister? We are the third and fourth-generation Indians in this country. You could have got away telling all this to our grandfathers and gotten away with it. Malaysia is our country as much as it is yours.

The current generation of Indians have no fear in standing up against the Umno government's injustice. We have been pushed to the wall. This is a classical example of a critical Indian problem which even 'multiracial' PKR, DAP or PAS won't not bother taking up as the victims are 'merely Indians'.

This is how multi-racialism works in Malaysia everybody is helped except the Indians.

For example, the PKR MP for Kapar would not put his foot down in parliament the way the DAP MP for Serdang put her foot down for residents of Bandar Mahkota Cheras over the

Grand Saga highway closure dispute.

But even if the PKR MP did, he would not have been given wholehearted supported as the victims `are all Indians`. Indians have no choice but to fight their own battles. Political empowerment is the only way forward.

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