

Najib's leadership offers a new dawn for nation
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The problem is that Malaysia is having far too many political analysts and doomsday narrators that it is not funny any longer. All are zooming in on the same script basically blasting or rubbishing Malaysia's incoming sixth prime minister, Najib Abdul Razak.

Even before the man has had the chance to be sworn in, introduce his brand and strand of politics, economics, policy changes and manifesto – he is being branded negatively.

Based on facts - we all know that he is inheriting a country that, like others, is facing the worst effects of the global meltdown.

True there are three by-elections ahead but tell me why are they seen as a referendum on support for his incoming leadership, let alone, the idiotic statement that his leadership 'is a fledgling one which has yet to be substantiated based on concrete findings'?

Some say he is inheriting a divided ruling party with trust in the government at its lowest ebb plus a strong opposition. This is perhaps true to a degree but certainly not absolute based on the failings of the opposition in several states in recent months.

For the record, these are also a challenges all political parties in the country are facing and not just confined to Umno.

I am certain that with his new brand of administration and proactive policy changes, Najib will be able to unite the fractured elements of his party, the ruling coalition and the nation.

Instead of indulging in political controversies and conspiracy theories, let us do justice for once and look straight at the Najib facts. He has an impeccable pedigree as the son and nephew of two former prime ministers namely Abdul Razak and Hussein Onn.

He entered politics at the tender age of 23 after his father died, is the longest serving cabinet minister and based on track record, has the academic and political experience to take control of the nation's leadership.

In all my encounters with him I have found him to be very perceptive and articulate, very mild-mannered and always impeccably dressed!

He has proven academic credentials having taken a degree in economics at the University of Nottingham in England before returning to Malaysia in the mid-1970s to take on key posts at the Central Bank and the national oil firm.

He has served in a number of cabinet posts in the 1980s and 1990s, during which he modernised the military as defence minister before becoming deputy premier in January 2004.

So instead of indulging in rumours and character assassinations, let us for once allow Najib to take the leadership and steer the nation out of its present problems.

After a period of time, we will then assess him for what he has done during his tenure

rather than continue to harp on controversies and rumors and harmful rhetoric which helps neither the country nor its citizens.

We are all now seeking solutions to put bread on table. Let us work towards this in place of fanning disharmony and hatred of the government.

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