

Umno's crisis is also its greatest opportunity

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The rakyat is in the mood for change. It's clear that Umno is on its way out. At the current rate things are going for Umno, what with repeated battering at by-elections, there is a high probability of it being voted out at the next general elections.

Such are the political sentiments of Malaysians today. The majority of Malaysians no longer support Umno because the party is perceived as being arrogant, racist, corrupt to its core, and out of touch with the rakyat.

If Deputy Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak was to call for a snap poll after taking power in March, there would likely be only one outcome.

However, a wise man once said, 'Problems are only opportunities in work clothes.' Umno's current political crisis is also its greatest opportunity to break away from its outdated politics of Mahathirism.

How can Umno stay relevant to Malaysians and show that it is sincere about turning over a new leaf? Well, it and all its other political partners should merge into a single multiracial party with to effectively represent Bangsa Malaysia.

Abolish the ISA and close down the Kamunting detention centre immediately to ensure that Malaysians can never again be held in detention without trial.

Abolish the NEP, or failing that, ensure in a transparent and accountable manner that the NEP is carried out as per its original purpose to benefit all Malaysians.

Implement transparent measures to ensure that Malaysia has an independent judiciary to check and balance the powers of the executive and legislative branches.

Can Umno change? Of course, it can. Umno is made up of people and people can change if they really want to.

The writing is on the wall, Umno. The people have spoken: 'Change, Umno or the rakyat will change you'.

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