

In response to Dr M's take on Malay political power
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MM INBOX Four sets of questions that Malaysian politicians must answer truthfully:

1. Dr Mahathir faulted the Malays ... can anyone recall his experiment to create an elite group of rich Malay entrepreneurs, so that when they are successful, they can in turn help their 'lesser brethren' – if yes, how successful was it, and who or which group benefited the most?

2. Dr M raised the issue of wealth distribution ... but how should the calculation be made? – should it also include economic interests (e.g. shareholdings, etc) held by public agencies or companies under the Umno-led Barisan Nasional Government at the Federal and State levels? – also, how have these returns on investment been distributed or utilised over numerous years? ... who are the main beneficiaries? ... is there any indirect wealth-transfer regarding the issue of housing/property generous discounts on the biggest-ever single item in ringgit terms over umpteen years?

Perhaps, Umno-led Barisan Nasional Government could provide the real answers; if so, that would be enlightening for the public to squash rumours or otherwise.

3. If Umno can co-operate with non-Malay/non-Muslim political parties to govern the nation for more than 50 years, can't PKR and PAS do likewise and co-operate with non-Malay/non-Muslim political parties to govern the nation for only 5 years beginning from the 13th General Election? Isn't it possible for voters to chuck them out, if they were to under-perform as early as the 14th General Election?

4. Has anyone ever heard of the opposition political parties having taken an extreme political stance against the Federal Constitution, Rukunegara, royalty, the religious tenets of Islam or they being unpatriotic and the like? If not, what sound reasons might there be to demonise them and/or create needless fear among the voters?

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