

Pakatan's Contradictory Policies On Financial Aid

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It should be pointed out that PKR's *ketua umum* Anwar Ibrahim's criticism against the financial aid as contained in Budget 2012 is invalid as Pakatan Rakyat state governments also handout monetary assistance. Moreover, problems arise among Pakatan Rakyat parties who do not share common views and policies.

Anwar's criticisms are impractical and do not solve problems. On the other hand, he praises the tiny amount of cash which the DAP-led Penang state government gives to new born babies, single parents and senior citizens. With one finger flailing BN's policies, Anwar's four other fingers likewise condemn DAP indirectly.

Contradictions are derived from DAP leaders too, where DAP publicity chief Tony Pua has slammed the BN government for giving away "goodies." He accuses that these "goodies" will burden people even more. However, Pua opts to forget that Penang Chief Minister of Penang, Lim Guan Eng, also from DAP, dishes out money in Penang as well. Although Pua insists that DAP are people oriented, he describes the financial aid from BN government as "election candies". These actions confuse the public. As both sides perform the same role, why are Pakatan's actions allowed, but BN's actions mocked?

Anwar is shooting himself in the foot. Although he panned Budget 2012 as election goodies, he too served empty promises e.g. declaring that petrol prices would be reduced if Pakatan seizes Putrajaya. Contradiction occurs as Pua's disdain against BN's Budget 2012 also indicates disagreeing with Anwar's petrol offer.

Moreover, it is a well-known fact that worldwide crude oil prices have been escalating and it has become a global issue. Factors like the war in Iraq, US military operations in Iraq, energy demands by China and India and others place oil prices beyond the personal control of any individual. This is not the first time that Malaysia has experienced soaring petrol prices. During the Middle East in 1974, oil prices also shot up. Our late Prime Minister Tun Abdul Razak had setup an oil drilling plant in Malaysia irrespective of objections from others. But his decision won the support of the rakyat including PAS.

Nowadays, the Opposition objects for the sake of objecting. Their actions are totally different from what they had promised. Not only has the Opposition denied the efforts which the federal government made to develop the nation, they even destroyed the development of the nation. The question now is - how will Pakatan manage the country, if among their own partners, they do not have the same aim and target, while inter-party contradiction permeates?

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