

Muhyiddin Makes A Mockery Of Democracy  
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You know an election is imminent when politicians who are normally associated with racism, suddenly bend over backwards to make statements which go against their natural instincts.

Yesterday, Deputy prime minister Muhyiddin Yassin heaped praise on his party Umno, for its moderate approach which he claimed had brought prosperity to all the races with its "power-sharing concept".

He said, "The introduction of the New Economic Policy is a testimony of this because, despite the criticism, it remains a fact that all races benefitted from it."

But Muhyiddin's description of the NEP, angered many people, especially the Malays.

Ahmad, who runs a wiring business in Malacca, says that as far as he is concerned, only those with strong political connections have benefitted from the NEP.

A Malay retailer alleged that he had to pay exorbitant amounts, in advance, to the proxy of the minister whose department was tendering, to ensure that his tender documents would receive consideration.

He also had to treat the proxy to a very expensive dinner, to "discuss" the terms of agreement, which included a commission for the job. And he claimed that he no longer bids for government tenders as "they (the politicians) sap any profits I might make, there is none to reinvest in growth for my company".

Muhyiddin's opening address at the Umno General Assembly, harped on the inclusiveness of Umno/BN: "We will preserve the political reality of a multi-racial country to ensure stability, peace and harmony..... We don't sow the seeds of hatred or humiliate other religions."

Nevertheless, there is dissension within the Umno ranks.

One Umno delegate, when contacted, remarked that Muhyiddin's speech was incredible and made Umno a subject of derision: "This was the man who scuppered Najib's '1Malaysia', with his "Malay first, Malaysian second" claim. Has he forgotten the cow-head incident, arson attacks on churches, Christian students in East Malaysia being punished and the Malay Bibles being confiscated?"

During the Wanita, Youth and Putri assemblies, Muhyiddin reserved his scorn for the DAP.

"We are not racists like the DAP," said the Deputy PM who is also the Education Minister.

Many will recall his delaying tactics and refusal to punish two school principals who had racially

abused non-Malay students.

As for accusing the opposition of undermining Najib, Muhyiddin is the proverbial pot calling the kettle black.

Najib was forced to cut short his holiday in Italy, soon after meeting the Pope, last July, because Najib had got wind that Muhyiddin was allegedly conspiring with Umno warlords to unseat him.

Muhyiddin damned the DAP for disrespecting the rulers and the Malays: "They never respect the institution of Malay rulers, humiliate the security forces and government officers, most of whom are Malays.

"The DAP wanted to set up a republic when they suggested that the prime minister be elected directly and not be appointed by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong".

This is the infamous "divide and rule" policy of Umno/BN. These false accusations of anti-Islam, anti-Malay and anti-royalty, are malicious attempts to reduce Malay support for the opposition.

On the contrary, many people allege that it is Umno which has manipulated various sultans to do their bidding. Former PM Mahathir's public condemnation of the sultans in 1983, was meant to reduce their powers.

However, Umno conveniently uses the sultans, when it suits them, to do their dirty work as in the Perak coup of 2009; then has the gall to censure the opposition for being disrespectful to the sultans.

The coup was a double whammy for the people of Perak. Not only was their democratic choice of MB taken from them, but the bags full of money that was allegedly used to accomplish the coup, could have paid for several schools or hospitals.

Muhyiddin's venom was reserved for the Malays who supported the DAP: "Malays who collaborate with the DAP are traitors".

He likened PKR to an ultra-liberal party which did not possess any morals and was therefore unsuitable for the Malays and Islam.

He said, "Otherwise, how could a person who is facing a serious credibility crisis be appointed to lead the party non-democratically?"

This is Muhyiddin's barbed attack on opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim.

Anwar's "sodomy trial" is politically motivated and has been stretched-out for as long as is possible, with the climax timed just before GE-13.

Such is the evil that Umno and Muhyiddin are prepared to force, onto one man and the nation, in a dangerous game of corruption, deceit and greed.

Nevertheless, Muhyiddin and his co-conspirators in Umno/BN have a lot of explaining to do.

Why are many non-elected ministers having a say in running the country, including a non-elected PM? A government which has been accused of electoral fraud, corruption and lack of accountability, cannot be good for the nation.

One of the non-elected ministers, has allegedly misused RM250 million of public funds. The said minister claims to have "no knowledge" even though her husband and three children are running the NFC project.

How many other multi-million ringgit scandals, with minister's involvement, have yet to be exposed?

Muhyiddin and Umno fear two things.

First. Umno/BN are afraid that the rakyat will march, to protest at the verdict reserved for Anwar.

Second. Umno/BN fear the public backlash of Bersih 3.0 .

That is why Umno hurriedly passed the Peaceful Assembly Bill.

Muhyiddin has robbed us of our rights to peaceful assembly which are guaranteed in the constitution. He has made a mockery of democracy.

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