

# 'We lead and want the best for all...'

Q: It is as if people are taking advantage of your openness, and those who want to are challenging Malay rights. It is as if the non-Malays are disputing the rights of the Malays when the Malays are not questioning non-Malay rights. What are you going to do to ensure people do not go overboard?

A: If people question, then we must have answers. We do not have a problem with this. If we are transparent, what is the problem?

We are not liars. The actions we take are based on facts. There are approaches from the time the NEP was implemented that have not achieved their goals and so have to continue....

People say the new generation is more visible. Young people are idealistic and will question a lot

Despite being prodded on several occasions during the Press conference, the Prime Minister refused to take a hardline approach. Below are the excerpts from the conference.

of things. What is important to us is that we give them answers. We don't want to shut their mouths as things will continue to burn in their hearts, and this will lead to dissatisfaction.

To open up in important things is not something that troubles us. It won't trouble us.

The young people who question are also Malays; it's not like all Malays are silent on issues. We are ready to give opinions and we hope they will not go overboard, make all soils of accusations.

We are not in the business of cheating people. That is not our way, we don't lead, and lie, we lead and want the best for all Malaysians, not just one particular party.

We have to see the whole situation, not just one quarter or corner. That is important.

That is what the people need to understand.

Q: Gerakan wants the government to disclose how it obtained its figures on Bumiputera equity ownership,

A: He is questioning the methodology. We have no problem with that. No problem explaining any methodology we have used.

We don't want to make accusations, insinuations. This is a general statement.

There is no benefit in making insinuations, accusations. If you want an explanation, then ask properly. Why ask and then insinuate, ask and then accuse?

Q: So you think some parties or groups are taking advantage of the openness now?

A: Don't know - *lah*. Human beings always take advantage. But we must face this seriously. If it's something constructive, then we are prepared to receive your views. But if the intention is to *kacau*, then see what happens.