

**Lessons from Singapore for Najib's entourage of 'yes-men' – J. D. Lovrenciar**  
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What is the current fashionable political road show in Malaysia? It is the season for the "I Love PM" showdown.

Now Khairy Jamaluddin, the Youth and Sports Minister has set another precedent – getting his Umno yes-men to give Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak a boisterous shoulder ride too.

Perhaps, Singapore prime minister Lee Hsein Loong's call to his people to pause and reflect before jumping on the bandwagon to find ways and means to honour the late Lee Kuan Yew.

It is reported that Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong has called for a pause for reflection, after a series of proposals on ways to honour late founding father Lee Kuan Yew.

The prime minister, who is also the late Lee's eldest son, was responding to a variety of suggestions in parliament, including naming Singapore's famed Changi Airport after the patriarch, who died on March 23 at age 91.

And what was his advise? "These are all good ideas. But we should not rush into making decisions on this matter, especially so soon after Lee has died. We should allow some time to pass, consider the ideas carefully and make calm, considered decisions which will stand the test of time."

Exactly! Now how come no one in Umno seem to have this kind of wisdom in the face of the honest questions that Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is asking and warning that Umno (including Barisan Nasional) will lose power if it continues with its current practices, omissions, lack of transparency and herd mindset.

Do the "yes-men" of Najib realise that they are only speeding up the drifting of Malay votes away from Umno if given a level playing field?

Does Najib himself realise that all these sudden overdrive public pledges, flag waving and "I Love PM" melees mean more apprehension over his premiership?

Indeed, Dr Mahathir must be right. The cracks are getting deeper for Umno/BN.

If only Malaysian politicians are willing to borrow the wisdom of Lee Kuan Yew junior, would we not be better off?

And learning fast would translate to showing where is the billions of money of the 1MDB; establish the real truth and reasons for the murder of the Mongolian girl; go after the corrupt and return the billions of ringgit back to the country; plug the

wastages and sack the thieves through our respected judiciary; and stop taxing the citizens and migrant workers when you can raise more money by good governance.

Or would arrogance get the better of all the "yes-men" and rebut, "Why should we learn from the kiasu nation? We know better!"

Unless of course you are bent on proving the Dr M right ultimately, i.e. the demise of Umno/BN in the coming general election. – April 13, 2015.

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