

Extracts From Tun Razak's Speeches

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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 13 (Bernama) -- Following are extracts from the speeches of Tun Abdul Razak Hussein while he was Malaysia's second prime minister, as reported by Bernama.

* "The country's administrative machinery is set to implement smoothly every plan that has been made to ensure that they achieve their objectives," he said in his New Year message. (Jan 1, 1971)

* "As the backbone of the government, UMNO together with MCA and MIC must be bold in changing its attitude and position to face the new era and ever be the precursor in any endeavour initiated by the government," he said at the Kaum Ibu and UMNO Youth general assembly at the Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka. (Jan 22, 1971)

* "The scout and guide movements will play an important part in training our youths in tolerance, harmony and co-operation irrespective of their race, colour and creed," he said after receiving Malaysia's highest scout award 'Semangat Padi' when opening the new scout headquarters in Ipoh. (Feb 3, 1971)

* "The government will earnestly and do its best to foster national unity and build a fair and progressive Malaysian society within a developing economy so that no one would be on the losing end or feel deprived of their basic rights, privileges, earnings, employment and opportunities," said Tun Razak in the Second Malaysia Plan book. (July 11, 1971)

* "The Rukunegara can be regarded as the people's charter in determining the future direction of the Malaysian society," he said while launching a Rukunegara seminar. (Aug 20, 1971)

* "The principles of democracy in Malaysia are as fixed and abiding as ever and the country has never departed from its fundamental democratic values," said Tun Abdul Razak at the opening session of the 17th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference. (Sept 13, 1971)

* "It is essential that Asian countries seek assistance from the more advanced soccer nations to maintain the high standard found in Europe and Latin America," he said at the opening of the FIFA Asian Coaching School. (Feb 5, 1972)

* "Being a fair government, it is very important to give emphasis to the contributions of our armed forces personnel, particularly those who had died fighting," he said while debating the motion of thanks for the Yang di-Pertuan Agong's royal address at the opening of Parliament in 1972. (May 12, 1972)

* "The people must work hard, have courage, faith and willingness to look beyond ideas if they are to succeed in creating a new society," said Tun Abdul Razak when opening the third International Conference on 'The Modernisation of Asia'. (Sept 3, 1972)

* "Besides fulfilling our obligation in worshipping God, it is also incumbent on us to strive to change and improve our lives as part of our duty to Allah," he said while opening the national-level Quran recital competition. (Oct 24, 1972)

* "Universities in the country have a specific responsibility to create a new society and build a better life for the people," said Tun Abdul Razak while launching a seminar at the University of Malaya. (Jan 29, 1973)

* "The present situation requires as many Malays to venture into business and realise the new economic policy in the context of restructuring society," he said in conjunction with 'Pestaria Dermajaya Wanita UMNO'. (June 28, 1973)

* "The success of the Malaysian people, particularly Malays, in future depends on members of society that have the determination, thinking power and desire to achieve success," said Tun Abdul Razak in conjunction with his visit to the Malay College Kuala Kangsar. (July 7, 1973)

* "MCA leaders need to guide the political thinking of Malaysians of Chinese origin in the right direction for the good of the nation," he said when addressing MCA's 22nd annual general assembly. (Aug 11, 1973)

* "UMNO is the people's party and whoever diverts from the wishes of the people will be punished by the people themselves. If the support of the people is mocked and their loyalty we neglect and measure in terms of cash, it will only destroy the party," said Tun Razak at a tea party in conjunction with UMNO's 28th anniversary. (May 11, 1974)

* "Teachers are reminded to nurture the spirit of unity based on the principles of the Rukunegara to make Malaysia a prosperous, progressive and harmonious nation," said Tun Razak in his message on Teachers' Day (May 15, 1972)

* "If they (communists) are as progressive as they say they are, they should not be against development which will benefit the people," he said at a press conference. (May 27, 1974)

* "As a multi-racial country, Malaysians should strengthen relations with one another and comprehend their respective aspirations, feelings and problems to avoid any conflict," said Tun Razak at a Malaysian Ceylonese Congress tea party. (March 22, 1975)

* "The government will not suppress or stifle academic freedom in Malaysia," said Tun Razak while launching a London UMNO Club seminar (April 15, 1975).

* "Malaysia practises a policy of solidarity and cooperation with all parties in the world and will not interfere in the domestic affairs of other countries," said Tun Razak at a 'menepung

tawar' (blessing) ceremony for new Northrop F-5 jets and the launch of RMAF Squadron 12. (May 31, 1975)

* "Government officers must work harder and aggressively towards higher returns at minimal expenditure without compromising on efficiency," said Tun Razak in a meeting with state government officers. (Aug 1, 1975)

* "We believe that expediting efforts to create a neutral Southeast Asian zone would sustain the prevailing peace so that this region would be free of threats and interference by external forces," said Tun Razak while speaking at the Institute of International Affairs. (Oct 14, 1975)

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