

Perhaps PM should change his job to news reader
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YOURSAY 'Najib should have the decency to take some questions at the PC.'

Confirmed: MH370 went down in Indian Ocean

Abasir: This dramatic, late night reading of a press statement by PM Najib Razak came across as a sly attempt to get out of the international media glare, avoid the embarrassingly hard questions which are still unanswered and quell the rising tide of editorial quizzing and condemnation everywhere.

In the absence of physical evidence which, to use the regime's recently favourite word, not 'corroborated', what was the urgency to declare 'all is lost'? Whatever the reason, the make-up of the regime has been exposed.

The world now knows that its arrogant pygmies posing as officials can't string a sentence together, its air defences and immigration are manned by inepts, it loves ceremonies, titles and medals, its prime minister hates being questioned (in court or at a press conference) and it will do everything in its power to deflect, spin and avoid taking any responsibility for mismanaging this disaster.

It has also revealed its sullen reliance on unIslamic infidels (and bomoh) when all else fails.

Relative to the inarticulate twits he is surrounded by, Acting Transport Minister Hishammuddin Hussein has carried himself well.

While I do not envy the position Hishammuddin has found himself in, I do wonder if he would take it upon himself to fix the colossal mess he has probably just discovered. But that I suppose would take someone with real leadership traits - something woefully lacking in this regime.

Apapunboleh: Najib should have the decency to take some questions. If he can only speak from a prepared statement, he might as well change his job to news reader.

Pemerhati: Najib has based his conclusion that the plane disappeared in the southern Indian Ocean, on the opinion given by just one satellite company, Inmarsat. Is there not a possibility that the company could have made a mistake?

Ideally before coming to such a definite conclusion, the data and findings should have been given to several other reputable organisations specialising in such technology and only when all of them came to the same conclusion should an announcement have been made.

If that was not possible, then Najib should have waited until some piece of wreckage of the plane was found in the area.

Oracle: Have the Malaysian authorities jumped the gun? There is no hard physical evidence yet (the smoking gun) and no answers on why (motives), and how such a plane can go missing, to precipitously draw such a conclusion based only on the Inmarsat statement, which is peppered with the word "likely", appears to be reckless.

No wonder China has demanded all details on the information on which Najib reached the conclusion.

Did not Hishammuddin say "we will never give up"? I take that to mean "till we find physical evidence and understand what actually happened".

Cogito Ergo Sum: A total of 239 lives lost. 239 people paid the price to show up what an incompetent, imbecilic and corrupt administration we have in place. They are a minority government that is interested only in crushing the overwhelming desire of the majority.

So many lapses, so many bad excuses, so many inconsistencies and all expressed in broken English tell a tale of woe to come. How many more must die before you go?

Fellow Malaysian: It took 17 harrowing days for the Malaysian government to ascertain the loss of MH370 and this prolonged delay has caused untold anguish, pain and sufferings among the next-of-kin of the 239 persons on board.

This latest announcement has just dashed their last glimmer of hope. I hold the Malaysian government fully responsible and accountable for the many fumbles, blunders and flipflops of the past 17 days and their 'painfully belated' decision to engage foreign experts and call for assistance.

I call upon Najib and Hishammuddin to resign as they would have been expected to do so to save the nation's honour and credibility.

Wira: There had been plenty of cover ups and/or sheer incompetency. It is only a recent revelation that the plane was carrying lithium-ion batteries, all 200kg of them.

Originally, only mangosteens were mentioned. That must be a lot of lithium-ion batteries, for we all know how light those batteries are. Surely this was an attempted cover-up until international media pressure piled on that cargo manifest.

We were originally told that MH370 climbed to 45,000 feet after turning sharply left in the Gulf of Thailand. Now we are told that the plane was indeed flying low at 12,000ft after that, until it went out of primary radar range.

Our leaders are good at covering up and letting us know what they want us to know.

Sugus: My condolences to the family members of the passengers on the ill-fated flight MH370. Although there have been much of iniquities from the Malaysian side, but at least they handled it well with emotions and empathy to the families of those who perished.

RIP (rest in peace) to all and our hearts and prayers will go with you. God bless.

Negarawan: My deepest condolences to all families of victims aboard MH370. May their souls rest in peace.

This very sad and shocking incident is indeed a wake up call to all Malaysians that our country has deep and serious problems. We cannot remain complacent anymore. We need to replace the weak leadership.

Dr Suresh Kumar: May the souls of all on board Flight MH370 rest in peace. My heart goes out to the family, friends and loved ones of all those on board.

Stay strong, for you are not alone. The whole world is with you and praying for you.

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