

## **Will Malaysia Be Better If Pakatan Is In Power?**

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After GE14, if Pakatan takes over the helm, there will be a by-election? The whole administration is merely a transition period? All these uncertainties and instability is the image of the new government?

(Nan Yang Siang Pau) – With the general election approaching, Pakatan Harapan had announced its candidate for the prime minister as well as the seat allocations. According to the circumstances, the existing opposition alliance is the strongest one since the independence of Malaysia.

Tun Dr. Mahathir who had held the post of the prime minister for 22 years was being nominated as the candidate for prime minister once Pakatan takes over the government, the former deputy prime minister Muhyiddin and former menteri besar of Kedah Mukhriz as well as the Chief Minister of Penang Lim Guan Eng and Selangor Menteri Besar Azmin are also included in the Pakatan ally.

The lineup alone shows the strong back up of fundamental votes for Pakatan. Should Pakatan win the 14th general election, what kind of situation and circumstances will Malaysia enter? This question is worth pondering, the reason is quite simple, if you don't try to imagine, you will not be able to convince yourself to vote for Pakatan.

In a recent interview, Mahathir said he will be prime minister for two years should Pakatan win GE14, and he intends to eventually hand over the role of prime minister to PKR de facto leader Anwar. Mahathir pointed out that Pakatan will do its best to obtain a royal pardon for Anwar and let Anwar contest in a by-election to become a member of parliament, eventually to hand over the premiership to him.

According to the above statement, after GE14, if Pakatan takes over the helm, there will be by-election? The whole administration is merely a transition period? All these uncertainties and instability is the image of the new government?

Economic stability becomes a big worry

We have to analyze it one by one, first of all let's analyze the relationship between policy stability and economic development. The rotation of political power is a natural phenomenon of democracy, but what kind of impact will it have on Malaysia which experiences the first transfer of political power? Will the foreign capitals become worried? Will there be any negative impact on the economy, especially it has been stated that it will be a transitional new ruling party? All these elements are inconceivable.

Instability of government policy is the first taboo of foreign investment, there will be additional uncertain factors when Mahathir change the premiership after two years, the situation is even worse.

The steady development of the economy has become a major hidden concern; this is an issue Pakatan must resolve before the general election. In the past opposition parties only had slogans and no practical policies. The existing Pakatan leaders used to be the leaders in power; Pakatan should take the initiative to say what the future plan is on this issue.

People become political tools

Secondly, we should ponder on the interrelation between political trend and political development.

After Pakatan takes over as the ruling party Tun Mahathir will once again become the prime minister; will some of the original opposition leaders insist on a thorough investigation of what they had accused Mahathir of for years? This is worth pondering.

Those who advocate power rotation of political parties hope to see check and balance of the two fronts. Everything is in the interest of the people; but now the evolution has turned out to be the interests of political parties comes first; is that what Malaysians want to see? This is also what Pakatan needs to explain explicitly to the people and appease them. The political trend that based on the interests of political parties has resulted in the masses became the political tools of political parties; this is the tragedy of Malaysia.

Therefore, Pakatan Harapan supporters must be aware of what they are fighting for, not struggle for the sake of struggle.

Three unknown factors on Anwar becoming PM

Thirdly, post transition period of transfer of the prime minister's powers. It is not known whether Pakatan will be able to rescue Anwar from the prison, it is also

unknown whether Anwar will be able to obtain a royal pardon, after all the head of state is not a political instrument of the party and not at the mercy of political party. Even if Anwar is released it is still unknown whether he will be able to win the by election. Putting these three unknown factors aside, if everything goes well as mentioned by Pakatan, it is also unknown whether Pribumi will handle over the power, and this is the fatal unknown.

According to the present situation, Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia had created a tremendous uproar at the Pakatan rally just because of differences in the allocation of seats, when it comes to the position of supreme authority in executive power, will Pribumi create another uproar? Pakatan will definitely deny this, but whether Pribumi will share the rich and noble together when it is in power remains an issue of political reality.

As the proverb says, "To share tribulation is easy, to share riches and honour is difficult", now all parties have the same enemy, but one day when they are in power and in control of the rich resources, there will be a different story.

Will Pakatan be disintegrated after the transition period due to political interests is also worth pondering. This is not out of thin air imagination but is a fact that can be seen, serious disagreement emerged between PKR and DAP after the opposition alliance formed the state government in Penang. The Selangor Pakatan is also in deformed development today where its complex relationships with PAS still exist. Should there be any internal feud in the ruling party, it will no doubt have great impact on the nation.

Will Pakatan bring a better development to the country after it is in power? This is an ultimate question, whether Pakatan will be in power depends on its answer to the above three questions. The people want to see hope and a future for the country's development; the multiple-choice question is also the same in the general election.

If these questions are resolved, the coalition that advocates the casting of the spoil vote will automatically collapse. Why would there be a proposal to spoil vote? Because people don't want to pick one of the rotten apples again, people hope to see a good apple, even if it had been bitten.

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