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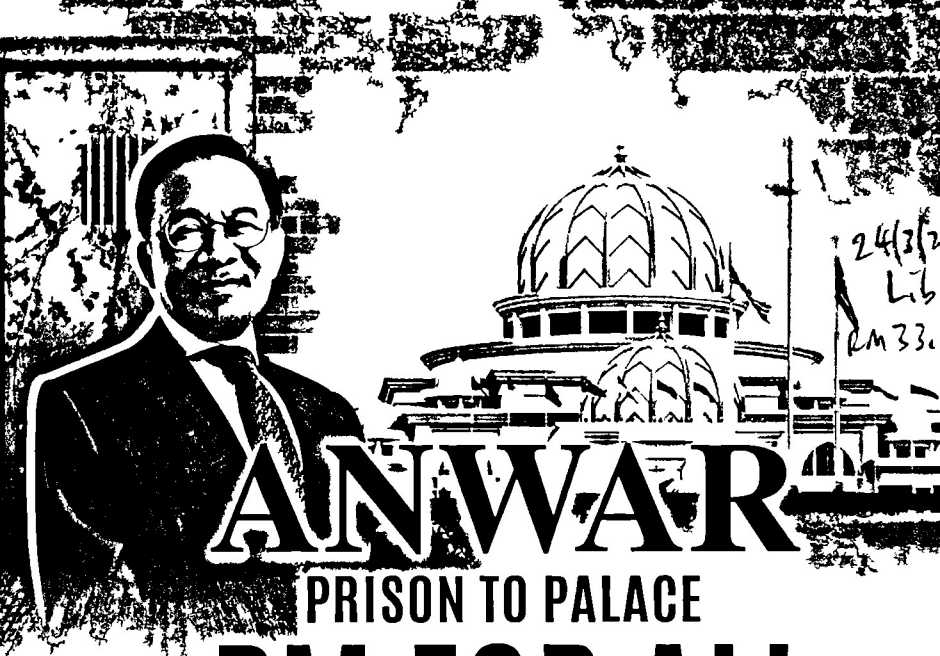
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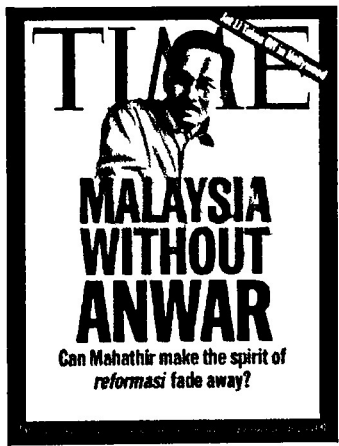
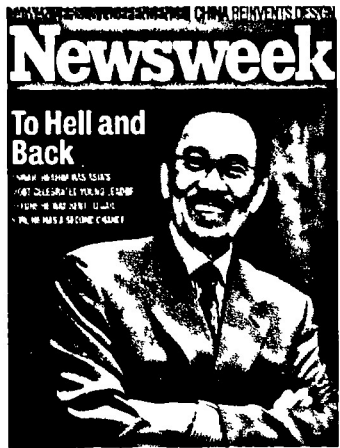
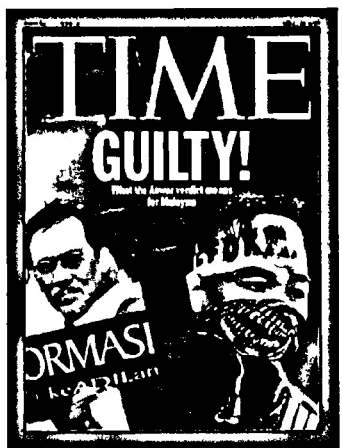
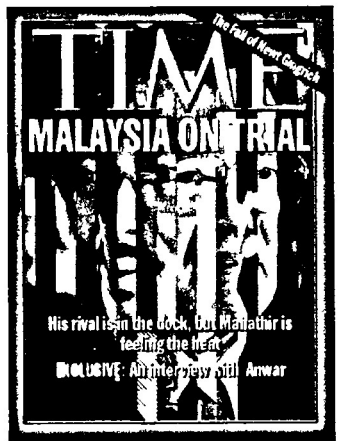
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# OUR PM ANWAR



# PM FOR ALL



# PM FOR ALL



# ANWAR'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN



# PM ANWAR'S SWEARING IN CEREMONY



# PM ANWAR WITH FAMILY



# WHAT IS MALAYSIA MADANI?

The concept is a policy framework introduced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim on Jan 18, 2023

## CORE VALUES

# M A D A N I

**M**  
Mempertahankan  
(Sustainability)

**A**  
Aman (Prosperity)

**D**  
Daya Cipta (Innovation)

**A**  
Ahlak (Integrity)

**N**  
Nepati (Trust)

**I**  
Ihsan (Care & Compassion)

## AGENDA

To focus on problem-solving process

Meeting the needs of the nation

Creating of a peaceful & prosperous future

Fulfilling the potential of the people & the country



## TARGETS

To be made the base of every core value that will be explored to strengthen:

- Economy & finance
- Legislation
- Institutions
- Education
- Community
- Culture
- Urban
- Rural

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# FOREWORD

**DATUK SERI AZMAN UJANG, former Bernama Chairman and CEO**

As I was growing up, I learned the world has Seven Wonders. It's no exaggeration to say that Anwar Ibrahim's long and winding political career culminating in him becoming Malaysia's 10<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister, is the world's Eighth Wonder. We are all happy Anwar achieved his dream of being Prime Minister. This book talks about his struggles – from PRISON TO PALACE, PM FOR ALL. Among the many inspirational icons and international leaders, Anwar is one whose footprints leave indelible marks on his life. A philosophy of transparency, integrity and justice drives Anwar. There is no room for pretentious talk or egoistic warfare.

Anwar has the distinctive quality of grit to lead and the vision to move Malaysia forward following the victory of GE15. For him, it is about living and doing what is right and just for the masses. He is now the PM for all Malaysians, irrespective of race, religion or region. Anwar is taking over the country during unprecedented times. His premiership is heralded as the dawn of a new and united Malaysia. M. Krishnamoorthy, in his 8<sup>th</sup> book, visualises and paints a picture of hope for the future if we are prepared to learn from past mistakes. Krishna and I were journalists before, and we covered many heads of state on our overseas assignments. I am awed by Krishna's energy to write prolifically. I cannot fathom how Krishna wrote this book within a month.

Anwar is a man whose promises and delivery will make him a great leader. It is his commitment to serving a multiracial and multireligious society that will make him Malaysia's dream leader. Anwar created history – from Prison to the Palace to the Prime Minister's office. Today, he faces a very different sort of trial - bringing stability to a country under the shadow of one of the biggest financial scandals (1MDB) the world has ever seen.

Krishna's book has Malaysian narratives and articles that best describe ANWAR - PRISON TO PALACE, and PM FOR ALL. Chapters reflect the inner stirrings and extracts of Malaysian journalists and commentators who shed penetrating insights into the events leading to the iconic moment of Anwar's crowning glory as Prime Minister. The book weaves stories of hurt and healing, abuse and forgiveness, gloom and glory, and tears and triumph. November 19, 2022, was a momentous day for all Malaysians. It heralded a new economic, social and political landscape for the citizens.

*Datuk Seri Azman Ujang, From Bernama's cadet reporter in Kuching in 1971, rose to be Editor-in-Chief in 2004 – 2007 and was appointed Chief Executive Officer (2007/08). He was Chairman of Bernama (2016-2020), and served the national news agency for 41 years.*

## AUTHOR'S DEDICATION

### SUFFERED PAIN, GRIEF AND LONELINESS IN PRISON

*Author M. KRISHNAMOORTHY'S INSIGHT into Anwar's prison days as a journalist covering him.*

**Hopes and dreams of being Prime Minister dimmed for Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim while being sentenced to jail three times. Yet, his will, vision and humanity shone through his mind, soul and heart on the road to Putrajaya.** In September 1998, Anwar was sacked and led public protests against Premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad. It was the start of Reformasi, a reform movement that would influence a generation of Malaysian democracy activists. His dreams came true 24 years later when he became the 10th Prime Minister of Malaysia. It is the story of Anwar's journey from PRISON TO THE PALACE and then to PRIME MINISTER FOR ALL. Primarily, the book is **"What Malaysians Want for Reformasi and Unity to Succeed?"**

Anwar was sacked as the Deputy Prime Minister and punched brutally by the nation's head of police. The Inspector-General of Police was later charged in court. At Sungai Buloh Prison, Anwar was confined to a small cell in Prison, and a single bed was his resting place. Visitors were limited, and only his legal counsel was allowed. Datuk Sankaran Nair, his legal counsel, had visited Anwar hundreds of times in prison. Sadly, family visits were not frequent as the authorities curtailed their visits.

## Lending books to Anwar

There were times when I gave books through legal counsel Sankaran for Anwar's reading, least expecting Anwar to return the books. Within a month, Sankaran would return the books to me with a note of thanks from Anwar personally addressed to me. He wrote a few sentences, like a short review and expressed his gratitude. **Before being imprisoned, at Press conferences as a Minister, he told me not to address him as Datuk but to call him "Saudara" (brother). His easygoing nature and warm smile created an instant bonding among us reporters.**

Despite the terrible personal cost of imprisonment, Anwar continued to act as a leader of the Reformasi (Reformation) groups, which kept mushrooming nationwide. Initially, Anwar faced harsh conditions meant to break his resolve, but Anwar refused to give up his efforts to achieve equality for all people through the Reformasi movement. With his intelligence, charm and dignified defiance, Anwar suffered pain and torture from some brutal police officials. His other jail mates looked up to Anwar as their leader. Sympathising with Anwar, deep down in their minds was this: "If the Deputy Prime Minister faced such injustice", who were the inmates? End of the day, they learned lessons from their failures and misfortunes. While in jail, Anwar mixed and mingled with the prisoners to make

them feel happy while they struggled silently. It was his act of kindness and compassion. In life, I believe that it's not all about getting all you want. It's also about enjoying what you have. I try to practise not to hate and argue because life is too short to waste.

## Humanity and Values

A country that believes in humanity and values like fair, just and effective governance is the Malaysia that Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim envisions. **He will ensure an equitable economy and good governance where leakages are prevented and public funds are prudently and justifiably spent. Anwar has always opened his heart to serve the nation. It is reflected in his sincerity and soul. We are confident he will strive endlessly to stop the country from corruption, racism, race supremacy, and religious bigotry.** Once a Prime Minister in waiting, today at the nation's helm, Anwar has learned to move on with no regrets about the past. A small and petty mind picks up small mistakes and harps on them. I believe that a mistake that makes me humble is better than an achievement that makes me arrogant. **Some friends have called me a "show-off" because I write books. Writing is fun to me and full of endless opportunities. I must work hard towards my goals, which requires restraint and motivation. So, I have to be more disciplined. To me, life is all about: knowing what I want, creating a routine to write and writing, rewriting and editing.**



## Road Ahead Filled with Challenges

Even Anwar has his critics. He finds the minor virtues and works on them to benefit the people. He has made civil society a reality through Madani, which strives for a more humane and fair Malaysia. **The Malaysia Madani concept has become government policy, but Anwar spoke about these values at the Festival Istiqlal Jakarta in 1995. Anwar has given a fresh perspective to the idea, where he envisages a Malaysia that believes in humanity and values like fairness, justice and effective governance.** He proposed an equitable economy and good governance, where all religions accept and propagate core values of ethics and morality. The road ahead for Anwar is filled with challenges. This is **Malaysia's New Political Reality. He has to pull together an alliance between his coalition, Pakatan Harapan, and bitter rivals, Perikatan Nasional. Will the unity government be able to work together?** Anwar has the task of knitting together a workable governing Pakatan Harapan coalition. Anwar will undoubtedly face difficulties in the face of rising Islamisation in a pluralistic and inclusive Malaysia. He will succeed as he is in constant communication and dialogue while grooming leaders.

**Anwar has promised to end leaders' practice of being overly formal and trapped by protocol. None of those VIPs' entourage and waste of Government resources will happen under Anwar's leadership as PM. He has suffered enough. Now, he has a larger agenda: Serve the people. Serve the nation.**

*M. Krishnamoorthy, Author, Adjunct Professor, Journalist, Media Relations and Crisis Management Coach/Trainer*

**Dr. K S Balakrishnan PhD, Universiti Malaya**  
*Timely, useful and educating the Malaysians on political history. Anwar's struggle, journey and destiny are craftily captured by Krishnamoorthy.*

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**R.Ravindran, General Manager, Smart Box Industries LLC, Dubai and author of "Malabar to Malaya"**

*We fondly knew him as Saudara Anwar during our university days. This book gloriously revisits his journey, significantly narrating the touch points in his path to becoming Prime Minister. Easily read and well-compiled.*

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**Dato Seri Azman Ujang, former Bernama Chairman, CEO and Editor-In-Chief**

*Incredibly, this book was compiled and written in a month. It comprises leading writers' narratives and articles that best describe ANWAR, PRISON TO PALACE, and PM FOR ALL.*

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**Tan Sri Dato Ir. Zaini Omar, (Professional Engineer, Advocate & Solicitor) Former Chairman of SPAN, Director General DCA and JKR.**

*The book is a reminder of Anwar's peaceful campaign and smooth transition of power with a two-thirds vote of confidence for Anwar. Now at the nation's helm, we hope corruption may be a thing of the past as he has promised.*

**Professor Siva Muthaly, Sydney, Australia**  
*This book demonstrates how relentlessly Anwar Ibrahim pursued his vision for the country to be free of corruption, bigotry and injustice. It shows Anwar's incredible journey to become PM. Make your text formatted in "Audible" format for the world.*

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**Simrit Kaur, Journalist**

*As Mahathir's golden boy, many thought Anwar would have an easy ride to the top of Umno and the country. That all changed in 1998 at the height of the Asian economic crisis when he became Mahathir's nemesis. This book details Anwar's rise, fall and rise again to assume the premiership 24 years later.*

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**Vijendran Rajenthiram, Dentist/Editor**

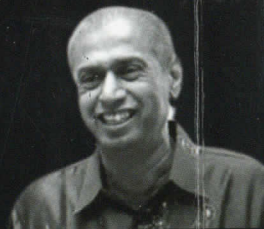
*This book is about Anwar Ibrahim's journey from a village boy to the office of the Prime Minister. Almost none can describe this better than Krishna, at times light-hearted and at times deep insights into the extraordinary life of Anwar Ibrahim.*

"**PRISON TO PALACE, PM FOR ALL**" is the story of Anwar Ibrahim's turbulent, moving, bold, and visionary journey from a village boy to the Prime Minister of Malaysia. The chapters weave through the intricacies of political challenges, repression, injustice, and trials and tribulations. Eventually, Anwar achieved his childhood dream of becoming Malaysia's leader. The book traces his rise to power, fall from grace, and his resilience in the face of adversity, including ten years of inhumane treatment in prison.

Despite the odds, Anwar turned his adversity into an opportunity for growth, and his experience in solitary confinement led to brilliant, innovative, and decisive thinking. He reflected positively on life and has returned to reset and refresh Malaysia towards reform, unity, peace, and harmony. The book details Malaysia's changing political history and showcases penetrating insights into the events leading to Anwar's crowning glory. It portrays stories of hurt and healing, abuse and forgiveness, gloom and glory, and tears and triumph.

The book includes Malaysian narratives and articles that best describe Anwar through the inner stirrings of Malaysian writers and journalists. Anwar's struggle, journey, and destiny are narrated through anecdotal episodes and the author's interactions and insights covering Anwar as a journalist.

19<sup>th</sup> November, 2022, marked a momentous day for people power, as Anwar was elected as the leader of Malaysia in GE15. It heralded a new economic, social, and political landscape under his leadership. Anwar is committed to charting a future for Malaysians through his compassionate and moderate style to promote unity in diversity. This book is an inspiring account of the arduous yet successful journey of Anwar Ibrahim.



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