

## **SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS IN MALAY**

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1. The Government has decided that the teaching of science and mathematics would revert to Malay in the Government school, with Chinese in Chinese schools and Tamil in Tamil schools. How this is going to help integrate Malaysians I do not know.
2. Since then I had conducted a poll on my blog. The result is 84 per cent want to retain English as the language medium for these subjects.
3. Admittedly the poll was conducted in the English language and English language speakers might be biased in favour of English.
4. But some parents and teachers had also conducted a survey and the majority are again in favour of English. A petition to the Prime Minister by parents and teachers was copied to me and they were in favour of retaining English. At least one senior non-Malay politician had left a Barisan Nasional component party and joined the opposition because of the switch back to Malay, Tamil and Chinese. He claimed that he could not afford to send his grandchildren abroad as some who advocate Malay as the medium had been doing.
5. I meet a lot of people at the various forums I am invited to speak. During the usual post-meeting tea most of the participants who got to talk with me, mostly Malays regretted the Government's decision to use Malay for Science and Mathematics.
6. The reason that has been given is that Malays, particularly kampung Malays just could not do well when the two subjects were taught in English. If we follow this kind of argument we should also stop trying to get Malays to do business because they really cannot do well in that field. They are best at working as wage-earners, particularly in Government service. We should encourage them not to try to go into business.
7. If we do this then the current anger over the New Economic Policy on the part of the non-Malays would be reduced.
8. Similarly with learning English. Malays just cannot learn and speak English. We should stop teaching it so that the language would not drag down the Malays in their

exams. We should see better results.

9. Malays do best at paddy planting and fishing with rods and net. They should be taught to do this, probably with new technology.

10. By switching back to Malay, we can expect them to vote for the Government party at the next election. Similarly we can expect at least some who believe their children's future has been blighted by this decision to think again about voting for the BN.

11. I cannot read Chinese but Utusan Malaysia kindly translated the editorial in the Sin Chew Jit Poh. The editorial basically said that giving "Ang Pow" would not win over the voters.

## 296 Comments

By eNAZ  on [September 10, 2009 10:41 PM](#)

SALAAM TUN,

UPSR 2009 KERTAS BAHASA MELAYU SUSAH!! KENAPAKAH KITA HARUS MEMBEBANKAN PELAJAR2 TAHUN 6? SAYA MENDAPAT FEED BACK BUKAN HANYA PELAJAR DI BANDAR MERASAKAN SUSAH MALAH DIPENDALAMAN PUN MERASAKAN. ADAKAH INI SALAH SATU LAGI PROPAGANDA PEMANSUHAN PPSMI? SEDIH DAN KESAL PENDIDIKAN TELAH DIPOLITIKKAN. MARAH MELIHAT ANAK2 MALAYSIA DIJADIKAN BAHAN UJIKAJI. YANG RUGI ADALAH ANAK BANGSA SENDIRI. MEREKA2 YG DGN GAHNYA MEMBANGKANG PANDAI, ANAK CUCU MEREKA DARI KECIL LAGI DIDEHAHKAN KPD BAHASA GLOBAL,BELAJAR DI SEKOLAH2 PRIVATE YG MANA SEMUANYA PRO BAHASA INGGERIS BUKANKAH ITU SATU PENIPUAN NAMANYA? YANG MAMPU MACAM ANAK2 VVIP,KOPRAT BOLEHLAH.JADI BAGAIMANA PULA SENARIO ANAK2 RAKYAT BIASA YG JUGA INGIN MERASA SEKADAR TARAF PEMBELAJARAN DIDLM BAHASA INGGERIS SPT YG DINIKMATI OLEH GOLONGAN TERAMAT MAMPU??? KESIMPULANNYA, BILA KEPUTUSAN UPSR DIUMUMKAN, MAKA ADALAH ALASAN BAHAWA ANAK2 KITA GAGAL MENGUASAI BM.JADI KENALAH MEMARTABATKAN BALIK BM,BUKANKAH BEGITU?? MACAMANALAH KITA HENDAK BERSAING DI PERINGKAT GLOBAL? YA MUNGKIN BOLEH,TERLEWAT KOT NAK SAMPAI, ORANG LAIN DAH MAJU KITA BARU DOK TATIH2.

TAKE CARE TUN...

By memey  on [September 8, 2009 12:44 PM](#)

Salam kepada semua.

Masalah PPSMI seperti ini tidak akan menguntungkan mana-mana pihak. Kepada ibu bapa saya sarankan pelajarilah matapelajaran Sains dan Matematik dalam Bahasa Inggeris, dan ajarilah kepada anak2 anda. Selesaikan permasalahan bahasa tersebut dari akar umbi, yakni dari rumah anda. Jangan menyalahkan guru semata-mata, atau pun semua perjuangan yang belum sah pro dan kontra nya. Maklumat di hujung jari anda. Jadilah guru kepada anak2 anda.

Salam Ramadhan.

By pelangi butler  on [September 8, 2009 12:16 PM](#)

Salam Tun berdua....again a "topic" worth fighting for.....

kepada blogger :- tunnusantara (comments posted August 22, 2009 @5am);

My comments : nothing that I would argue more...hence...100%-ly agree with your commentary....

Adding some thoughts...

Orang2 Punjabi...mana2 didunia kecuali Di Punjab, mereka adalah kaum yang minority but yet their custom and personalities are always prominent...never ask for special Punjabi language schools kah, itu kah dll....cuma hanya minta dibenarkan guna serban kesekolah...

Anak cucu mereka diajar menghormati masyarakat sekeliling, berjasa pada negara yang mereka diami, menghormati budaya orang lain & ambil tahu budaya khusus negara yang didiami....they always less asking but giving ada...

I orang melayu tapi I rasa I segan juga kat orang2 sikh dan I rasalah cara mereka mengekalkan budaya mereka amat berkesan sekali.

Orang sikh kat america berbahasa Inggeris tapi tetap kekalkan adat mereka begitu juga orang sikh di Thailand - berbahasa Thai dirumah tapi sembahyang, makan dan pakai tetap dengan budaya ibunda mereka sendiri.

Mungkin kerana mereka mengajar anak2 mereka cara betul..."hormat orang tapi jangan lupa asal keturunan kita..." (mungkin)...

Untuk yang lain2 tu ... kalau kita rasa kita, had derailed from the reality (as deliberately speculated by tunnusantara in his/her posting as mentioned...), mungkin kita boleh belajar dengan orang sikh...and they are right in our neighbourhood...!

Em....mm....mmmm.....

nussantara....!betul kamu!


1Malaysia sepatutnya 1jenis Sekolah (itu pun tak boleh fikir, camana nak fikirkan masa depan anak cucu warga negara)....,

Renungan!!!

Pemimpin mestilah MEmimpin bukan DIpimpin....hee...hee...hee...

Sekian. Terima kasih Tun.

E1.

By gudgirlz17  on September 8, 2009 2:24 AM

Salam Tun and all..

I'm 19 years old..my batch is the last batch that learn science n math in Malay..so now I'm in local university taking account courses..during school,my English is very poor..when they have interview or even oral test, I always get low marks..but when I start study in u, and all the subjects are teach in English I found out that my English became better..Since all the lecturers ask us to speak in English, to ask question in English and so on..So I say to myself that why during my school time, I didn't get the opportunity to learn in English..Now, I not just can improve my English in study, but also in speaking too..Now,I have friends throughout the world because of English, I may have conversation with tourists and so on which all those things I can't do before this because of the lack of English..So I really disappointing that the government have decide to change back the PPSMI..that's all I want to share to u Tun..

By suluh pelita  on September 7, 2009 12:59 AM

Asalamualaikum dan salam sejahtera

- 1) Penggunaan BI dalam P&P sains dan matematik adalah perlu. Begitu juga penggunaan BM dalam P&P sains, matematik dan lain-lain adalah perlu.
- 2) Memang BI adalah bahasa ilmu. Adakah BM tidak boleh dijadikan bahasa ilmu?
- 3) BM adalah bahasa rasmi negara. Mengapa kita tak cuba daulatkan?
- 4) Allah berfirman yang mafhumnya, "Taatlah kepada Allah, Taatlah kepada Rasulullah dan Taatlah kepada pemerintah". Jika kita seorang yang beragama islam, kita seharusnya mentaati dan menyokong padu apa-apa yang diarahkan oleh pihak pemerintah/kerajaan kepada kita untuk dilaksanakan.
- 5) Oleh itu belajarlah untuk mentaati dan menyokong padu penggunaan BM dalam P&P sains dan matematik.


By khairul  on September 3, 2009 8:15 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,  
Saya pohon maaf kerana buat banyak posting...

Saya nak tambah...

Walaupun subjek EST sudah ada.. tapi saya rasa, perlu juga diajarkan (istilah tersebut) dalam subjek Sains


Terima Kasih,  
Khairul

By khairul  on September 3, 2009 8:06 PM

Assalamualaikum Ayahanda Tun,  
Izinkan saya memberi pendapat,

Saya berasa PPSMI tidak perlu dimansuhkan !  
Tetapi ia perlu ditukar kepada PPSMBMDBIUIDLL !!  
Iaitu "Pengajaran dan Pembelajaran Sains dan Matematik dalam Bahasa Malaysia Dan Bahasa  
Inggeris Untuk Istilah Dan Lain Lain (perlu dikaji lagi!)"

Saya mohon maaf jika terdapat salah atau silap.  
Terima Kasih  
Khairul

By wajaperak  on September 2, 2009 1:57 PM

Dengan Izin Tun..Terima kasih..

vampiregurl

**Adik jangan tulis ejaan mcm ni..Nanti pejuang Bahasa semua marah..  
Adik hormati lah pejuang-pejuang Bahasa tu yang telah banyak menyumbang kepada  
negara kita ni...ehem ehem..:)**

he..he..

Terima kasih Tun.

By vampiregurl  on September 1, 2009 8:41 PM

salam tun,

sye adlah first btach bg prngkat sklah mnengah yg mmpljari sc n mat in english. dan sye dpti  
tidak ada mslah lgsg utk mmprjtik kn nye,apatah lg bg mrid2 dsklah rndah. sye mmpnyai swng  
adik yg brusia 9 thn. dan sye dpti dia lbh lncar bbhase inggeris krne bhse ini tlah d praktik kn  
dlm math n sc.

jd,adla tdak wjar jke kmntrian hndak mmbubarkn nye..

jika ia danggp ssah,smpai bilakh ia akn mnjdi senang?? jika bkn skrg,ble lg?? tak slah kte bssah2  
dhulu snang d kmudian hari. ble mndpt tahu ia nye dbubar kn sye rase sprti malu dgn kaum  
mlayu yg sye anngap tdk mahu mnerima cbaran. ssah sgt ke nk bljar bhse inggris? sye pn bkn  
nye dtg dr kluarge yg mnggunkn english as the main lnuage in daily life. tp sye tdak pn  
mnghdapi mslah. yg pnting nye usaha. jika phak kmntrian tdak brusaha untuk mnaikkn taraf  
pndidikn ngre kte, sya bmbng ngre kte akn kntigln jauh..

By acai  on August 30, 2009 7:12 PM

Salam pd Tun dan semua bloggers. Mungkin isu ni dah basi tapi saya ingin mencelah  
sedikit.Pada pandangan saya senario pendidikan di negara kita perlu ditangani elok-elok supaya  
anak2 kita tidak menjadi mangsa di kemudian hari dan kerajaan tidak membazirkan duit rakyat  
sewenang2nya. Pendidikan dan politik hendaklah dipisahkan. Tapi di negara kita ni politik suka  
sangat campur tangan dalam pendidikan dan lagi satu menteri pendidikan hendaklah bukan dari  
golongan ahli politik, pilihlah golongan bijak pandai untuk menerajui pendidikan kita.  
Saya seorang guru dan telah mengajar selama 17 tahun dan saya mengajar matapelajaran bahasa

inggeris. Saya ingin membawa anda semua memerhatikan senario pendidikan sekolah seawal saya mendapat latihan di maktab perguruan...itu pun satu dua yang saya ingat..

1. 1990 saya mula mendapat latihan di maktab. Seingat saya ada matapelajaran Alam dan Manusia diperkenalkan sebelum 1990 lagi. Subjek ni diperkenalkan oleh Anwar Ibrahim yang menjadi menteri pendidikan pd masa tu. 1990 telah mula hangat diperkatakan bahawa subjek ini tidak sesuai diajar di sekolah2 rendah kerana cakupannya yang tersangat luas(cth: kalau ajar bab air kena sentuh dari aspek sejarah, geografi, sains dan sebagainya). Saya ingat lagi kami guru2 pelatih mengahadi masalah mengenai subjek ini dari segi untuk menyampaikannya kepada pelajar sekolah rendah dan masalah juga dari murid2 untuk menerimanya dan telah menyatakannya kepada Ketua jabatan tapi beliau menempelak kami dengan mengatakan kami sengaja mencari alasan dan malas untuk berusaha. Tetapi hakikatnya tidak lama selepas itu hanya beberapa tahun selepas saya ditauliahkan sebagai guru kerajaan mengambil keputusan untuk menarik subjek Alam dan Manusia dari kurikulum sekolah rendah atas alasan 'subjek ini mempunyai cakupan yang sangat luas' sama seperti alasan yang kami berikan kepada Ketua jabatan kami dahulu. Saya teringin sangat untuk melihat reaksi ketua Jabatan saya bila subjek ini di tarik balik.

Pandangan saya (1) di Malaysia ni, kalau ada menteri pendidikan yang baru mesti ada saja perubahan tak kira dari segi kurikulum atau apa pun. Ingat lagi bila Dato' Hishamuddin mula jadi menteri pelajaran? Apa perkara pertama yang dilakukannya? Tukar nama kementerian dari kementerian pendidikan balik semula kepada kementerian Pelajaran. Dan Anwar Ibrahim juga masa mula-mula jadi menteri pelajaran menukar nama kementerian dari Kementerian Pelajaran kepada Kementerian Pendidikan, rasional bagi kedua-duanya pun saya dah tak ingat. Sebabnya rasional yang diberi kedua2nya bagi saya tidak kukuh.

(2) Di Malaysia ni, kalau menteri cakap rakyat mesti ikut tanpa soal buruk baiknya. Seolah-olah menteri tu Tuhan (maksud di sini macam menteri tu akan sentiasa benar dalam percaturan dan buah fikirannya).Cth: Isu PPSMI. (In this issue I am not against the idea of teaching mathematics and science in English). Klu tak silap saya Tun mencadangkannya pada pertengahan tahun 2002 (saya kurang pasti kalau masa tu ada dinyatakan sudah dibuat kajian atau langkah percubaan dan sejauhmana hasil kajian dan percubaan itu). Walau pun ada perdebatan tentang isu ini selepas itu, sesungguhnya saya sangat terkejut kerana ianya betul-betul dilaksanakan pada sesi persekolahan 2003 (murid2 tahun satu pada tahun ini jadi batch pertama). Dan yang lebih mengkhuatirkan saya diperingkat menengah juga dilaksanakan (murid-murid tingkatan satu pada 2003 yang selama di sekolah rendah belajar matematik dan sains dalam BM).

(3)Bagi saya idea Tun tu dulu sgt baik. Saya tak mahu bincangkan tentang pro dan kontra nya kerana telah banyak dilakukan oleh bloggers di sini. Pada pendapat saya penilaian terhadap kejayaan dan kegagalan PPSMI hanya boleh dibuat apabila batch pertama (2003) yang pd tahun 2009 ni berada di tingkatan satu telah selesai menduduki SPM pada 2013 atau 2014. Inilah masa yang sesuai untuk membuat penilaian. Mungkin silapnya dari segi skop pelaksanaannya. Pelaksanaan PPSMI di peringkat menengah sepatutnya dilaksanakan hanya pd batch pertama 2003 selesai UPSR dan mula pendidikan menengah tingkatan satu kerana batch ini tadi telah belajar maths n sc dlm BI selama 6 tahun. Ia sepatutnya dilakukan berperingkat2 bukan secara menyeluruh tapi hasilnya setelah berbilion kerajaan membelanjakan duit rakyat ia akhirnya dibatalkan.

Sebagai pendidik dan ibubapa saya SANGAT SANGAT kecewa dan sedih kerajaan dan pembangkang sekali lagi mempolitikakan pendidikan di negara ini. Saya ingin bertanya kepada Kerajaan sampai bila keadaan / senario ini akan berterusan? Berapa lama lagi murid2 sekolah


dan guru2 di negara ini hendak dijadikan bahan ujikaji di makmal2? Saya berkhidmat di selatan tanahair dan sekiranya saya ada kemampuan dari segi kewangan, saya tidak akan teragak2 untuk menghantar anak2 saya belajar di sekolah2 di seberang tambak . Selain dari kemampuan dar isegi kewangan saya juga terfikir sekiranya anak saya bersekolah di seberang seperkara yang anak saya tidak akan belajar ialah mengenai SEJARAH negara sendiri. nak tak nak terpaksa juga saya menghantar anak2 saya belajar di dalam negara kita.

Kenapa saya menyanan agar menteri pendidikan di beri kepada golongan professional dan bijak pandai di negara ini? Kerana dari pengamatan saya mereka lebih faham dengan keperluan negara dalam pendidikan. Menteri2 dari parti politik tidak sesuai kerana mereka berfikir dari segi kepentingan politik semata dan bukan dari segi keperluan meningkatkan keperluan dan kualiti pendidikan. Sebab itu standard pendidikan kita masih jauh ketinggalan berbanding negara jiran Singapura. Cth: kenyataan menteri pelajaran TMY tentang pengajaran BI [ pengajaran grammmar tidak secara berasingan (which is something I myself disagreed and did not follow suit in my teaching process)] adalah bukti nyata yang pak-pak menteri kita memang tidak tahu apa yang berlaku di dunia pendidikan negara kita. Macamana nak tingkatkan kualiti pendidikan klu perkara mcm ni pun tak tahu. Dato Hishamudin pun entah tahu entah tidak sebab perkara ini telah lama berlaku seingat saya sebelum beliau jadi menteri pelajaran lagi. Kami guru-guru telah lama mempersoalkannya tapi penggubal kurikulum tidak menghiraukan pandangan kami.

Ada blogger yang menyatakan faktor guru yang menyebabkan kegagalan. Saya bersetuju tetapi guru tidak boleh dipersalahkan 100%. Ini kerana mereka memang menghadiri kursus tetapi dari pengamatan saya kursus2 itu hanya kursus2 pendek dan tidak mencukupi. PPSMI telah dilaksanakan dan mereka masih menghadiri kursus2 BI. Bagaimana nak menilai kemampuan mereka mengajar dalam BI dengan berkesan kerana mereka ini juga ada yang mempunyai masalah menguasai BI di zaman persekolahan mereka.

Kerajaan pada masa akan datang saya pohon sebagai pembayar cukai di negara ini, kalau ada apa-apa2 perubahan yang hendak dilakukan, lakukan hanya setelah penilaian yang terperinci dilakukan buruk baik telah diambil kira, faktor kejayaan dan kegagalan telah dikenal pasti dan ditangani. janganlah hanya kalau Ketua cakup je (di sini mungkin Perdana Menteri ) terus nak dilaksanakan dengan tergesa-gesa.

**KEGAGALAN PPSMI ( KALAU BETUL GAGAL )BAGI SAYA ADALAH KERANA IANYA DILAKSANAKAN DENGAN TERGESA-GESA.**

By AJR  on August 30, 2009 10:09 AM

Tun,

Saya merupakan seorang guru kaunseling di sebuah sekolah di pedalaman Sarawak. Secara peribadi, saya melihat pelaksanaan PPSMI sebagai satu langkah yang baik dan positif ke arah penguasaan bahasa inggeris yang baik. Majoriti guru2 di Sarawak menyokong pelaksanaan PPSMI kerana ianya bukan sahaja membantu pelajar malah membantu guru dalam penguasaan bahasa inggeris. Akan tetapi, terdapat beberapa perkara yang perlu dipertimbangkan dan dikaji semula:

1. PPSMI berjaya meningkatkan penguasaan BI bagi pelajar sekolah rendah kerana mereka telah didedahkan dengan BI pada usia yang muda. Jadi, tidak menjadi masalah bagi mereka meneruskan pada peringkat sekolah menengah. Apa yang menjadi masalah ialah bagi generasi

pelajar yang tidak didedahkan dengan PPSMI sejak sekolah rendah lagi kerana mereka sudah terbiasa menggunakan BM dalam m/p Sains dan Math.

2. Penguatkuasaan PPSMI hendaklah tegas dan sentiasa dipantau. Jika dilihat sekarang, kertas peperiksaan Math dan Sains masih lagi dalam dwibahasa dan PnP dalam kelas juga masih lagi dwibahasa. Jadi ini menyebabkan guru2 mengambil langkah mudah meneruskan PnP dalam BM kerana mereka tahu bahawa pelajar boleh menjawab dalam BM. Ini bukan sahaja menyebabkan objektif asal PPSMI gagal dicapai malah menyebabkan pelajar keliru. Sebaik2nya Math dan Sains diajar sepenuhnya dalam BM dan BI.

3. Isu yang seringkali diungkit selama ini adalah memartabatkan Bahasa Melayu. Bagi saya, martabat Bahasa Melayu tidak pernah terjejas kerana hanya m/p Math dan Sains sahaja yang diajar dalam bahasa Inggeris. Sekiranya para pelajar tidak dibiasakan dengan Bahasa Inggeris, susah untuk mereka bersaing di peringkat antarabangsa.

4. Kebanyakan pelajar di sekolah saya meminati m/p Sains dan Math tetapi mengalami kesukaran untuk menguasai m/p tersebut kerana istilah dalam BI. Kenapa? Kerana mereka tidak mahu belajar istilah BI kerana mereka tahu pada masa peperiksaan mereka boleh menjawab dalam BM.

Pada pendapat saya, PPSMI masih lagi disokong sepenuhnya oleh ibubapa dan rakyat Sarawak kerana kami tahu betapa pentingnya penguasaan BI untuk masa depan anak2 kami. Sekiranya PPSMI dimansuhkan, daya saing anak2 kita akan kurang.

By hazrin  on August 29, 2009 4:10 PM

Tun,

Pembelajaran dan Pengajaran Sains dan Matematik dalam Bahasa Inggeris banyak di perkatakan sekarang, perdebatan PPSMI samaada menyokong atau tidak menyokong kedua-duanya bertujuan baik iaitu untuk menyediakan generasi Malaysia supaya lebih bersedia menghadapi cabaran pada masa akan datang. Saya berasa kesal kedua-dua pihak penyokong dan yang anti PPSMI lebih cenderung memperkatakan tentang patut/tak patutnya pelajar yang berkebolehan dalam mathematic dan sains menguasai Bahasa Inggeris untuk membolehkan mereka menguasai hal-hal teknikal pada peringkat Universiti kelak.

Bukankah penentu pembangunan sesebuah Negara bergantung kepada rakyat, massa masyarakat ialah Pembina sesebuah Negara, golongan massa yang terdiri dari 90% populasi ini perlu di bimbing supaya mereka tidak buta huruf, boleh menulis dan mengira. Pengetahuan mengira yang diperlukan oleh massa ialah untuk menguruskan kehidupan harian mereka, membeli, mengatur masa dan berniaga. Sementara pengetahuan sains yang diperlukan oleh mereka pula akan ialah untuk pengetahuan am mereka dalam mengisi ilmu yang perlu dalam kemahiran hidup harian sahaja. Pengetahuan asas ini tidak ada kena mengena dengan Journal, majalah sains, penemuan sains terbaru dan mengira kira-kira yang sofisicated. Rakyat massa yang tidak dapat dibimbing dengan asas mathematic dan pengetahuan sains yang perlu akan sukar dipimpin. Cerdik pandai yang hanya terdiri dari 5% dari populasi sesebuah negara perlukan rakyat massa yang boleh dipercayai, ada kemahiran asas, logik asas supaya golongan bijak pandai yang ada bergulung-gulung ijazah ini membimbing masyarakat massa dalam bidang masing-masing.

Masyarakat massa ini bukan sahaja budak kampung, mereka mungkin menimba ilmu di Bandar-bandar, seperkara yang menarik, menguasai bahasa Inggeris, tidak memberi kelebihan kepada seseorang pelajar dalam memahami matematik dan sains. Hanya kepala otak sains dan matematik sahaja yang boleh memahaminya. Sebagai contoh ; tahukah Tun, teknologi IT yang dibangunkan di US sendiri bukan dibangunkan oleh orang Amerika yang menguasai bahasa Inggeris, saya telah menemui beberapa pakar IT dan instrumentation dari Amerika, kebanyakan expert yang saya jumpa adalah orang dari India ( di gelar "Angels") yang masih pekat lorat Indianya, China dan Vietnam.

Penguasaan bahasa Inggeris yang baik untuk orang yang bukan kepala otak matematik dan sains hanya dapat menafaatkan dengan bersebang kosong sahaja, mereka tidak dapat mengaitkan secara langsung perkara-perkara yang berkaitan. Contohnya orang politik yang nak tunjuk tahu serba serbi, asalkan boleh menunjukkan perkataan-perkataan teknologi dapat di sebut, jadilah, aku tidak ketinggalan. Sehingga di Amerika terutamanya, memperkatakan " Celebrity CEO, who is at fault" CEO yang berimejkan celebrity, pandai bercakap sudah pasti dalam bahasa inggeris, jaga imej, mementingkan persepsi daripada menyelesaikan masalah sebenar, selalunya gagal dan akan menjadi bebanan untuk sesebuah organisasi.

Saya berharap, Tun janganlah "Generalizekan" semua masalah, kira nak bagi paracetamol untuk semua penyakit, semasa Tun memperkenalkan PPSMI pada 2003 lepas, bersasarkan sentimen orang yang disekeliling Tun, tanpa kajian ilmiah dan tanpa penggunaan petunjuk matematik yang betul, tanpa penggunaan Hypothesis ilmiah yang menyeluruh, Tun yang pandai sembang terus memberi arahan "Copy and Paste" untuk menyelesaikan kesemua masalah berbangkit. Tun harus sedar, Tun yang berimej selebriti, akan menyukarkan penjawat kerajaan yang ingin berkhidmat untuk memberikan maklum balas. Kata-kata Tun dengar sedap sahaja, macam senang saja nak buat, ini lagi bahaya, susah orang nak bangkang. Akibatnya jelas, kita tidak membimbing masyarakat massa kita sendiri.

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By [Amar Qusyairi](#) on [August 27, 2009 2:50 PM](#)

Assalamualaikum and good afternoon to everybody.

I am 18 year-old-boy and I hate English actually. I am not good in English, Maths, and Science since I was in Standard 5. When I jumped into secondary school, I have to enrich my English. My teachers helped me a lot. It's ridiculous when Tan Sri Muhyidin Yasin announced that English will be banned from Science and Maths.

Why should he do that kind of thing? I was surprised when he announced that news. Why PPSMI not object at first, I mean after Tun announced the exchange of learning language of Science and Maths. It simple actually. If you don't like what Tun did, just spoke to him, as soon as possible.

What Tun did 7 years ago was a great and brought a huge change in our country right now. Why should we support the cancelling of English in Science and Maths? It's not a good action. I did not support because I think, it just a waste for me enriched my English. Now you can see the connection my early story with the conclusion.

So people, please be aware with 1Malaysia slogan, Rakyat didahulukan, Pencapaian diutamakan. The community who object the exchange of language is just a minor, we, who support the English in Science and Maths was a major. I just hope, English will retain into Science and Maths.

Thank you to Tun for giving a space to leave my comment. Assalamualaikum and good evening.

By jessiegrace  on August 26, 2009 2:41 PM

Must Bahasa Malayu and English compete in the classroom? The move to replace English with Bahasa Malayu as the medium of instruction in Science and Mathematics has brought forward the perceptions of parents, students, academicians, and other people affected by the language policy shift. Many of them believe that this will eventually deprive young Malaysians of a chance to be proficient in a language which can connect them to the world. But Bahasa Malayu is the national language, and national language policy requires that it be used as medium of instruction in the country's learning institutions for it to be intellectualized. Thus, it is rightfully given its place of importance as a vehicle for learning. Be that as it may, some argue that English is a more effective tool in teaching mathematics and the sciences. Is this valid?

Recent experiments and studies show that children understand concepts better when these are introduced to them in their native tongue. Hence, there is now a shift from teaching in English to adopting as medium of instruction the language the child is most familiar with, i.e., his or her mother tongue. Imagine a child inside a classroom trying to cope with new ideas in a foreign language. Say, if a teacher tells a child " $1 + 1 = 2$ ", the child has to process two things: what is this in his/her language (language transposition) and what does it mean (concept acquisition). The unfamiliar language can become a hindrance to learning. Conversely, using Bahasa Malayu can fast track learning of the concept being introduced as the learners will be processing new information in a familiar medium.

On the other hand, English is the lingua franca of the world and with globalization the world seems borderless and horizons find bridges. So if we want to connect with the world, we must speak its language. Although English proficiency does not determine a country's progress, it does tilt the balance in favor of those who have acquired it. It opens doors and access to otherwise elusive opportunities. It pays a handsome reward economically, socially and psychologically. Moreover, it bestows confidence on people as they engage the multi-faceted domains of the global arena.

What then can we say? Must Bahasa Melayu and English compete in the classroom? Not necessarily. Each language fulfills a function. Each has an important role to play in the national and global playing field. One approach to having both is adopting a bilingual policy of education, whereby the native language is used as medium of instruction during the earlier years after which English is gradually introduced. This policy has been tried and tested, and, in most cases, succeeded.

Another avenue to addressing this issue is to teach English as a foreign language in the secondary level. This prepares students for a more comprehensive English course in the tertiary level designed and tailored-fit to their needs. The said program will undoubtedly equip these students for tasks requiring English communication skills in the academe and beyond.

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By [srid\\_srd](#) on August 25, 2009 12:58 AM

Hmmmmmm im really puzzle with government decision on switching back to Malay language .. Let me share my experience... well Im working in neighbour country for past few years.. This guy came for an interview,i conducted the section.I was shock with his flying marks and told him, u are over qualified for the post ur applying for. He told me with calm mode..Sir my government are encouraging us to do farming!!! And im not sure how my kids gonna survive with poor understanding in English.I would like to send my kids to private school like some policy maker. So i would rather work and save for them! .....I was speechless.Im still holding his application form in my hand.. wondering to help him for his kids future or don't employ him so he can get better job... Tun the Malaysia was proud of u when u can represent us with Good English. But how will our future CHILDREN OF MALAYSIA???? ARE THEY ABLE TO TALK LIKE YOU?? HMMMMM I hope all the Malaysian can talk English like u one day..

By [hazrin](#) on August 25, 2009 12:28 AM

SAINS DAN TEKNOLOGY ORANG MELAYU PADA ABAD 1300.

Disini saya ingin kongsi bersama dua teknologi yang sememangnya asset orang melayu satu ketika dulu, tetapi jauh sekali untuk dihasilkan oleh umat melayu sekarang.

1) Penghasilan wang emas di Terengganu. (Sila lawat museum wang di Bank Negara). Dari segi kejuruteraan, penghasilan wang emas yang dipamerkan di musuem Wang itu, beberapa teknologi sokongan perlu dibangunkan terlebih dahulu untuk penghasilan syiling emas. Saiz Miniature memerlukan Teknologi Kanta dibangunkan, sementara ukiran yang perlu terhasil pada acuan wang pula memerlukan teknologi bahan supaya pisau pengukir boleh digunakan dengan lebih mudah. Penghasilan wang emas juga memerlukan penimbang yang mempunyai ketepatan sehingga +/- 1gram.

2) Orang melayu sebagai pembuat dan pelayar yang terlaju di Dunia. Pengikirafan sebagai pelayar yang terpantas diberi oleh maharaja Cina sendiri apabila singgahsana pelayar Melayu di bina bersebelahan dengan Singgahsana maharaja Cina. Bukti peninggalan teknologi ini juga masih terdapat di Pulau Duyung Terengganu. Penghasilan Kapal layar yang dibuat oleh pembuat kapal layar melayu sekarang diperakui oleh peminat kapal layar yang menyatakan ketahanan kapal layar melayu adalah sehingga 100tahun berbanding kapal layar yang terancang didunia hanya bertahan 25 tahun sahaja. Bagaimana orang melayu dulu boleh mengukur, memotong kayu chengal batu, membengkokkan cengal batu tanpa sebarang teknologi. Tanpa pengetahuan matematik dan Sains dalam bahasa Melayu sendiri adalah sukar untuk membina sebuah kapal layar yang sempurna.

Sebagai seorang Engineer yang pernah bekerja dalam industri Semi Conductor, saya dapat "Technology is build within not imported". Keraguan Tun Mahathir terhadap kemampuan orang Islam sekarang yang jauh ketinggalan dalam ilmu sains bahan dapat difahami sehingga Tun cuba menyelar dengan menyatakna orang Islam zaman nabi tak cukur sebab tiada pisau cukur. Kesangsian ini hanya betul apabila Tun cuba bandingkan orang Islam sekarang, sedangkan orang Islam di Shin An China telah menghasilkan pedang keras dan tidak berkarat pada 500 tahun lepas, sedangkan logam Cromium yang digunakan dalam pembuatan alloy besi yang kuat dan keras hanya ditemui pada perang dunia ke 2. Sekali lagi, Teknologi sebegini dibangunkan dengan kemampuan tempatan, kalau orang Melayu 700 tahun yang lepas mampu membangunkan teknologi wang Emas dan Kapal Layar yang bertaraf dunia, kenapa orang melayu sekarang tidak cukup cemerlang, terbilang untuk melopori bahan-bahan khusus terhasil dari Bumi Malaysia ini.

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By 2009  on August 24, 2009 6:56 PM

Big M,

Terima kasih kerana menunjukkan video tersebut yang sebenarnya saya dah pun melihatnya sebelum ini. Video itu tak lebih daripada pendapat penyokong PPSMI.

Saya kurang setuju dengan cara menyanggah lapuran2 bebas tanpa apa2 fakta atau kajian bebas terperinci yang kuat faktanya. Sesiapa saja boleh buat video yang lain untuk menyanggah setiap satu yang diperkatakan oleh video tersebut.

Cuba teliti lapuran2 lain pro dan contra dengan membuat carian "ppsmi" atau "timms" di google. Saya berpendapat lapuran2 mereka amat teliti dan menyeluruh daripada hanya beri pendapat tanpa fakta.

Saya juga percaya yang menteri pelajaran yang lama berpendapat PPSMI patut dihapuskan sebab itu keputusan TIDAK dibuat dan kajian diteruskan. Mungkin beliau kurang berani berhadapan dengan Tun.

Saya masih berpendapat yang tindakan kerajaan betul dan tepat.

By RK  on August 24, 2009 6:28 PM

Dear Tun

Many thanks for continuously looking after Malaysia after the expiry of your tenure as Prime Minister. Malaysia certainly needs that.

On the subject of teaching science and mathematics in Malay, my humble views are as follows:

1) the government needs to better understand the impact of its "flip flop" decision making on people / rakyat as well as the reputation repercussion on the government itself. It will cause much difficulties to students, teachers and parents. All these parties who are still adjusting after


implementation of the earlier policy to teach these subjects in English, will now have to endure change again.

2) The world has recognised the importance of proficiency in the English Language and are moving forward to seek improvements in this area. For example, Abu Dhabi on 23 August 2009 announced the recruitment of 456 native English speaking teachers. I quote the statement made by the Director General of Abu Dhabi Education Council as found in Gulf News "English is the international language of business and science and is central to Abu Dhabi achieving its vision of economic growth and diversification," said Al Khaili. When the world is moving forward and becoming competitive, why are we stifling the competitive advantage of our future generation? Why are we insisting on deleting ourselves from the world map and destroying a legacy left by you where you brought Malaysia to such great heights (of course, I also have my fair share of dissolution towards your government but this is not the forum to discuss those. Having said that, your work on developing Malaysia cannot be denied and the credit is all yours and that of your sharp vision for the country).

3) as Malaysian, we have learnt to seek solutions and options. Surely, the government will appreciate that options can also be employed even now. Why not provide language options for students – whereby, students can elect to choose studying these subjects in Malay or English. This would mean that those who cannot cope in the subject being taught in English can opt for the same in Malay. The adverse side to this would be that schools will have to provide / train teachers in both medium and make adjustments on accommodating the language chosen by students. Not a bad option to provide to children of tax payers after all.

I hope my comments are useful.

Many thanks.

By Machang  on August 24, 2009 4:03 PM

Salam Tun,

I can feel your frustration when Muhyiddin decided not to use English anymore to teach Science and Maths subject. You have mooted the idea to address poor understanding of English language among the Malaysian.

The question is, does your idea is really helping? the gov have implemented this idea for 6 years and based on survey that I've read, many rural student cannot cope with the Math and Science because they are slow learner in English. This is like killing 3 birds with 1 stone, these poor students mostly rural Malay, they became weak in all 3 subjects, where in the past they have no problem in understanding maths and science in Bahasa.

Nobody doubt that the need to master English or any other languages as the globalization is the way in the future. If you understand the language of the majority then you can express yourself better and could learn a lot of thing too.

Tetapi bukannya bermakna Bahasa Malaysia tu dah jadi bahasa pasar dan tak laku serta tak mampu menjadi bahasa ilmu dan budaya. Jika kita silap polisi bahasa Malaysia akan menjadi setaraf dengan loghat daerah contohnya loghak Kelate, Tganu, Kedah yang hanya digunakan untuk bualan harian tetapi tidak mempunyai nilai ilmu ataupun nilai komersial.

Majoriti kanak-kanak di Malaysia mula memahami pertuturan dalam bahasa ibunda mereka, orang Melayu dengan Bahasa Melayu. Pendedahan mereka kepada bahasa Inggeris adalah terhad, apabila masuk sekolah mereka perlu bertukar bahasa pertuturan dan bahasa berfikir dari bahasa Melayu kepada bahasa Inggeris, manakala suasana pembelajaran dalam bahasa Inggeris adalah separuh masak dengan masalah guru yang tidak terlatih dan masa penggunaan bahasa Inggeris yang tidak mencukupi,

hasilnya mereka gagal berfikir dan bertutur dalam bahasa Inggeris dengan mata pelajaran Math dan Sains pula dijadikan cagaran dimana pencapaian kedua-dua subject ini menjadi merosot.

Penguasaan bertutur dan berfikir dalam bahasa Inggeris perlulah sempurna dahulu sebelum bahasa tersebut digunakan sebagai media pembelajaran subjek lain dan bukannya subjek utama dijadikan cagaran untuk membolehkan pelajar pandai bahasa Inggeris.

Bagi ibubapa yang menggunakan bahasa inggeris sebagai bahasa pertuturan harian tentulah mereka menyokong cadangan Tun sebabnya ianya amat memberi kelebihan kepada anak-anak mereka memandangkan itulah bahasa pertuturan dan bahasa berfikir mereka. Tetapi mereka hanyalah minoriti yang terdiri daripada ibubapa golongan pertengahan dibandar, cuma mereka lebih lantang menyokong, bersuara dan menjadikan mereka kelihatan seperti golongan majoriti.

So Tun, hope that you could look in another point of view, while our objective are the same but the approach are different. for me what we need is more time and a lot more exposure to the language but not at the expense of other subjects or bahasa Malaysia.

By [nurmayamin bt sulaiman](#) on [August 24, 2009 1:28 AM](#)

salam Tun.

saya amat menyokong usaha murni Tun bagi membeli bot2 kecil untuk menghantar bantuan makanan. saya berharap usaha murni Tun ini tidak dipandang remeh oleh sesetengah pihak.. rakyat Malaysia haruslah sedar akan perkara ini. hal ini kerana rakyat Palestin sudah lama dibelenggu dengan kekejaman Israel. Oleh itu rakyat Malaysia perlulah peka terhadap isu ini, kerana ia bukanlah mudah seperti yang difikirkan. Akhir kata, buka mata, buka hati, dan bukalah minda. Semoga usaha murni Tun diberkati Allah. Amin

salam Ramadhan..

By [kongim](#) on [August 23, 2009 3:11 AM](#)

I am a Chinese of Straits Born decent. I used Malay language to speak to my late parents and English among my Siblings.

To enrich myself with subject like Accounting, Economics and to know the thoughts of Warren Buffet, I uses English.

The key to improve one language is usage.

With huge amount of monies spent on imported teacher master in grammar, it will be no used if they are not exposed to using the language.

By using Microsoft excel, one learn to learn from mistake and excel in using this spreadsheet program by using it frequently.

Tun, I salute you for admitting your mistake for a total Bahasa Melayu in our education system. You try to rectify the situation, but you did it too late, when Barisan is losing its trust among the

people.

But it is not too late.

By accommodating, you can regain people's trust that Barisan is aware of importance & best cheapest way to be English literate.

I am a product of your school transition period.

I did my Science and Mathematics in English and history & geog in Malay before the govt decide to go fully in Bahasa Melayu.

I have seen my fellow technician in aviation maintenance line having difficulty in reading the maintenance manual.

Do you want these weakness to reveal itself again for our younger generations regardless of race.

Resulting in more stupid Malaysian in a more competitive world where everybody is trying hard to learn the global language of English.

I had seen a successful programme during my secondary days in by placing the rural students in a boarding hostel in a reputed SMJK(Ingggeris) school in Melaka town.

They even managed to enter top science classes in the school and becomes Professionals showing they were not stupid

Since PPSMI had being scrapped, why not revive the SMJK(Ingggeris) schools and place rural underprivileged student there.

This formula had being proven right.

Can Muiyuddin guarantee his method will work by having more English hours and overseas teachers.

Most likely the pupils will get bore.

I get bored when BM hours had being lengthen and did the BM teacher that taught us.

I improved by BM when Geog & History were taught in BM and further improved by mingling with the Malay in a predominantly GLC.

These further reinforce my arguments.

By the way, we have Microsoft Word program the underline the words in red in case of misspelled words or broken English, as I am typing this letter.

If I type in Malay, all my words would be underline.

We are not simply there yet in technology and knowledge.

Learning other language with further nourishes our Malays languages & knowledges, soft skill, hard skill , technologies.

We are not Japanese (they are of homogenous race/Samurai culture),

We do not have Toyotas & Hondas. we are force to have Protons.

We are not Koreans (they are hard workers, they too are homogenous, they go to school until 6 pm )

We are not Taiwanese (they are world largest maker of computer motherboards)

Mind you, China Air Line manage by the Taiwanese having the worst aircraft maintenance

Records, simply they glorified Mandarin instead of English, the language of Aircraft Maintenance Manual.


Average Malaysian even do not even read more than 2 books a year.

We must be force to use the language to master it.

Look at the Singaporean (they are actually de-facto Malaysian)  
Upon reaching Malaysia, they are speed maniac, litter-bugs.  
In their country, they abide because of enforcement.  
I do not want to be overtaken by other countries in the region....again!!.  
So be accommodating.  
An empty house accommodate people to live in.  
A wheel hub is empty because it accommodates the axle.  
In doing so, heavy load can be transported with little friction.

Even the formula  $F = m \times a$   
Force equals to mass x acceleration  
It is simpler to understand?  
So, Malaysian can not afford to be stupid.  
It is stupid to take long cuts when there are short cuts.

Minister can send their children to international school.  
Common people can not afford.  
Least of all, give an alternative to be world recognised Malaysian in doing well in technology, the shortest time, the more economical way.

By Big M  on August 22, 2009 11:16 PM

Hello "By 2009"


Sila rujuk kepada video PAGE di [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5\\_0V2iGW1Ek](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_0V2iGW1Ek)

Mungkin ia akan menukarkan pandangan kamu mengenai PPSMI.

By Muazan\_UKM  on August 22, 2009 11:17 AM

Salam ramadhan.

PPSMI bukan satu isu tetapi merupakan satu cabaran kepada murid-murid di sekolah.  
Pembelajaran yang mementingkan bahasa bukan terletak kepada subjek tetapi terletak kepada dorongan ibu bapa dan pihak kerajaan. Menggunakan b.melayu bukanlah tidak dapat maju.  
Kenapa dulu B.Melayu pernah menjadi lingua franca ketika kegemilangan Melaka? Jadi, kenapa tidak kita cuba menggagungkan dan memartabatkan semula B.Melayu.

By JaneTI  on August 22, 2009 5:45 AM

Dear Tun,

I read one fellow blogger who thinks scrapping PPSMI is the right track. He/she said they love their root and their mother tongue and also learning some maths and science in English. He also said the Malay start learning maths and science post-secondary.

I strongly disagree because to start at matriculation is too late. Reverting back to the old system would produce the product of graduates as we have today. It is very sad to see how they perform in the private sector. Yes, they have their scrolls but many cannot write meetings minutes in English. Many local Malay graduates kept quiet if meetings are held in English.

Another question that Tun asks that he did not answer is about integration, yes you love your mother tongue your identity and nobody wants to change that BUT WHAT ABOUT INTEGRATION. Malays go to Malay school, Chinese go to Chinese school and Indians go to

indian school to protect their roots but when do we integrate as Malaysian? Actually I'd like to ask this questions to the leaders,as both sides fight for segregation at schools WHAT SERIOUS MEASURE HAVE YOU TAKEN FOR THE INTEGRATION OF MALAYSIAN SOCIETY? How do you seriously implement one malaysia? Having 1malaysia song in government radio channels is not enough.

Sadly,my voice is minority. Many people seems to be happy to mingle with their own kelompok only. Fight for their own kelompok because they have been brought up that way.I suppose many people think that way,I am just assuming.Sighhh....

I want to personally thank you Tun for PPSMI because my children now are eager to read materials in English, watch educational English programme etc etc. Their knowledge is far better than mine at their age.

Until then,dear Tun, thank you again for giving me the ability to air my opinion.

May ALLah bless you.

By tunnusantara  on August 22, 2009 5:00 AM

Salam Tun,

I'm 100% against 1Malaysia 3schools! It is basic 101 to know the fact that integration starts from young!

**The govt. is so Weak & so Desperate that they even want to please some chinese orthodox (cina bukit) old-fashioned mentality 'group' (even after almost 52 YEARS of Merdeka, they Continue DEMANDING sekolah cina, tulisan cina, NOW tv with 100% cina; semua nak cina MACAMLAH ini negeri orang majority China!?) which Clearly Segregate Malaysians Further Apart!!!**

-- FYA, sek. berjenis2 were already dying in the '70s but revived in mid-'80s as DAP's political strategy is PURELY based on RACISM!! & in trying to attract chinese voters Back to them; by saying that "chinese tradition is dying, their kids cannot speak chinese, etc." because, the fact of the matter was, their chinese schools were getting to be EMPTY back then! -- **yeah right!!!** like those Malaysian chinese who migrated to Australia, NZ, Canada, US, etc. mind/cared about all those "lost" in their kids in those "matsalleh" countries!?!?...

**The govt. under Najib now who's on a BIG HOOHAA of "1Malaysia", can just simply ignore Tun Razak's very Needed, Very Necessary, Logical & Very Objective plan of a single schooling system for the country; as THAT is THE BASIS for a single nation!! -- Which btw, DEFINITELY goes hand-in-hand with his own "1Malaysia"!**

1 Schooling System is a MUST for ANY COUNTRY to WANT TO HAVE their Citizens UNITED from young. Period!

**& Those who're spinning their way thru' this SIMPLE BASIC FACT (like that Wee Timb. Menteri Pendidikan), are simply SHALLOW & living in-denial, thinking like Malaysians are "stupid" & can easily be "manipulated" with SHALLOW (ie. can be the same as STUPID) "reasonings"!!!**

So, if this govt. is Smart, Strong & Objective, they'd:

Abolish sekolah jenis2 & maintain the PPSMI - as **many 'modern' Chinese would have not much qualms in abolishing those sek. berjenis2 as:**

- they're Mature enough to respect this country as a different country than their grandfather's country China.

- they're Smart enough to understand that no matter how those orthodox cina bukit demanding this & that for "their race", the majority of the people of this country would be mad/unhappy/angry; & that the country & all its peoples will forever be at strain.

- they're Considerate enough to ignore those hardcore orthodox cina bukit & can be humble, & respect one another in order for Everyone to able to live in harmony - Happily, Peacefully & Properously! (**just like those moderate humble Chinese in Indo/Thai/Phil.!!**)

& Modern moderate chinese like that, are THE type of Malaysians that the govt CAN try to "please" -- ie. Definitely NOT those Racist Extremist Biadabs yang TIDAK MAHU HORMAT Perlembagaan Negara. **Yes, which ANY respectful citizen who loves his/her country would have no problems doing!...** & This is 1 clear way how one can SENSE another's "Sincerity" towards this moderate little country!

**All schools (now it's Really 1MALAYSIA as there's only 1SCHOOL) will continue with the PPSMI, & will have options for parents to choose Malay-medium if required in any of the schools. The many modern Chinese (not those DAP-like orthodox racist cina2 bukit) will also have no problems obliging to sending their children to the 1SCHOOL school.**

Lastly, at this stage of Najib's BIG HOOHAA of his 1Malaysia (which by the way, ONLY the Malays & Bumiputera sahaja yang 24/7 terpaksa sebok promote benda2 macam ni), NOW is THE MOST APPROPRIATE TIME for him to continue his father's Very Objective & Very Logical Razak Plan for the UNITY of this country.

**Until ALL MALAYSIANS are SINCERE to this country (esp. the descendents of the Jus Soli-ed workers) & are Mature, Smart & Considerate enough to be humble & unselfish; only then will 1Malaysia succeed.** => Straight forward Objective FACT.

Thank you Tun. BERSEKUTU BERTAMBAH MUTU!

By lbird  on [August 22, 2009 4:33 AM](#)


Tun MM,

For one to miss out winning the Mahathirs Scholarship due to a technicality while in SAHC, and writing to both PMs i.e. you and your successor on the deplorable state of English but with no response (however, a similar letter to a highly educated Malay lecturer drew a reply and continued communication), self likes to know who was responsible for switching the medium of instruction from English to BM? That is a whole generation of 30 years or more and it will take a much longer period to right the wrongs provided that the switch (more than the PPSMI) back to English medium of instruction is duly carried out! It is now a case of "a blind leading some

blinds" and what do you have as a result!?

As a Statesman, admit if you are wrong and if your influence is still admired and strong, get the blunder righted for the good of the Nation and her people especially the young ones who will one day become the "Obamas" of Malaysia.

Cheers and aurebest.....lbird

By hazrin  on August 22, 2009 2:57 AM

Tun,

Pembelajaran dan Pengajaran Sains dan Matematik dalam Bahasa Inggeris banyak di perkatakan sekarang, perdebatan PPSMI samaada menyokong atau tidak menyokong kedua-duanya bertujuan baik iaitu untuk menyediakan generasi Malaysia supaya lebih bersedia menghadapi cabaran pada masa akan datang. Saya berasa kesal kedua-dua pihak penyokong dan yang anti PPSMI lebih cenderung memperkatakan tentang patut/tak patutnya pelajar yang berkebolehan dalam mathematic dan sains menguasai Bahasa Inggeris untuk membolehkan mereka menguasai hal-hal teknikal pada peringkat Universiti kelak.

Bukankah penentu pembangunan sesebuah Negara bergantung kepada rakyat, massa masyarakat ialah Pembina sesebuah Negara, golongan massa ini yang perlu di bimbing supaya mereka tidak buta huruf, boleh menulis dan mengira. Pengetahuan mengira yang diperlukan oleh massa ialah untuk menguruskan kehidupan harian mereka, membeli, mengatur masa dan berniaga. Sementara pengetahuan sains yang diperlukan oleh mereka pula akan ialah untuk pengetahuan am mereka dalam mengisi ilmu yang perlu dalam kemahiran hidup harian sahaja. Pengetahuan asas ini tidak ada kena mengena dengan Journal, majalah sains, penemuan sains terbaru dan mengira kira-kira yang sofisticated. Rakyat massa yang tidak dapat dibimbing dengan asas matematik dan pengetahuan sains yang perlu akan sukar dipimpin. Cerdik pandai yang hanya terdiri dari 5% dari populasi sesebuah negara perlukan rakyat massa yang boleh dipercayai, ada kemahiran asas, logik asas supaya golongan bijak pandai yang ada bergulung-gulung ijazah ini membimbing masyarakat massa dalam bidang masing-masing.

Masyarakat massa ini bukan sahaja budak kampung, mereka mungkin menimba ilmu di Bandar-bandar, seperkara yang menarik, menguasai bahasa Inggeris, tidak memberi kelebihan kepada seseorang pelajar dalam memahami matematik dan sains. Hanya kepala otak sains dan matematik sahaja yang boleh memahaminya. Sebagai contoh ; tahukah Tun, teknologi IT yang dibangunkan di US sendiri bukan dibangunkan oleh orang Amerika yang menguasai bahasa Inggeris, saya telah menemui beberapa pakar IT dan instrumentation dari Amerika, kebanyakan expert yang saya jumpa adalah orang dari India ( di gelar "Angels") yang masih pekat lorat Indianya, China dan Vietnam.

Penguasaan bahasa Inggeris yang baik untuk orang yang bukan kepala otak matematik dan sains hanya dapat menafaatkan dengan bersembang kosong sahaja, mereka tidak dapat mengaitkan secara langsung perkara-perkara yang berkaitan. Contohnya orang politik yang nak tunjuk tahu serba serbi, asalkan boleh menunjukkan perkataan-perkataan teknologi dapat di sebut, jadilah, aku tidak ketinggalan. Sehingga di Amerika terutamanya, memperkatakan " Celebrity CEO, who is at fault" CEO yang berimejkan celebrity, pandai bercakap sudah pasti dalam bahasa inggeris, jaga imej, mementingkan persepsi daripada menyelesaikan masalah sebenar, selalunya gagal dan akan menjadi bebanan untuk sesebuah organisasi.

Saya berharap, Tun janganlah "Generalizekan" semua masalah, kira nak bagi paracetamol untuk semua penyakit, semasa Tun memperkenalkan PPSMI pada 2003 lepas, berdasarkan sentimen orang yang disekeliling Tun, tanpa kajian ilmiah dan tanpa penggunaan petunjuk matematik yang betul, tanpa penggunaan Hypothesis ilmiah yang menyeluruh, Tun yang pandai sembang terus memberi arahan "Copy and Paste" untuk menyelesaikan kesemua masalah berbangkit. Tun harus sedar, Tun yang berimej selebriti, akan menyukarkan penjawat kerajaan yang ingin berkhidmat untuk memberikan maklum balas. Kata-kata Tun dengar sedap sahaja, macam senang saja nak buat, ini lagi bahaya, susah orang nak bangkang. Akibatnya jelas, kita tidak membimbing masyarakat massa kita sendiri.

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Salam Tun dan dengan izin,

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PPSMI bukan bertujuan untuk mengajar bahasa Inggeris tetapi untuk menggalakkan penggunaannya di dalam bilik darjah kerana sudah ketara yang penguasaan bahasa tersebut sudah merosot.

Masalah pokoknya ialah penguasaan bahasa Inggeris itu berkurangan dan PPSMI merupakan satu cara untuk menambahkan waktu di mana bahasa Inggeris digunakan di dalam bilik darjah dengan harapan murid (dan mungkin guru) berasa lebih selesa dengan bahasa tersebut. Malangnya, mengikut kementerian sendiri, guru tidak mengguna masa yang dikhususkan dengan bertutur 100% di dalam bahasa Inggeris. Saya kira ada banyak faktor yang menyumbang kepada keadaan ini dan satu darinya ialah kelemahan bahasa Inggeris guru itu sendiri.

Betul, keputusan peperiksaan menunjukkan kemerosotan penguasaan sains tetapi kemerosotan itu tidaklah ketara; malah prestasi kelulusan bahasa Inggeris meningkat dari 71.2% (2003-2007) ke 74.8% bagi PMR 2008. Dan menteri pelajaran mengatakan PPSMI sebenarnya bukan satu kegagalan menyeluruh, tetapi ianya tidak mencapai apa yang diharapkan. Dan pada hemat saya yang lemah bukanlah idea PPSMI itu sendiri, tetapi cara ianya dilaksanakan.

Saya khuatir kesan penentangan terhadap PPSMI sebenarnya akan lebih meminggirkan bahasa Melayu di kalangan anak-anak muda Malaysia kerana tidak lama lagi mereka boleh mempelajari S&M di dalam bahasa ibunda di SRJK dan SJK.

Soal sama ada bahasa Melayu akan menjadi bahasa borak sahaja merupakan soalan yang boleh dipertikaikan. Soalan ini tiada berkaitan langsung dengan PPSMI.

Saya setuju dengan pendapat saudara/i yang penggunaan bahasa Melayu perlu diperluaskan. Sama ada bahasa Melayu menjadi bahasa 'berguna' terpulung kepada para akademik, ahli sains, ahli seni, para ikhtisas, penulis, pembentang kertas kerja, ahli perniagaan, dan sebagainya --

yakni mereka yang sudahpun mendapat ilmu dan skil, dan berkemampuan untuk mempertabatkannya; mereka yang rata-rata merupakan hasil sistem pendidikan yang berlandaskan penggunaan bahasa Melayu.

Buat masa ini di dalam bidang akademik walaupun ada penyelidik yang menyatakan jurnal-jurnal dwi-bahasa (BM dan BI) bertambah, jumlahnya belum mencukupi; malah saya tersenyum sendiri melihat ironi kajian yang membincangkan kemusykilan yang dihadapi para pensyarah sebuah universiti terkemuka Malaysia apabila siswa (di tahap sarjana dan doktor falsafah) menggunakan bahasa Indonesia sementara para fakulti menggunakan bahasa Melayu. Ironinya kertas ilmiah ini [pautan ke Google docs] ditulis di dalam bahasa Inggeris.

Justeru adalah tidak tepat jika kita kaitkan PPSMI dengan keluasan (atau tidaknya) penggunaan bahasa Melayu. Kita sudah berdekad menggunakan bahasa Melayu tetapi masih belum mendapat memartabatkannya di dalam banyak bidang. Ini sesuatu yang menyedihkan dan saya setuju 100% yang ianya perlu ditangani secepat mungkin. Namun, fenomena ini bergantung kepada banyak faktor yang tiada berkaitan dengan PPSMI dan mekanisme lain diperlukan untuk menanganinya.

By suluh pelita  on August 21, 2009 4:59 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun dan Muslimin.

Selamat menyambut bulan Ramadhan.


Saya ingin memberi sedikit komen mengenai penggunaan Bahasa Melayu dalam mata pelajaran Sains dan Matematik. Memang tidak dapat dinafikan bahawa Bahasa Inggeris adalah bahasa ilmu. Peranan Bahasa Inggeris dalam subjek sains dan Matematik umpama peranan lampu trafik dalam kesesakan lalu lintas. Walaubagaimanapun penggunaan lampu berkenaan kadang kala merumitkan. Mahu tak mahu, kita guna Pak Polis untuk mengawal lalu lintas. Begitu lah juga dengan peranan Bahasa Melayu dalam pengajaran Sains dan Matematik. Ianya memudahkan pelajar dalam memahami setiap tajuk yang diajarkan. Apabila para pelajar dapat memahami setiap pengajaran, maka mudah bagi mereka mengaplikasikan pengetahuan mereka untuk mendalami setiap topik dalam Bahasa Inggeris kerana mereka mengetahui asasnya.

Dalam pada itu pelajar berkenaan kena memantapkan Bahasa Inggeris mereka agar ianya seiring dengan bahasa ilmu.

Seperti membaca dua suratkhbar yang berbeza bahasa. Baca surat khabar melayu dulu.

Bilamana kita baca suratkhbar inggeris, ia jadi mudah difahami...

Seperkara lagi...kita kena taat kepada pemerintah. Kerana sebagai seorang penganut beragama islam, kita wajib mentaati kehendak pemerintah selagi ianya tidak bertentangan dengan syara'. Jd sokong lah pengajaran dan pembelajaran sains dan matematik dalam bahasa Melayu. Sekian.

By soliha89  on August 21, 2009 4:54 PM

saya merupakan pelajar salah sebuah ipta di kuala lumpur.belajar dalam jurusan ekonomi.saya amat berasa kesal dengan keputusan kerajaan apabila ingin memansuhkan PPSMI.kenapa bukan pandangan pelajar2 itu sendiri yang diambil kira.hampir 95% rakan-rakan sebaya di universiti termasuk yang berasal dari kawasan kampung telah membuktikan bahawa PPSMI itu berjaya.

jika ada yang menyangkal kenyataan ini,silalah ke ipt2 tempatan.sudah jelas dan nyata pelajar-pelajar dari kawasan kampung kini sudah mempunyai keyakinan diri untuk bertutur dalam

bahasa inggeris, di samping mempunyai kemahiran matematik dan sains dalam bahasa tersebut. PPSMI sama sekali tidak akan menyisihkan peranan bahasa melayu. Hal ini kerana syarat wajib lulus SPM telah menetapkan bahawa Bahasa Melayu wajib lulus untuk mendapatkan sijil. PPSMI juga merupakan satu mekanisme untuk pelajar2 bersedia untuk melangkah ke alam kampus.

di alam universiti medium perantaraan yang digunakan adalah Bahasa Inggeris. Institusi pendidikan di Malaysia memerlukan 1 perubahan seperti ini. Kita perlu bersedia untuk menyusur arus global yang menggunakan Bahasa Inggeris jelas sebagai lingua franca. Di universiti sendiri sudah ramai pelajar-pelajar luar negara yang melanjutkan pelajaran di sini. Mungkinkah kita mengharapkan pelajar-pelajar luar ini menggunakan Bahasa Malaysia untuk berkomunikasi? Mungkin ya. Tetapi bukan sekarang. Holistiknya di sini, terimalah kenyataan Malaysia masih merupakan negara yang sedang membangun. Jangan sesekali membandingkan keupayaan kita dengan negara yang telah lama maju.

Kita masih bertatih ke arah menjadi negara maju. Kenapa PPSMI itu relevan? Sebelum melangkah ke universiti, saya merupakan seorang pelajar STPM. Subjek ekonomi yang saya pelajari ketika itu adalah dalam bahasa Malaysia. Apabila menyambung pelajaran di peringkat ijazah, 100% kuliah mahupun buku rujukan adalah dalam bahasa Inggeris. Di sinilah kesulitan itu ketara. Beberapa istilah yang saya pelajari dalam bahasa Malaysia perlu diterjemah dalam bahasa Inggeris. Lalu saya terfikir, kalaulah subjek ekonomi STPM itu diajar dalam bahasa Inggeris, mungkin saya tidak mempunyai sebarang masalah sekarang. Perbandingan dibuat dengan rakan saya yang telah mengambil diploma sebelum menyambung ke peringkat ijazah, saya lihat kelebihanannya di sini ialah dia tidak perlu membuka kamus ekonomi bagi menterjemahkan setiap istilah. Hal ini kerana subjek ekonomi untuk peringkat diploma diajar dengan menggunakan bahasa Inggeris sepenuhnya.

Kaedahnya sama, kalau lah PPSMI ini dapat diteruskan, berkemungkinan besar pelajar-pelajar kita tidak akan mempunyai masalah apabila menyambung pelajaran di peringkat yang lebih tinggi. Tambahan, dapat meningkatkan kemahiran mereka berbahasa Inggeris. Sekaligus mengurangkan graduan-graduan menganggur akibat kelemahan dalam berbahasa Inggeris. Guru-guru juga perlulah sama-sama berusaha agar keberkesanan pembelajaran ini dapat ditingkatkan.

sekian. Luahan seorang pelajar.

By 2009  on August 21, 2009 1:20 PM

Prof Ridcully,

Kita semua bangsa Malaysia dan pewaris bahasa melayu bertanggungjawab untuk memertabatkan bahasa melayu. Jika BM tidak digunakan untuk pengajaran S&M, bererti BM hanya akan jadi bahasa untuk borak kosong, bahasa itu sendiri tidak akan berkembang, kosa kata S&M tidak akan berkembang, malah banyak kosa kata sains yang telah dicipta atau dipinjam akan lenyap begitu sahaja.

Memperkenalkan PPSMI bererti memperlekehkan BM kerana menganggap BM tidak mampu untuk menerangkan teori sains sedangkan teori sains telah amat berjaya dipelajari dalam pelbagai bahasa.

Kenapa mahu diteruskan sesuatu yang TERBUKTI GAGAL?, kajian menunjukkan peningkatan penguasaan BI minimal sedangkan penguasaan S&M jatuh mendadak. Cuma mereka yang fanatik bahasa inggeris saja yang tidak nampak kesan. Prof Ungku Aziz betul dalm hal ini.

Penghapusan PPSMI tidak bererti penghapusan BI kerana ianya dipertingkan lagi kaedah dan masa pengajaran. Kerajaan dah buat tindakan tepat dalam hal ini.

Semua negara negara EU mengajar S&M dalam bahasa kebangsaan masing2 bukan PPSMI. Mereka galakkan penguasaan bahasa kedua dengan mengajar bahasa itu sendiri bukan mengajar S&M dalam bahasa kedua tersebut. Malah dinegara yang bahasa kebangsaannya Bahasa Inggeris pun menggalakkan pelajarnya belajar bahasa kedua dengan mengajar bahasa itu sendiri sebagai satu subject bukan dengan menyuruh mereka belajar S&M dalam bahasa asing tersebut.

Saya berpendapat tanpa penggunaan yang meluas sesuatu bahasa tidak mampu berkembang sebagai bahasa sains dan teknologi, sebaliknya akan terus hidup sebagai bahasa borak kosong saja. Kita sendiri tahu bangsa bangsa yang telah maju bangun dengan bahasa sendiri, contohnya jepun bangun dengan penterjemahan yang meluas. Mereka bukanlah mengajar ilmu dalam BI kemudian bila dah maju baru tukar ke bahasa sendiri.

Memang dari pemerhatian saya bangsa melayu kurang bangga dengan bahasa sendiri berbanding dengan bangsa lain didunia. Ini satu hakikat yang harus kita terima dan ia terbawa bawa kedalam sistem pendidikan & pekerjaan kita.

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alhamdulillah, selamat berpuasa

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TUHAN JADIKAN DUNIA INI DENGAN PELBAGAI BANGSA, PELBAGAI BAHASA.  
KATA ORANG KAHWIN DGN BANGSA LAIN ANAK JADI CERDIK.  
ORANG KATA JUGA KALAU DAPAT CAKAP BANYAK BAHASA KITA NAMPAK CERDIK.

Tapi aku bangga jadi orang melayu beragama ISLAM.

By kewell  on August 21, 2009 3:22 AM

Salam semua,

Penggunaan BM dan BI dalam subjek Sains dan Matematik ade kebaikan dan keburukannya.

Sekarang kita masih tidak nampak kesan baiknya kepada orang Melayu sedangkan orang mahu lihat kita pandai bertutur dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

Tidak banyak membantu, jikalau setiap hari kita masih bercakap dalam bahasa Melayu di dalam kelas dan waktu-waktu harian yang lain.

Keburukan yang saya dapat lihat. Orang-orang Melayu semakin lemah dalam memperkaya Bahasa Melayu, apatah lagi Cina dan India. Lagi merosot.

Secara kesimpulannya, niat untuk menggunakan Bahasa Inggeris adalah baik. Tetapi kesannya masih tidak baik bukan sahaja kepada orang Melayu malahan juga kepada bangsa-bangsa lain.

Bahasa Jiwa Bangsa. Bak kata laksamana Hang Tuah, Takkan Melayu Hilang di Dunia.

By [B0B](#) on [August 21, 2009 12:39 AM](#)

My Dear Beloved exPM!

The aim of education should be to teach us rather how to think, than what to think - rather to improve our minds, so as to enable us to think for ourselves, than to load the memory with thoughts of other men. An educational system isn't worth a great deal if it teaches young people how to make a living but doesn't teach them how to make a life. It is a thousand times better to have common sense without education than to have education without common sense.

If you wish to be a creative leader go here.....<http://leadership-development.blinkweb.com>

By [Jedi Council](#) on [August 20, 2009 11:05 PM](#)

I think we should watch the Movie SEPET and see for ourselves the level of spoken Malay and English the youth are talking now days. If we want to improve the quality of our education teaching techniques, we better start now as time wait for no one.. even in Malaysia. Just wake up and move forward.!!!

By [wajaperak](#) on [August 20, 2009 7:16 PM](#)

Dengan izin Tun..Terima kasih..

Nizar..tolonglah..Tolong jangan menderhaka Sultan..

Anwar..tolonglah..Tolong jangan bawa budaya demonstrasi..

Lim Kit Siang..tolonglah..Tolong jangan gunakan DAP mewarisi budaya PAP..

Karpal Singh..tolonglah..Tolong jangan putar belit isu undang-undang

Nik Abdul Aziz..tolonglah..Tolong jangan memperdayakan yang jahil..

Hanan..Tolong jangan biarkan Israel mengganas di Palestin..

Muhyidin..Tolong..Tolonglah kekalkan PPSMI..

Apakah semua permintaan di atas?

**Waja Timur berpesan...Hidup dengan bergantung harapan kepada orang adalah hampa!!!..Oleh itu kita mesti hidup dan bergantung harapan kepada diri sendiri!!!**

Begitulah Abg Kamal Ahmad...Pada pendapat saya abang telah menaruh harapan di tempat yang salah..Marilah kita hayati pesan wajaperak pula!!

**Hidup merayu dan bergantung harapan kepada musuh..alangkah bodohnya!!!..**

Jika dia menunaikan harapan mu, tergadailah maruahmu..

Jika dia enggan memunaikan harapan mu setelah engkau memujuk dan merayu alangkah hina diri mu!!..

Hayati cerita ini :

Sejak terpaksa berhijrah dari Mekah, Abdul Rahman Al Auf rasa kesunyian. Lantas beliau mengadu kepada Rasulullah s.a.w

"Tuan..saya tiada kawan di sini dan kesunyian.." Rasulullah s.a.w tiada jawapan sehinggalah di turun ayat ini dari Surah Maryam..

"Mereka yang beriman dan beramal saleh, kelak kami akan wujudkan di dalam diri mereka rasa kasih dan sayang" ..

**Abg Kamal Ahmad..I feels your pain..**

Oleh itu..dalam apa-apa isu pun kita mesti hidup dan bergantung harapan kepada

**Orang-orang mukhlisin!!**

Maksud Hadith Rasulullah s.a.w

"Perumpamaan orang mukmin itu umpama satu badan. Jika satu bahagian sakit, maka berjaga malamlah keseluruhan badan" ..

Never rest our case..

Terima kasih Tun..

By prof\_ridcully  on August 20, 2009 5:20 PM

Dengan izin Tun,

**2009**

Tidak ada siapa yang ingin memperlekehkan bahasa Melayu, terutamanya orang Melayu seperti saya yang menyokong PPSMI. Tidak ada siapa yang mencadangkan agar pengajaran, hatta penguasaan dan penggunaan bahasa Melayu diabaikan.

Apa yang kita mahu ialah penguasaan bahasa Inggeris di kalangan murid sekolah dan graduan dipertingkatkan; PPSMI ialah satu di antara beberapa cara untuk mencapai peningkatan itu.

Ramai yang memetik pendapat Prof Ungku Aziz mengenai hal ini (beliau tidak setuju). Tetapi itulah matlamat muktamad PPSMI ini diwujudkan: kita mahu anak-anak kita lancar bertutur di dalam bahasa Melayu dan bahasa Inggeris seperti Prof Ungku Aziz.

Tidak mustahil bagi kemajuan penguasaan *kedua-dua bahasa* berjalan seiring, tanpa satu bahasa 'dikorbankan' bagi tujuan penguasaan bahasa yang lagi satu. Tidak semestinya usaha untuk meningkatkan penguasaan bahasa Inggeris akan bermakna bahasa Melayu akan dipinggirkan atau dikurangkan martabatnya.

Pendidikan dan penguasaan bahasa kedua (digelar 'first compulsory foreign language') adalah wajib di negara-negara EU Kita semua maklum warga negara EU terutamanya Perancis, Britain dan Jerman berasa bangga dan nasionalis terhadap bahasa ibunda masing-masing, namun mereka tidak ada masaalah mewajibkan pembelajaran bahasa asing di dalam sistem pelajaran mereka.

Soal sama ada bahasa Melayu akan terus digunakan di dalam lingkungan sosial, bidang ilmu dan sebagainya merupakan soal yang tiada berkaitan dengan PPSMI.

Pada saya ramalan 'pendokong' bahasa Melayu yang bahasa Melayu akan senasib dengan bahasa Latin sekiranya PPSMI diteruskan adalah bagai menumbuk padi hampa.

By [Mayden67](#) on August 20, 2009 4:51 PM

Salam Tun

Saya ada sedikit komen. Saya setuju dengan komen salah seorang dari rakan yang dibawah. Yang rugi dengan pemansuhan PPSMI ialah org melayu sendiri. Kebanyakan tak berduit nak hantar anak tuisyen BI.

Orang cina kalau nak belanja untuk pelajaran dia orang sanggup buat apa saja termasuk ikat perut. Dia tahu berbekalkan pelajaran tersebut menjamin masa depan mereka dan anak anak mereka.

Anak anak cina dan india dari kecil dah dilatih bertutur dalam BI. Jangan nak menidakkan ni. Orang orang melayu kalau kawannya bertutur dalam bahasa inggeris, timbul pulak perasaan meluat mereka. Nak maju sedikit kawan dah mengasingkan diri. Ini kan pula nak tengok anak anak nelayan, pekebun kecil, pesawah dan yang berpendapatan kecil berkorban nak menghantar anak anak mereka tuisyen BI.

Kalaulah disekolah dah tak dibenarkan PPSMI dimana lagi anak anak bumiputera ini nak memahirkan diri mereka dalam BI. Pernahkah kamu dengar orang Sakai, Ulu, Penan, Kadazan dari pendalaman/ luar bandar bertutur dalam BI dengan anak anak mereka. Orang cina ya. Orang orang bukan bumiputera tidak ada masalah kalau PPSMI dilaksanakan atau tidak. Mereka dirumah boleh bertutur BI dan kalau tidak mereka boleh mengupah cikgu untuk mengajar anak anak mereka.

Yang kuat sangat PPSMI dimansuhkan tidak pun peduli sangat nama nama jalan di pulau pinang, selangor dan banyak lagi ditukarkan dalam bahasa lain termasuk cina dan inggeris. Kenapa billboard billboard dan iklan iklan boleh dalam bahasa inggeris. Taboo sangat ke PPSMI ni. Adakah mereka takut melayu akan hilang dari muka bumi? Kenapa pejuang pejuang kemerdekaan yang kebanyakannya berpelajaran inggeris tidak menjadikan Malaysia macam sebuah negara inggeris?

Peluang untuk anak anak ku telah kau rampas. Tak mungkin ada lagi PPSMI. Terpaksalah aku berkorban demi anak anak ku ini.

Chiss! Pejuang bahasa katakan.

Kamu terlalu taksab nak memperjuangkan bahasa sehingga rambut misai dan janggut pun kamu tak terurus. Ia seakan akan penyanyi ROCK mat salleh. Seni katakan. Sekian

By [shida\\_k](#) on August 20, 2009 4:44 PM

Assalamualaikum Ayahanda Tun,

Hari ini saya rasa amat gembira kerana Sultan Selangor yang Kami Cintai dengan tegasnya menolak cadangan MB Selangor yang sekular ini untuk menggunakan wang zakat bagi tujuan

selain membantu umat islam dan muaallaf. Saya membayar zakat setiap tahun untuk membantu umat Islam yang miskin bukan untuk membantu orang bukan Islam. Saya juga membayar cukai kepada Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri setiap tahun dan saya tidak kisah jika wang itu digunakan untuk membantu rakyat bukan Islam dan rakyat Malaysia bagi tujuan pembangunan atau lain-lain. Wang zakat tidak boleh dipandang remeh dan digunakan sewenang-wenangnya wahai MB Selangor. Saya tidak halalkan setiap sen duit zakat yang saya bayar jika ianya tidak digunakan untuk membantu fakir miskin islam, anak Yatim Piatu dan Muallaf dan ibu tunggal yang miskin. Saya juga amat bersetuju perbelanjaan dan kutipan zakat dihebahkan di suratkhbar agar kita semua tahu kemana wang itu disalurkan. Saya amat bangga dan bersyukur akhirnya seorang raja yang kita hormati memperlihatkan pendirian baginda dan membela nasib umat Islam di Selangor.

Ayahanda Tun,

Memansuhkan PPSMI bukan satu solution kerana samada kita suka atau tidak, realitinya di tempat kerja dan di Universiti, sesiapa yang pandai dan fasih berbahasa Inggeris akan mendapat tempat di hati sesiapa pun. Apa yang perlu Kerajaan buat adalah mengkaji mekanisma nya bagaimana cara penguasaan bahasa Melayu dan Inggeris ini dimantapkan dengan memperbanyakkan buku buku teks yang menggunakan Dwi bahasa iaitu BM dan BI. Tambah waktu pembelajaran Bahasa Inggeris dan Melayu dengan mengurangkan/memansuhkan/mengubahsuaikan matapelajaran yang tidak perlu di peringkat sekolah rendah. Saya tidak faham anak-anak kita terpaksa belajar dan diuji dalam matapelajaran muzik, jawi, bahasa Arab, sivik, moral, kemahiran hidup. Saya rasa mata pelajaran yang perlu di ajar di sekolah rendah sepatutnya dihadkan kepada BM, BI, SAINS, MATEMATIK, AGAMA/MORAL,; kemahiran hidup/muzik ini patut digantikan dengan pelajaran Sejarah agar anak-anak kita tidak buta sejarah. Bahasa seperti Bahasa Arab, Cina, Tamil patut ditawarkan di sekolah sekolah kebangsaan sebagai bahasa pilihan atau alternatif untuk sesiapa sahaja yang berminat untuk mempelajari bahasa ini.

Saya bersetuju dengan Kerajaan kita di mana "Grammar" dan "Vocabulary Enrichment" patut diajar dari sekolah rendah dan patut diteruskan ke peringkat menengah bagi memastikan anak-anak kita fasih menulis dan berbahasa Inggeris. Ramai surirumah yang berpelajaran tinggi sanggup mengajar di sekolah- sekolah di mana anak anak kini sudah besar tetapi malangnya bila kita mohon guru sementara, kami diberitahu tiada kekosongan ataupun faktor umur dihadkan setakat 35 tahun. Jika umur lebih daripada itu, kami tidak layak mengajar di sekolah. HARAP Kementerian Pelajaran dapat komen.

Wahai pengundi Malaysia, berilah kerajaan pimpinan baru ini peluang untuk merubah segala-galanya. Dengan menyokong parti PKR sama seperti menyokong ERA Dulu, pemikiran Dulu kerana Anwar juga adalah saki baki UMNO dulu yang penuh dgn rasuah kroni etc malah lebih teruk lagi tak boleh fight untuk umat Islam. Menyokong PAS juga bukan solution kerana PAS sendiri telah membuktikan bahawa mereka ini pengecut, gila kuasa dan tidak berani bersuara menegakkan kebenaran Islam. Bagaimana PAS nak memimpin sedangkan dia sendiri sekarang ini dipimpin. Menyokong DAP juga tidak membantu kerana Lim Kit siANG, Karpal Singh semua mereka orang- orang tua yang tidak tahu apa yang kita orang-orang muda mahukan. Kami MAHUKAN 1 MALAYSIA, KAMI MAHU KEAMANAN, KAMI MAHU BERNIAGA DENGAN TENANG DAN SAMA SAMA CARI MAKAN DI NEGARA INI AGAR ANAK- ANAK CUCU KAMI TIDAK MENDERITA! KAMI MAHU BERKAWAN DAN MENGENALI DGN LEBIH RAPAT KAUM CINA DAN INDIA DAN BERTUKAR-TUKAR

IDEA BAGAIMANA UNTUK RAISE ANAK-ANAK KITA DGN BAIK, FIGHT CRIMES. BUKAN HANYA ASYIK BICARA SOAL-SOAL PERKAUMAN , AGAMA, YANG BOLEH MENAIKKAN DARAH SESIAPA PUN.

MARILAH KITA SAMA-SAMA MENOLAK DAP/PAS/PKR KERANA NEGARA AKAN HURU HARA DAN KITA SEMUA TAK BOLEH CARI MAKAN KAT SINI JIKA ASYIK MEMPERSOALKAN SOAL KAUM DAN AGAMA. WAHAI PEMIMPIN MCA, MIC KENAPA BERDIAM DIRI? MENGAPA TIDAK TUNJUKKAN SIFAT SETIAKAWAN KAMU BILA RAKAN KAMU DICERCA OLEH BANGSA KAMU SENDIRI.KAMU KENA BANTU UMNO KERANA KAMU JUGA TELAH BANYAK TERIMA HABUAN SELAMA KALIAN MENJADI MENTERI DAN DAPAT BANTU KAUM KAMU SENDIRI SELAMA INI. JIKA DAP NAIK KAMU JUGA TIDAK AKAN DAPAT KUASA LAGI. ADAKAH KAMU INGIN MALAYSIA JADI SEPERTI NEGERI PERAK. TIDAK ADA SIAPA PUN UNTUNG DALAM HAL INI. EVERYTHING NOW ON HOLD.STAGNANT. KAUM CINA PERLUKAN KAUM MELAYU DAN INDIA DAN KAUM MELAYU DAN INDIA JUGA PERLU SOKONGAN KAUM CINA KERANA KITA SUDAH BIASA HIDUP BERSAMA WALAUPUN BERBEZA AGAMA DAN BUDAYA. PERCAYALAH TIADA SIAPA YANG UNTUNG SELAGI SIFAT TAMAK ADA DI MANA MANA

By [MAA](#) on [August 20, 2009 4:08 PM](#)

I'm a fanatic with additional mathematics and satisfied with the text book used during my time. It's fine to come out with new edition/printing (or whatever to call it) since new language to be used. For me it's now ridiculous to spend some more time to come out with new printing. Why not use the old which is quiet promising of the content.

By [aboriginal](#) on [August 20, 2009 3:24 PM](#)

Salam Tun...

Harap Tun sentiasa sihat. Makan vitamin banyak2 ya Tun..sebab Tun di kategorikan golongan high risk untuk wabak H1N1 ni..Semoga Tun sekeluarga sihat sentiasa.

Tun,

Terima kasih saya ucapkan pada Tun kerana di sebabkan 'decision' dan tindakan yang Tun ambil untuk menghidupkan PSSMI, anak saya yang sekarang belajar dalam darjah 5 dan 3 petah berbicara matematik dan sains dalam bahasa inggeris. Mereka lebih berminat untuk menonton rancangan Science dan Maths dalam TVIQ yang berbahasakan inggeris. Mereka tak kekok bila merujuk di Internet tentang Science dan Maths walaupun semua rujukan mereka adalah dalam bahasa Inggeris. Saya lihat fikiran dan minda mereka lebih terbuka di bandingkan masa saya di umur mereka di mana saya hanya merujuk pada buku Teks berbahas Malaysia sahaja untuk belajar Science dan Maths. Kalau ada buku Inggeris saya akan letak tepi, nak buat apa sebab tak faham sehabuk pun walaupun di library tempat saya banyak buku rujukan.

Generasi macam anak saya lah yang kita patut pupuk untuk berjaya dalam pencapaian teknologi terutama di bidang R&D.

Di sekolah anak saya ramai yang cita-cita nak jadi Scientist termasuk anak saya. Masa zaman saya mana ada yang nak jadi scientist. Bila di tanya banyaknya nak jadi Doktor, Guru, Polis, Askar, Kerani, Kerja kilang, Pemungut getah sekerap pun ada.

Bagi saya kalau kerajaan tak tegas dalam pendirian mereka, lebih banyak lagi demonstrasi jalanan di buat sebab Pak Samat buat jadi, pasal apa GMP buat tak boleh jadi??? kalau semua ni berlaku


di zaman Tun, saya tahu apa yang Tun akan buat dan negara kita takkan ada huru hara lagi. Masalah semua menteri yang ada tak se'competance' Tun (maaf saya terpaksa pinjam perkataan Inggeris sebab tak tau nak express dalam BM)

Kalau boleh saya pun nak melalak di jalanan minta kerajaan kekalkan PSSMI. Tapi saya tahu yang demonstrasi jalan tak baik dan merugikan semua orang. Dapat dosa lagi sebab menyusahkan kerajaan dan merugikan wang rakyat kerana kerajaan perlu bersiap sedia untuk sebarang riot.

Apa pihak yang membuat demonstrasi jalanan tak fikir ka? Negara kita bukan teruk sangat macam negara jiran sampai ada yang tinggal di bawah longkang besar.

Tun, marilah kita sama-sama berjuang untuk menyokong PSSMI ni. Saya akan sentiasa di belakang Tun dalam setiap tindakan Tun.


Salam.

By 2009  on [August 20, 2009 1:55 PM](#)

Big M,

Saya harap anda rujuk kembali lapuran kementerian dalam tahun 2002 tentang tujuan PPSMI dilaksanakan. "Untuk memperkukuhkan penguasaan bahasa inggeris". Tujuannya telah ditukar oleh Tun sendiri dalam posting blognya baru-baru ini bila hasil menunjukkan penguasaan BI tidak meningkat.

Ia hanyalah putar belit orang yang cintakan BI dan memperlekehkan kemampuan BM. Ternyata jadi diri bangsa Melayu terhadap bahasanya sendiri masih lemah biarpun dari seorang bergelar negarawan.

By kengswee  on [August 20, 2009 10:39 AM](#)

To Othman bin Hussien

You should look at yourself first, don't judge others when you know nothing about the current education system in Malaysia. Thanks.

By chung\_yee  on [August 20, 2009 10:31 AM](#)

i fully agreed with Mr abdul\_rahim.

Othman bin Hussien, you know nothing about politic. You should learn english too.

By kamal ahmad  on [August 20, 2009 8:53 AM](#)

Sudahlah Pak Lah. Perjuangan anda sudah selesai. Anda sudah ada lebih dari apa yang anda sendiri mampu impikan ketika waktu Pejabat anda hanya di SMAS Tours di Tingkat 13 di KL dulu. Waktu itu sesiapa yang nak jumpa anda naik lift ke tingkat 12 atau 11 kemudian jalan naik tangga ke tingkat 13 sebab takut security record kedatangan dan bagi pada Menteri Dalam Negeri. Tapi kami serba sedikit ini tak kisah, sebab awak adalah Pak Lah kami. Bagi kami, susah sama susah, berjuang tetap bersama. Tapi kini semua dah berubah. Dan perjuangan anda sudah selesai Pak Lah. Berundurlah dari semuanya. Masa merubah kita dan hala tuju kita, tapi hati kita akan tetap sama. Cukuplah, berundur saja Pak Lah. Anda perlu insaf apa telah berlaku. Pohon maaf anda pada Melayu dan UMNO.

By kamal ahmad  on [August 20, 2009 8:42 AM](#)

Salam Ayahanda Tun, please allow me a small reply to my brother Waja Perak.

Dear Waja Perak, it was also in the same frame as Wawasan 2057, in over-ridding the Wawasan 2020 that was in place. As a result, now both Wawasan in in limbo. Only Wawasan PAP/DAP and Wolfowitz/PKR is ready to take place for long term Malaysia.

Take Wawasan 2057, minus that by 10 years for "infra-structural works", now factor that in with Son In Law's age, and now take all calculations and factor that with UMNO PAU timing. See what I mean now?

I rest my case.

By zizoun  on August 20, 2009 7:55 AM

Salam Tun.

Hope you are well.

It is not fair to blame Tun for today's problems. Tun had done the best for the country. As Tun humbly said before, he made mistakes so please do not condemn Tun for the sake of condemning. Do you all like your old parents to be condemned for all the ills of the country or the world for that matter?

Take care Tun and wife. I would like to wish you and family SELAMAT MENYAMBUT BULAN RAMADHAN 2009 YANG MULIA INI.

- zizoun pitchoun

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NB....Need extra money for Hari Raya?

Go to <http://workfromhome1337.blogspot.com>

By Iswar  on August 20, 2009 7:53 AM

I would like to share my own experience in this matter. Coming from the state of Kelantan, everyone knows how extreme can the Malay be. Those who try to practise English communication would be laughed at and even bullied. I was fortunate enough to be given scholarship to further my studies in the UK. However, first year of my A-level was hell on earth for me. I could not understand single word the teachers taught me. I distanced myself from the other "English" students just because I can't communicate with them and so on (you get the drift...) Luckily, confidence started to build up, then only I was able to master the language. The point is this, kita tak boleh terus hidup di bawah tempurung. memang perjuangan memartabatkan bahasa ibunda adalah mulia, but not at the expense of our future generation. Until & unless we can have sufficient knowledge in our own language, we need to rely on others to provide that.

Cuma satu yg saya rasa terkilan bila Tun melancarkan dasar Maths & Science in English. Sepatutnya semua matapelajaran perlu diajar dlm bahasa Inggeris, bukan setakat Maths & English (kecuali Bahasa Melayu. Mungkin komen saya agak "selfish", but I was not a science stream student back then. And when I did my A Level, I couldn't help but to take subjects like geography. Again, it was the most difficult part of my life to actually learn Geography from

scratch in English.

But that just me, tak tahulah apa org lain rasa...

By kamal ahmad  on August 20, 2009 7:49 AM

Salam kasih dan salam hormat Ayahanda Tun.

Kira-kira seminggu yang lepas saya sempat berbual dalam telefon dengan seorang kenalan karib yang merantau dan agak lama juga kami terputus hubunggan. Perbualan menyentuh isu pelbagai, dan diakhiri dengan kemelut wabak A-H1N1. Beliau berkata “Jangan risau sangat, kita dah ada ubat. Cakap saja jika saudara sekeluarga perlu, Inshallah”. Saya mengucapkan terima kasih yang tak terhingga kepada saudara saya ini.

Dalam perbualan kami, beliau juga sempat bercerita tentang bagaimana sesetengah negeri di Amerika Syarikat yang kini mengadakan H1N1-Riot Drill. Riot jika bekalan ubat H1N1 ini tidak mencukupi. Saya bukan doctor Tun, namun kawan saya (pun bukan doctor juga tapi banyak jangkaunya) berkata ubat H1N1 telah mula digunakan di beberapa negara barat. Ini untuk melihat tindak balas awalan kepada manusia. Sebotol kecil ubat ini (10ul -saya tak pasti unit sukatan- Vial) berharga USD1040 pada 15-08-09.

Ubat ini pada mulanya dibuat oleh hanya 4 buah syarikat farmasi terbesar dunia, namun kini saya difahamkan sudah ada 7 syarikat yang mengeluarkannya. Untuk membuat ubat ini mengambil masa tidak kurang daripada 3 bulan untuk “cultivation process”. Namun mereka bekerja dengan cepat untuk mengelakkan daripada virus H1N1 mutatasi kepada virus lain lagi dan semua pelaburan mereka akan jadi tak laku. Namun semua pengeluaran pertama sudah habis diborong negara barat moden. Sebab mereka yang buat ubat, maka mereka pasti dapat keutamaan terdahulu. Itu saja apa yang kami bualkan tentang H1N1. Kami bukan doktor pun. Saya pun tak mengendahkan perbualan H1N1 ini sehinggalah saya terbaca paparan di Utusan Malaysia pagi ini (saya sertakan link dibawah).

Kita tak ada mengeluarkan ubat ini. Namun Cina dan Jepun ada lesen. Maka saya rasa kalau kena pilih siapa dapat dulu - siapa tak dapat lagi, kita bagi para sasterawan kita tunggulah. Sebab dengan bersajak saja dah mencukupi. Sebagai sebuah bangsa, Melayu tak akan jauh kemana selagi tidak boleh menyisihkan diri dari kelambu semalam. Malas nak cakap banyak dah Tun. Apa saya kata pun para “pejuang bangsa bertanduk politik” akan kata tak betul. Mereka semua pandai-pandai. Mungkin apabila mereka terpaksa jatuh rebah mati sambil beratur tunggu ubat baru akan ada kesedaran tentang pentingnya teknologi ini. Jangan nak sandarkan pada para “pempolitik” yang dah kaya tersangat kaya, sebab mereka akan beli supply dalam black market jika perlu. Tak jadi masalah sangat pada mereka.

Hampir kesemua kajian untuk anti-viral ini dijalankan dalam bahasa Inggeris. Di Jepun juga mereka menggunakan bahasa Inggeris dalam makmal tersebut. Di China 50/50, sebab mereka juga menggunakan teknologi herba mereka dengan anti viral moden berkenaa untuk anti-viral mereka. Apa pun saya sertakan link dibawah sebagai penutup (untuk minda saya) kepada konflik pendidikan di Malaysia hari ini. Sama ada nak guna BM atau BI dalam bahasa sains dari mula lagi untuk para anak-anak sekolah kita yang akan akhirnya menjadi penggerak dunia satu hari kelak ataupun tidak. Mereka tetap akan menggerakkan jentera dunia kelak bila tiba gelaran mereka. Tapi samada jentera mesin “trash compactor” – macam Melayu Singapura, atau pun mereka akan menggerakkan jentera perubatan dan teknologi dunia. Itu hari ini kita putuskan

bersama-sama. Lagipun kita ada lesen besar atas nama politik Melayu dan sastera untuk menghancurkan semua peluang mereka kelak daripada hari ini lagi.

Tun, Melayu kita hari ini saya bagi satu gelaran, "jurutera terhandal dunia untuk super long range missile". Peluru yang akan terbang selama 20/30/40 tahun kehadapan dan meletupkan dirinya dengan tepat pada sasaran kemudiannya - walaupun setelah kita semua mungkin dah tak ada lagi untuk menyaksikan kejayaan teknologi kita itu kelak. Canggih!

[http://www.utusan.com.my/utusan/info.asp?y=2009&dt=0820&pub=Utusan\\_Malaysia&sec=Luar\\_Negara&pg=lu\\_01.htm](http://www.utusan.com.my/utusan/info.asp?y=2009&dt=0820&pub=Utusan_Malaysia&sec=Luar_Negara&pg=lu_01.htm)

Vaksin H1N1 mungkin berkurangan

PARIS 19 Ogos - Negara-negara di hemisfera utara setakat ini telah memesan lebih satu bilion dos vaksin selesema babi, sekali gus mencetuskan amaran mengenai kekurangan bekalan vaksin tersebut.

Menurut Pertubuhan Kesihatan Sedunia (WHO) semalam, sesetengah negara, terutamanya Greece, Belanda, Kanada dan Israel, sudah memesan dos berganda yang cukup banyak untuk menginokulasi seluruh penduduk negara mereka.

Negara lain seperti Jerman, Amerika Syarikat (AS), Britain dan Perancis membuat pesanan bagi melindungi antara 30 hingga 78 peratus penduduk mereka.

"Pesanan vaksin pandemik yang dibuat oleh negara-negara hemisfera utara kini melebihi satu bilion," kata jurucakap WHO, Melinda Henry.

Beliau mengingatkan bahawa pada peringkat awal, bekalan vaksin adalah sangat terhad dan tidak akan mencukupi untuk menginokulasi seluruh penduduk atau sebahagian besar daripada penduduk.

Pakar memberi amaran, permintaan tinggi bergabung dengan kelewatan pengeluaran boleh menyebabkan kekurangan bekalan, lalu memaksa kerajaan yang bakal menghadapi gelombang kedua selesema itu, yang mungkin lebih dahsyat, membuat pilihan sukar dalam menentukan siapa yang patut diberi vaksin terlebih dahulu.

Pada Julai lalu, WHO melaporkan, 25 syarikat pengeluar ubat yang telah mengumumkan hasrat untuk mengeluarkan vaksin itu boleh menghasilkan 94 juta dos seminggu mulai pertengahan Oktober ini.


WHO, bagaimanapun meminda jumlah tersebut kepada angka yang jauh lebih rendah apabila enam pengeluar terbesar vaksin yang bertanggungjawab bagi 85 peratus pengeluaran global, melaporkan virus selesema babi yang mereka gunakan tidak membiak secepat yang dijangka.

"Jenis virus vaksin yang digunakan sekarang hanya menghasilkan 25 hingga 50 peratus daripada anggaran asal atau serendah 23 juta dos seminggu," kata Henry.

Beliau berkata, masih ada tanda tanya sama ada satu atau dua dos akan diperlukan bagi memastikan perlindungan vaksin yang berkesan.

Sebuah syarikat pengeluar ubat China, Sinovac Biotech semalam mengumumkan bahawa pihaknya sudah selesai menjalankan ujian klinikal yang menunjukkan vaksin barunya 'menghasilkan imuniti yang baik selepas satu dos'.

Namun, ramai pakar berkata, dos berganda akan diperlukan kerana kebanyakan orang tidak mempunyai imuniti terhadap virus baru influenza A (H1N1) itu. - AFP

By arin  on August 20, 2009 7:37 AM

1. I feel very sad when I heard the announcement that the government will abolish PPSMI (The teaching of Mathematic and Science in English). There goes the chance for my grandchildren to secure good jobs in the private sector or to acquire further knowledge beyond tertiary education. My grandchildren will not be the only one affected. There will be majority of other Malaysians in his and coming generations caught in the same boat.

2. Currently, there are graduates of public universities without jobs for the past six years since graduation because of lack of English proficiency. They are hoping for jobs in the government which are hard to come by. Some resorted to working in retail sector as cashiers or helpers. But it is complete letdown to the parents when they see their children jobless or with jobs not commensurate to their qualifications, after putting so much time and effort. They had high expectations on their children when they sent them for higher education. Mind you, these people are from the low income and from the rural areas. Unfortunately, the policy and decision makers do not endure these heartache and misery. They have insulated themselves. Their children are not in the system they created. Through their positions of influence and wealth they gave the best education to their children. With influence and connection they get the best jobs or business opportunities for their children. Competition and meritocracy is not for them, but for the rest of the Malaysians.

3. Let me narrate a case of my friend's son. This boy did not qualify to further his studies after his SPM in any public institution, be it for matriculation or for diploma courses. His father enrolled him into one of the local private colleges. After his diploma, his father sent him to England to further his studies for a few years. Upon return, he applied for a job with the government and currently is a full-fledged PTD officer with MITTI after undergoing the training process. The irony is, there are more intelligent and better qualified local graduates, but could not be admitted because of poor English proficiency. I see the rationale, but it contradicts the government "mertabatkan bahasa Malaysia" and meritocracy policy.

4. The reason for reverting to teaching Mathematic and Science in the respective mother tongue by the government is due to a growing gap in the performance of students in urban and rural schools. If that is the reason, then our leaders are "defeatist" in nature. If this prevails, internally we will face turmoil and internationally we will lose our standing. Our independence has already been eroded through the act of the last administration. So far we have not recovered as yet.

5. Currently, I have a daughter in Form Five preparing for her SPM. We are staying in Shah Alam, and she goes to a school nearby. After her PMR, she was forced to take pure science subjects for her SPM, failing which she will be on her own if she opt for other subjects. Because of her very good PMR results, she is being placed in a class among the cream in the school. The trouble is, the teachers teaching Additional Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics are seldom in class. Attending meetings/seminars, attending courses and on-leave are the reasons given for the absences. Should they come to class, the pupils are taught haphazardly (such as skipping topics). The pupils are left to their own devices in order to grasp the subjects. As a result, I have to send and finance her for private tuitions. Otherwise, she is in the dark. I changed tuition teachers when I noticed that she is not progressing since not everyone can teach effectively. As to whether her school teachers are qualified to teach their respective subjects, I did not bother to find out. But, I know for the fact that teachers who left universities majoring in their fields are made to teach different subjects altogether. A friend's daughter who left UPM

majoring in English was made to teach subjects other than English language. Her son who graduated in Information Technology from UUM was made to teach subjects other than IT. What a waste of talents.

6. Coming back to the government's decision, I think it was based on political expediency rather than on the interest of the rakyat. Just think, we have huge population of graduates not being appropriately employed because of lack in English language proficiency. Do you think they will support the country's leadership?. No Sir. They have high expectations from the leaders. They are wiser and can make their choice. Tun Mahathir has created an era where people are proud to be Malaysians.

7. The country's leadership is weak. When faced with a problem, they retreated. A good leader will understand the problem, determine the root cause, and calls for action plan to overcome obstacles because as in this case the PPSMI , it was introduced with noble intention. There must be an action plan complete with potential problems analysis together with steps to be taken to overcome potential problems. It looks like the leadership does not have that capability.

8. When the PPSMI started, nobody in his own right of mind would expect smooth sailing. Any new system introduced would face hiccups. It is therefore the responsibility of the people entrusted with its implementation to ensure the infra-structure , systems of supervision, feedback and corrective action are in place. If those people concerned are dedicated, unbiased and hands-on we will not face the dismal failure that we are seeing now. The news report says a comprehensive study conducted this year shows that there is a growing gap in the performance of students in urban and rural schools. A feedback , only after five to six years?. Good gracious, those bureaucrats in the Education Ministry must be really soundly asleep on their jobs. ( I happen to know the Senior Education Officer who conducted the study which led the government to make the unfavourable decision. This guy is totally against PPSMI. When PPSMI was in its first year of implementation, I met this guy at a private family gathering. I ask his opinion on PPSMI then. I was shocked when he condemned Tan Sri Musa and you Tun for the policy. His main concern was for those Malay kids in the rural areas and small towns. If we have these type of people carrying out government policies, we are a doomed nation)

9. The better performance of students in the urban areas should not be wholly attributed to their school teachers. The greater part is due to the thriving private tuitions industry financed and encouraged by the parents. Up to the seventies, the responsibilities of the teachers were basically to impart knowledge to students. The teachers were dedicated. Less private tuitions were needed. The products of their efforts have advanced the country to where it is today. But because of some smart bureaucrats in the education ministry, teaching is not the only responsibility of teachers. Unnecessary workload increased. In private and in letters to the mass media , we hear and read frustrations vented by the teachers and educationists regarding the education system. Do we see any change? No, the decision is irrevocable. Just like what the Minister of Education has reiterated.

10. With greater emphasis in the teaching of English language, the government expects to make up for the loss with the abolishment of PPSMI. These decision makers have been misled since they themselves have not learned Mathematics and Science in English. They must have been ill-advised by bureaucrats who are not proficient in English and also has not learned Mathematics and Science. For information, we would not find technical and scientific terms and jargons in ordinary English literature. Mathematics and science is totally a different field from English literature.

11. Also with greater emphasis, the government hopes to increase proficiency of students in the

language. Can we achieve that? No Sir, with the current system of education in place staff by biased and sleeping bureaucrats, we will see the same fate as the PPSMI five years from now. The failure reason will be the same.

12. The government and bureaucrats can deny and rebut my arguments but the end results that shows is not in their favour. It is publicly acknowledged that there are thousands of school leavers, graduates from public universities and higher institutions of learning are without jobs. The jobless figures are ballooning. Yet, the government is not tackling the problem at source. The latest reversal of policy will greatly compound the problem.

13. In my opinion, in order for any education policy to succeed we need a non politician as a Minister of Education so that he is focused and will not be swayed by detractors. We need managers who are hands-on and result oriented to implement the policy. The government can recruit them from the private sector of foreign owned multi-national corporations. But not from the GLC where they are normally political or government nominees. Dead-woods in the education ministry must be removed. They are the obstacles to success of not only English proficiency objective but other policy changes as well. It is logical that if the government wants to implement English proficiency objective successfully, people who are well -versed and passionate in the subject should be appointed to undertake the whole chain of responsibility. Unlike, the failed PPSMI implementation, where bureaucrats who were from Malay medium education and most likely have not studied Science and Mathematics in any medium at all were entrusted the carry out the job.

By [jimi](#) on August 20, 2009 2:41 AM

Dear pungut Kassim pun9227, august 18 12.55am,

Surely I would like to take you point by point but this is not the right forum. There seem to be an air of arrogance in your comment to belittle Malaysia and also our beloved Tun. Maybe Tun will not demand any respect from people commenting in his blog but it is our responsibility to show respect to leaders even if our opinion differs.

Just for the record, how long have you been a citizen there and have you served in the National Service? Are your children born there?(if you have any) I sincerely hope there are no 2nd class citizens there.

there are many questions I would like to ask but maybe let others....

Lastly, any tips where I can go diving and snorkeling or fishing there???

Anyway, may Allah SWT blessed Tun and family always

By [Honda](#) on August 20, 2009 2:02 AM

Hi pun9227

Im so lucky where im half Malaysian and half Singaporean. I'm not sure whether you are just stay for couple of days in Singapore or day dreaming.

Let me put down what is the real problem in Singapore that you never realized as you are Malaysian.

1) Singaporean basically known as kiasi, kiasu and kiapo in the society. everybody discuss on this issue. Everybody has the mentality to be the best. that is the good thing. The problem is those people that is less good or less best will think that they are still among the best. Due to that

many Singaporeans try to find another place that will secure their education and jobs. When people are thinking of their success, they less aware of people around and make Singaporeans not getting married. The cost of living Singapore is like hell. We are only managed to buy apartment and the cost of apartment also damn high.

Now many Singaporean migrated to other country to ensure better life and sad to say you have surrendered your citizenship.

2) Basically in Malaysia still have room to grow and the cost of living espacially house still affordable to buy.

3) The elder people also find difficult for themselves as they still need to work (working hard) for their own expenses. Many of elder people working as taxi driver, bell boy and others.

4) To do business are so limited where most of the business are inherited.

Be grateful what you have now and try to improve as a citizen.

Most of the Singaporeans see Malaysia as a land of opportunity. They earn money and buy property in Malaysia and Batam.

As I grown up, I realize how lucky I am...

By norinahakimi  on August 20, 2009 12:37 AM

Salam Tun,

Pelaksanaan PPSMI menyusahkan ramai pihak, pemansuhannya pun menyusahkan ramai pihak. Kenapa kita semua harus bertelagah sesama sendiri kerana isu PPSMI ini? Pada pendapat saya, pemansuhan PPSMI tidak menandakan orang Melayu akan terus ketinggalan dalam arus pembangunan, dan tidak perlulah kaum yang lain menggelupur ketakutan kerana pemansuhan PPSMI ini tidak memberi sebarang perbezaan pada mereka pun. Tidak sama sekali.

Saya percaya, pemansuhan PPSMI ini bertujuan untuk memartabatkan bahasa ibunda kita, dan saya amat bersetuju dengan langkah ini. Tetapi tidak perlulah kita beri alasan pemansuhan ini akan merosakkan generasi akan datang. Ini adalah alasan yang tidak munasabah sama sekali. Rasionalnya:

1. Macamlah kita tidak boleh belajar Matematik dan Sains dalam bahasa Melayu. Generasi sebelum ini pun belajar Matematik dan Sains dalam bahasa Melayu. Tetapi terbukti mereka boleh berjaya walaupun belajar Matematik dan Sains dalam bahasa Melayu.

2. Kerajaan bukannya memansuhkan subjek bahasa Inggeris, jadi tak payahlah nak kecoh-kecoh.


Ada banyak lagi rasional yang boleh disenaraikan di sini. Apa yang paling penting adalah SIKAP. Semua orang (termasuk generasi akan datang) boleh berjaya kalau kita berusaha bersungguh-sungguh untuk memajukan diri sendiri.

Dalam isu ini, semua orang harus memainkan peranan. Para pelajar harus bersungguh-sungguh menuntut ilmu. Belajarlah Matematik dan Sains dalam bahasa Melayu, pada masa yang sama, mantapkan bahasa Inggeris supaya boleh diaplikasikan pada peringkat pengajian yang lebih

tinggi. Para guru haruslah mengajar Matematik, Sains dan bahasa Inggeris dengan bersungguh-sungguh dan seimbang.

Jangan salahkan bahasa, jangan jadikan bahasa sebagai alasan, dan jangan politikkan bahasa.

Sekian.

By dsc  on August 19, 2009 11:58 PM

To Tun Dr. Mahathir, all readers and education decision makers,

Thank you Mr. Mahathir for this opportunity. This will be my first comment submission on this website. The design of the blog is simple yet filled with very good comments. A good website, I will surely come again to read the views and maybe contribute more of my thoughts.

Now referring to English for Science and Mathematics. I hope to touch on my experience and if possible inject some reality as well.

I am not youngster anymore. I wish I was. Life is not easy my fellow readers. For the average and poor Malaysians, Education is the key word if you want to make life easier.

The change to Bahasa Malaysia for Science and Mathematics will not effect me in anyway. However I have to voice out my concern for the youngsters and the generations to come, regardless of race or gender.

My school days was in the 90's. I went through UPSR-PMR-SPM.

As a student, I did not excel in studies. I do not blame the education system but myself. I did well until Form 3, but in Form 4 and 5 in the Science Stream, I just lost my interest. If you asked me, I would have done worse in Arts.

But I had 3 subjects strong. The 3 subjects; Bahasa Malaysia, English and Mathematics. For the language subjects, I mean strong in the sense not academically but socially. I use English whenever possible because I felt one day English will bring me 'up'.

I started working as a operator in a local factory. I didn't have any diploma or degree. Through my English knowledge, I did climb 'up the ladder'. For me English was power and Bahasa Malaysia was the communication. Through English, I read the machine manuals, got papers in European languages about the theory of the work and translated them into English. Whatever knowledge i gained in English, I help my friends by translating to them into Bahasa Malaysia. I felt pity for them. I really wish they had learned English language in school, but again, can we blame them? Failing English will still get you the certificate. Failing English will still get you from Form 1 to Form 5.

As a reader, you might be thinking...hey...didn't they have English Language as a subject then and now? Let me explain...English Language in school , the way it is thought is ok...but boring...the syllabus itself is boring. There is no challenge, no push .... If you fail English, no problem. You still can continue further.

Look at school leavers, graduates, workers... most of them cant speak English well, nor write in English. This is reality! Is this sad or what. We expect foreigners to come here to invest. Even on

MIDA's website, it is written that we have knowledge workforce. Having knowledge is one thing, but waiting for the knowledge to be translated or applied is another.

Since the English Language itself is boring and not fun to learn in schools, I do think we need other ways to learn English. Science and Mathematics in English, in a way is alright. It will expose students to the English Language even though not making them 'Masters' of English. But still, exposing them to English is good choice. Better than nothing, right? Take Science and Mathematics as tools, interesting tools.

In fact, in reality, I wish we had learn Mandarin and Tamil or German, French, Portuguese! Either two of them. You might say I sound crazy....but its reality. I don't have to explain the benefits.

But here we are in 2009, yet we still struggling on the language medium for 2 subjects.

Recently I read about a politician making a comment about a student....

“..... I saw a student could not answer the teacher's question on a Science question in English, but when the teacher reverted back to Bahasa Malaysia, the student immediately understood and answered the question.....”

My views,

First: The politician has his own opinion, and is good because he made a field trip to see the situation first hand.

Second: Lets start from the end in mind, that particular student will one day grow up and start working after his studies. Did we cut this students opportunity to learn English? Did we reduce his chances to become successful in his career of choice? Did we reduce his ability or skills?

Even though we learn English, Bahasa Malaysia is not forgotten. We are a multiracial country. Bahasa Malaysia will always stick with us. Failing Bahasa Malaysia in school is not an option.

Why we fellow Malaysian cant have our opportunity to have first class education like in the international schools?

Why we fellow Malaysians cant have a education system like Singapore?

Why cant we have our choice?

Soft approaches until some years will not help.

When we move forward to learn in English, we must not give up. With experience, that particular student, with the help from his teacher and friends will make it. Same goes with the teachers, if they are weak in teaching English, identify the weaknesses and execute solutions. With experience, they will make it. But first of all, why are the teachers weak in English? They went to the same school like us.....

Now I am going back to my table to learn Mandarin, another language which will help me in my work and bring me 'up'.

I wish I could write more.

How do we embrace globalization? 2020 is Vision for all.

Or is it Maybe?

I will like to ask the decision makers to consider the reality and begin with the end in mind. Please do that....consider our future, the future of Malaysia. Don't let us be behind. We depend on you leaders to guide us. Guide us well, show us the right way and we will all reap the benefits together. Strengthen the English language.

Thank you Mr. Mahathir for this opportunity to voice my views, do take care and take it easy alright.

John

By Othman bin Hussien  on August 19, 2009 10:47 PM

To Addul.rahim:

Adalah lebih baik kita melihat kepada diri kita sendiri sama ada sudah bersedia untuk berjumpa Allah Taala. Nasihat saya tak usah lah dok tengok keburukan dan kekurangan orang lain.

Semoga Allah Taala panjangkan usia Yun dan berada dalam sihat selalu.

By macpherson  on August 19, 2009 9:29 PM

I just dont know what else to say! Its up to the Kampong Malays now what Tun said up there is very true. Its their mind set, I just have teach my children at home or give them tuitions outside where ever the Malaysian Educations system fail, right now i even let them learn the chinese language (mandrin) it is important since China going to be No 1 in the world economy and since all the major Companies is setting up their business there so with the few languages my children mastered, their can be any where in the world to earn their living not necessary in Malaysia but by sending money home is a contributions for Malaysia. One must remember in order to discover new ocean one must be 'prepared' to leave the shore.

So for those who are not happy on d abolishment of the ppsmi or what ever they call it,be smart at least you can pay a visits to Australia America Europe or China (sipping coffe in the street of france or riding your mountain bike around the Mediterraneans, you dont want to rot in one place do you?

By maba  on August 19, 2009 9:09 PM

assalamualaikum tun,

mengenai ppsmi ni pernah saya bangkitkan semasa pertemuan dgn ahli KMU di auditorium YKP putrajaya beberapa tahun lalu, saya ada bertanyakan soalan pada tun apa yang saya sendiri dengar perbualan antara bos DBP dan Tim Menteri yg menjaga DBP, mengenai PPSMI ni patah balik ke BM, masa tu juga ade dibualkan mengenai cetakan buku baru

seingat saya dalam jawapan Tun, "saya lah orang yg paling kecewa sekiranya ini berlaku"

ternyata Tun amat kecewa, bagi saya bila ada yg kecewa maka adalah satu golongan yang gembira


persoalannya siapakah golongan gembira itu adakah pelajar, ibu bapa, bangsa melayu yang inginkan bangsanye maju atau pejuangan bahasa (minta maaf - mereka ni yang dikatakan

pejuang sebelum ni pernah mentadbir DBP, sasterawan dan juga seorang datuk yg cucunye pun dah tak lagi sekolah - apa yang mereka lakukan semasa mereka ada peluang untuk memertabatkan bahasa melayu)

kenapa tak saja untuk memuaskan hati semua pihak di ujudkan kembali dua aliran (pada zaman persekolahan saya ada English Medium dan Malay Medium)

sekiranya ini diujudkan dua aliran ini bolehlah kita lihat secara telus pilihan sebenar

ps: cuba cuba siasat kot kot Timb Menteri tu ada kepentingan dalam syarikat percetakan (sebelum dia jadi timb menteri yang jaga DBP dia adalah timb menteri yang ada kuasa keatas akta percetak - waallahu alam)

By pemikir berkecuali  on August 19, 2009 7:47 PM

salam Tun,


sebagai seorang bekas graduan universiti dalam bidang undang-undang, saya merasakan pendedahan bahasa inggeris dalam PPSMI adalah sangat baik. mungkin pada awalnya, sukar untuk kita melihat kesannya. pada saya kesan PPSMI mungkin boleh dilihat dalam tempoh masa yang panjang. cuma ia memerlukan kesabaran dan mungkin penambahbaikkan kepada sistem berkenaan sbg contoh dengan memperkasakan penguasaan guru yang ditugaskan mengajar subjek berkenaan. hakikatnya, pada saya yang tidak merasai PPSMI merasakan kerugian kerana saya terpaksa bertungkus lumus untuk belajar bahasa inggeris sewaktu di universiti memandangkan buku-buku rujukan adalah di dalam bahasa inggeris.

saya juga terkilan dengan pihak pembangkang yang menganjurkan demo membantah PPSMI. mereka hanya membantah dengan menuduh bermacam-macam tuduhan. memo yang dihantar hanya mendedahkan perkara yang belum tentu betul. malah setelah kerajaan memansuhkan PPSMI, tidak ada suara dari pakatan pembangkang dalam mencadangkan bagaimana hendak memperkasakan penguasaan bahasa inggeris.

perlaksanaan PPSMI dilihat sebagai menggugat bahasa melayu sepertimana tulisan jawi di mata pihak pembangkang. masalahnya, sejak sebelum PPSMI ada lagi tidak ramai pelajar sekolah mendapat keputusan cemerlang dalam bahasa melayu hatta pelajar melayu sendiri. tidak ada DEMO dari pihak pembangkang untuk mempersoalkan perkara ini.

hakikatnya, pihak pembangkang menjadikan PPSMI sebagai kambing hitam dan juga retorik untuk memburukkan kerajaan. skrip pemikiran sempit pembangkang dan segolongan masyarakat melayu kita yang terlalu jumud telah merosakkan peluang pelajar melayu untuk maju.

PPSMI tidak perlu dimansuhkan sebaliknya perlu diperbaiki dan sistem pembelajaran bahasa melayu perlu dipertingkatkan. adakah dengan PPSMI membuatkan kita lupa tentang bahasa melayu? sepatutnya pihak pembangkang duduk di rumah mengajar anak-anak tentang pelajaran, menghantar anak untuk ke kelas tuisyen, galakkan anak membaca dan mengulangkaji pelajaran walaupun tinggal dikampung daripada menghabiskan masa berdemo.

By membr  on August 19, 2009 7:39 PM

Tun,

Sound crazy, but maybe Malaysians should consider the followings:

Abolish National School


Abolish Chinese School

Abolish Tamil School

Open and establish English Medium School.

If these could be done, Malaysia will be a better country.

Thank you.

By Big M  on August 19, 2009 7:37 PM

Dear nazaruddin,

I think you have completely missed the point. Tun has mentioned many times that the main objective of PPSMI is not about strengthening English. But by learning M&S in English, the student's scope of learning is limitless as most of these knowledge and technology, especially in advance stage, are in English. At the same time the student may be able to improve his English too through frequent usage and application.

By wajaperak  on August 19, 2009 7:15 PM

Dengan izin Tun..Terima kasih..

Abg Kamal Ahmad

Is it the PPSMI scenario is as the same in context of Robocop?..The Omni Consumer Product?

Quote:

You make that (blip) thing and I have to deal with it?

Charles Bodincker.

Terima kasih Tun..

By kejora  on August 19, 2009 7:13 PM

By pun9227Author Profile Page on August 18, 2009 12:55 AM

REFER TO YOUR COMMENT,I AM ONE OF LOYALTY CTZEN TO BELOVED  
COUNTRY OF MALAYSIA NOT LIKE ... I AM NOT GOOD COMMAND IN ENGLISH  
LIKE ...

melayu seberang suka datang johor  
banyak beli hartanah di johor  
pemandu tiada disiplin bila ke seberang tambak  
hanya tiga contoh untuk rakyat negara seberang yang harmoni

By pppz  on August 19, 2009 5:47 PM

Salam YAB Tun,

Satu penyelesaian yang tidak sempurna, tidak tepat, tidak menyeluruh, tidak patut, tidak matang dan boleh dianggap 'seperti melepaskan batuk di tangga sahaja', itu komen kebanyakan orang dan hasilnya kelak akan sama-sama kita tunggu dan lihat.

Kita khuwatir generasi yang akan datang akan mengutuk dan menghukum kesemua mereka yang bertanggungjawab untuk menentukan masa depan mereka sebagai pengkhianat bangsa dan negara.

Nampak gaya sudah sampai masanya dimana jawatan Menteri di Jabatan atau Kementerian apa sekalipun harus diswastakan sebab jelas ahli-ahli politik kita sudah tidak matang berfikir dan sanggup lakukan apa sahaja dengan kuasa yang ada pada mereka untuk manfaat dan tujuan tertentu mereka.

Lihatlah cara mereka semua mengatasi sesuatu masalah ia itu dengan peruntukan wang itu dan ini dan tidak tahu menggunakan akal untuk menyelesaikan sesuatu itu dengan idea serta ilham sendiri tanpa perlu banyak menggunakan wang-ringgit.

Cuma mereka yang tidak baises hidup susah atau tidak tahu apa itu erti kesusahan, terutamanya kesusahan orang lain, sahaja tidak tahu dan tidak pandai menyelesaikan sesuatu masalah selain dengan peruntukan wang-ringgit sahaja.

Kalau begitu semua orang boleh jadi pemimpin sebab untuk menyelesaikan sebarang masalah kita gunakan wang sahaja tanpa berusaha dengan keringat dan titik peluh sendiri.

Kebanyakan daripada kita hanya tahu memberi wang untuk menyelesaikan sesuatu masalah. Jika sayangkan anak contohnya diberikan wang sebagai cara menunjukkan kasih-sayang. Bila berlaku sesuatu bencana atau malapetaka dimana sahaja kita hulurkan bantuan wang-ringgit.

Lihat cara kita menyelesaikan masalah banjir, peruntukan wang disediakan setiap tahun untuk menangani masalah tersebut setiap tahun. Seolah-olah kita tidak tahu cara lain selain menunggu banjir berlaku dan menghulurkan wang sebagai penyelesaian setiap tahun.

Kita akan hilang sentuhan kemanusiaan dan kreativiti jika semua perkara dan masalah kita hanya tahu selesaikan dengan kuasa wang sahaja. Kita harus kembalikan semangat gotong-royong dan berkerjasama dengan bersatu tenaga serta galakkan sifat bermuafakat untuk mendapatkan penyelesaian yang kekal lagi terbaik kepada sebarang masalah.

Sesiapa sahaja yang mahir dalam apa juga bidang harus dijadikan ketua atau pemimpin dalam bidang tersebut. Ini barulah mengikut seperti slogan 1Malaysia: 'rakyat didahulukan dan pencapaian diutamakan'.

Kita tidak perlu ramai sangat pemimpin atau menteri itu dan ini. Hanya seorang sahaja pemimpin sebenarnya diperlukan dan beliau boleh melantik sesiapa sahaja pada bila-bila masa untuk melaksanakan sesuatu tugas itu sehingga selesai. Tiada jawatan yang kekal harus diadakan dan sesiapa sahaja boleh dilantik untuk mengepalai sesuatu tugas itu hingga jayanya.

Hanya mereka yang profesional, layak dan berkemampuan sahaja harus dipertimbangkan dengan kepandaian dan kebijaksanaan yang ada pada seseorang itu sebagai kriteria kelayakannya tanpa mengira apa keturunan atau bangsa seseorang itu.

Selalunya yang layak itu adalah seseorang yang minat melakukan sesuatu tugas itu bukan kerana wang-ringgit atau pangkat tetapi atas dasar puas melakukan sesuatu itu hingga berjaya demi kerana kebaikan seluruh masyarakat dan ummah.

Menyelesaikan sesuatu masalah dengan memaksa orang lain dengan kuasa yang ada itu adalah bukan cara yang diajar dan dibawa oleh mana-mana pejuang agama dan bangsa.

Wassalam.

By BlueGene  on August 19, 2009 4:44 PM

Assalamu alaikum

YABhg Tun Dr. M and all honourable Chedet fellow

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Happy Ramadhan to Honourable Tun Dr. M and all fellows. Ramadahn just around the corner.

I still remember that Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said that, the implementation of teaching Math and Science in to Malay language as the act of "memperbetulkan sesuatu yang tidak betul."

For me the teaching of math and science in English that was implemented before were more "betul."

I clouding my self. Why the Current cabinet minister "kowtow" before pressured applied. The matter of teaching math and science in english is the matter for nation sakes in the future. This is not for the sake of political fate or something that sort.

Some of the current cabinet minister already reach the status of "vateren" such like Dato' Seri Utama Rais Yatim, they before under the cabinet of Tun Dr. M. At the first time of teaching math and science in english implement, all the ministers nodding to it and say "yes" confidently. Means that they agree and understand the policy and the nations importance.

Now some of them were under PM Najib. They even could not give positive advice to PM Najib about the advance of teaching science and mathematics in english.

We not sacrifice bahasa Melayu for teaching science and math in English.

Before everything become late or "Nasi sudah menjadi bubur," PM Najib, the cabinet ministers, and all the policy makers need to think back and please reconsider back the decision.

In this matter we need political will not political sake

Wassalam

By prof\_ridcully  on August 19, 2009 4:19 PM

Dengan izin Tun,

**Pungut Kassim,**

You are an arrogant little twit.

I'm glad you decided to become a Singaporean. It's perfect for people like you and I wish more who feel like you will follow your footsteps.


But tell me, why do you keep coming back to JB and suffer the filth, the lack of English, the backwardness, the corruption and the crime? Why don't you spend all your time in the perfect country? Is it because despite the 'perfection' and the efficiency you somehow feel like you're living in a pigeon-hole? And can it be that the cleanliness and tight social control is beginning to make life a bit sterile? Akin to living in a pigeon-hole located in a hospital?

No island state with the type of economy and the size of Singapore (accept it, you're not the size of Australia or Britain) can survive without a hinterland. You don't have to look far. Just look at Penang and Hong Kong. Why do you think the Brits worked hard to get Province Wellesley and the New Territories during colonial times?

You can exploit Batam's relative poverty for the moment but when they get richer, they'll also ask you to shove off, like we're asking you to shove off Johor.

And by the way, I learned English in an ordinary Malaysian school, taught by dedicated teachers who didn't ask to be given huge salaries.

Terima kasih Tun. Maaf jika terkasar bahasa.

By Harris  on August 19, 2009 4:00 PM

Asslamulailaikum Tun,

I equally share your disappointments/concern, present and future.

The Chemical Professor at MIT says “I have developed a new and revolutionary water electrolysis way where it can produce fast & enough Hydrogen from one glass of water and using only a small solar panel. This new invention alone is also enough to bankrupt an oil company.”

A doctor says “discovered that every healthy male individuals from the age of 35, if they engaged or forced to engaged or educate them in exercises that burn 300 calorie a day EVERYDAY ( Not the current conventional Ministry Of Health way ), they can increase their testosterone level and hence avoid Diabetes Mellitus, Hyperlipidemia, Hypertension & Depression. This alone can save billion of dollars of taxpayers money.”

A Biochemist says “In the human body, lead inhibits porphobilinogen synthase and ferrochelatase, preventing both porphobilinogen formation and the incorporation of iron into protoporphyrin IX, the final step in heme synthesis. This causes ineffective heme synthesis and subsequent microcytic anemia. At lower levels, it acts as a calcium analog, interfering with ion channels during nerve conduction. This is one of the mechanisms by which it interferes with cognition. Acute lead poisoning is treated using disodium calcium edetate: the calcium chelate of the disodium salt of ethylene-diamine-tetracetic acid (EDTA). This chelating agent has a greater affinity for lead than for calcium and so the lead chelate is formed by exchange. This is then excreted in the urine leaving behind harmless calcium.”

A lawyer says “ Your Honor, I would like to call the Chemical Professor, the Doctor and the Biochemist to the stand and let them explain what they have just said . Please also explain why

“The Kampung Boys” are SO left behind, HOW BAD IS IT and what kind of trouble are they faced with when they want to get a job.“

SO to the ‘Menteri’ concern, english is so diversified that even a lawyer cannot even understand. By learning english alone and train up lawyers may not be enough to train up Engineers or Chemist.

The hope for a “Kampung Boy” to become scientist will be lost. The “Bandar Boys” will again emerge victorious. How can you explain to the “Kampung Boys” that it is the politician that prevented them and rob them from their choice.

The issue was only 6% of teachers teaching in english. This shows that the politician is poor at mathematic progression and logic. Given enough time, in the next 5 years the teacher percentage will increase to 12%. This progression goes on and on until it reaches 100%. The politician concern just could not wait.

In the mean while, the “ROJAK” teachers can use “Unified PPSMI Multimedia” to teach Mathematic and Science in all schools. The teacher will just have to say “ Students I will play this VCD a hundred times until you and I understand”.

Every scientist must wait for years for results, to get drugs sold, to get plane flying, to get light bulbs lighting, to get man on the moon. The politician JUST have to PULL THE PLUG.

As there are BAD SCIENCES, there is equally BAD DECISION by politicians. Knowing that changing those bad decisions can distinct a GOOD POLITICIAN from a BAD one.

Selamat Berjuang yang berhormat Tun.

By [azlan](#) on [August 19, 2009 1:54 PM](#)

To sujini

Apa senario yang u bagi mengenai pembentangan tersebut betul kalau kita sudah menguasai teknologi dan sains, tapi sekarang ni kita belum menguasai sains dan teknologi so kita kena lah pelajari ilmu tersebut dalam bahasa inggeris, sujini kena faham maksud terpaksa dan pilihan. Dalam perkara ini kita terpaksa belajar sains dan matematik dalam inggeris kerana kita hendak naikkan bangsa dan negara malaysia.

By [ah\\_huat](#) on [August 19, 2009 1:26 PM](#)

Tun,

The current government did nothing wrong. When you were PM for 22 years, you did nothing for maths and science to be taught in english. You even changed the entire medium of teaching from english to malay for all government schools. In fact, you were the one who made a mess to Malaysia education system. The future malays cannot speak english well, thanks to Dr M.

By [faa](#) on [August 19, 2009 1:06 PM](#)

Dearest Tun,

I beg to differ. Saya menerima keputusan kerajaan untuk tidak meneruskan PPSMI dengan berat, tetapi saya akur. The government has given the assurance that more time will be allocated to teach the language and techniques of teaching will also be improved. Dalam masa yang sama, memperkasakan bahasa Melayu. Give them the benefit of the doubt. TSMY tidak boleh mengubah keputusan lagi selain membuktikan keputusan itu benar. Dengan adanya kritikan Tun akan menguji sejauh mana kemampuan beliau. Tak boleh 'flip-flop' macam kerajaan Pak Lah dulu. Kita tidak boleh berfikir bahawa kunci untuk memperbaiki bahasa Inggeris hanya dengan belajar Matematik dan sains dengan menggunakan BI. Ada banyak cara lain. Guru bahasa Inggeris boleh jawab? Ini cabaran untuk beliau.

By nazaruddin  on August 19, 2009 12:47 PM

Tun,

I beg to differ.

The first question that I would like to ask is, is the measure of personal, people or country's success depends on how good is the individual in that country command of English? If you say that is true, then we are still being mentally colonised by the West.

There is now a government funded body dealing in international researches and conferences, whose CEO and Chairman, continually praising his (perfect) English speaking staffs. One of whom is just a holder of diploma in secretarial course. BUT, are not able to carry out a simple task like drafting a letter. The actual works are carried out by degree and masters holders (all Malay) who can understand, read and write perfect letters in English, but prefer to communicate in Malay. And sadly continually being discriminated because of that. And I am sure this is not an isolated case, and almost always the people who get promoted at work are those who are able to converse with their bosses in perfect English and are able to be excused from doing work by saying them in perfect English. What is perfect English, anyway.

My second question is, there are 26 millions of us, do we need all 26 millions of us to be able to communicate in perfect English? Well I don't think I need to proceed further on this point.

I personally believed that English and Education are two separate entities. Let us dwell a bit on Education. Education is the content of what you learn. Now do not confuse this with Experience as experience is also a way of getting knowledge. With Education, we have a structured way of learning (syllabus). A teacher will teach his students by communication according to the syllabus. It does not matter how it is communicated as long as the content is delivered and properly understood. I am sure we have excellent teachers who can teach the students in the most excellence ways, except may be in English. Now it would be very unproductive to have this very knowledgeable teacher, but just because his/her only weakness is his/her inability to properly communicate in English thus unable to impart his/her knowledge to the students. Equally unproductive and more damaging is when the students are not able to grasp the contents of education just because we want to champion the English Language. Now let us dwell a bit on English Language. Well, English is a language. It can be learned as a subject of learning, but I think that is secondary, it is used primarily as a communicating tool. Now as a subject of learning we learn it, but like any other subject, some are good at it some are not very good at it. If someone is not good at Maths, for example, we can accept it. But if someone is not good at English, suddenly to whole nation's reputation go down with it?

Before I am being labelled as anti English Language, I would like to make this point, to me it does not matter in what language the subject of science and mathematics is being taught, as long as what is being taught are properly understood. As I said earlier, some of us are not good in mathematics no matter what language it is being taught, don't go round making excuses because

it is not taught in English.

Having said this, I also would like to give another thought on this issue. Previously when both subjects were taught in Bahasa Malaysia, even the terms (scientific and mathematics) were also translated. Fluoride became Florida? (A state in USA) and Polystyrene became Polistrina? And a lot of other terms too. I think this where our noble intention of Memperkasakan Bahasa Melayu got carried away. Imagine if a Malay conversation goes something like this, "ubat gigi seperti Colgate mengandungi fluoride," to any listeners it can be immediately understood that this person is talking about tooth paste containing fluoride, but if the person says, "ubat gigi seperti Colgate mengandungi Florida," a scholar from Mongolia would think this guy bought his toothpaste in Florida.

So what about the importance of English Language? It is important, so is Mathematics, Science, History, Geography and lots of other subjects of study.

For parents who are afraid they cannot send their children overseas because now Science and Mathematics are not taught in English, you are just making excuses. Since before the Independence a lot of would be ustaz or ulama made their way to University of Al Azhar to study Islam or to become Hafiz, not all of them know Arabic, they refused to make this as a problem and all of them came back with honours.

I sat for my Malaysian Certificate of Education (not SPM) in 1977. I did quite well but my English score was P6, I was offered to study in UK by the government which I took because I know, I can polish my English there. For parents, do not worry, if your children were given the opportunity to study overseas, take the opportunity, even if they were taught Science and Mathematics in Malay, Chinese or Tamil.


My conclusion is this, when it come to education it is WHAT being taught is the most important now HOW it is being taught. English Language is not the devine language, a lot of Pornographic materials are also written in English. Knowledge does not become less in value if it is not said in English.

It is also true that a lot of technological knowledge are written in English. Maybe we need a highly skilled translators to translate this knowlegde into our language, what is wrong with that, nothing. Maybe that is exactly what we need, so that the contents are not lost in translation, instead of all of us trying discern what is being taught and everyone of us came up with different understandings due to lack of understanding. Not all of us are proficient in English, Mathematics and Science. We can be good in Mathematics but not English, we are still good. And vice versa, we are still good.

Lets keep the proficiency in English Language on the need basis. A salesperson at Jalan Masjid India do not need to know Calculus in English. A receptionist in an international company must be be able to speak English, send that person to school for English language. A mathematics genius taught in Malay is still a mathematics genius. If that mathematics genius thinks he/she needs English for whatever purpose, he/she will learn it then.

Last but not least, a true story, a group of important visitors from USA were invited to come to Malaysia to have an insight on Malaysian life. They were in a van enrout to Putrajaya to meet some Ministers accompanied by a Malay officer acting as a host. It was quite a long journey from KL, and the officer made small chat with the Malay driver. Oneof the important visitor was offended and remarked, "it is very rude if you have important visitors like us to come here and you did not speak English when you talk among yourselves." Now if the situation were reversed, some important Malay visitors invited to US and were in a van hosted by an American officer. Do you think he would conversed in Malay when he talk to his American driver? Infact it would

be very rude if the Malay visitors speak Malay in that van.  
Thank you.

By TLSoo  on August 19, 2009 12:10 PM

Dear Tun,


It's an honor for me to be able to shake your hands for the very first time during Lim Kok Wing's University graduation ceremony. Thank you.

I just wanted to say that you shouldn't have leave the government and handed over the PM post to unworthy candidates.

They can't manage our country well!

Wish you have great health.

Thank you.

By azari  on August 19, 2009 9:46 AM

Salam Malaysian hero..TDM  
PRU12 sy pangkah PR..bukan sokong tapi dah ajar BN..  
kerana kurang ajar..penyapu salah satunya...  
No ahli saya : XXXXXXXX heheheh  
angpow camgini..PRU13.saya tak tahu nak pangkah daahhh  
samada duk rumah..gi holiday cam orang2 kaya yg lain  
orang beratut mengundi depa holiday..  
atau rosakkam kertas undi..biar sama2 karam...

By fikrimythfreak  on August 19, 2009 9:34 AM

Salam, Tun.

This is indeed a ridiculous situation that we got ourselves into. It is regretful indeed that the BN reversed this policy simply because they wanted to gain votes in the next GE.

I am from the Unviersity of Malaya, Arts faculty. And to tell you the truth, Dr, it is not a fun place to be around, when you have many lecturers, even students, supporting the reversal of PPSMI. Why?

Because they think this will put the rural students at a disadvantage. It is appalling that everyone (the government, academics, university students, 'pejuang bahasa' and the like) is taking a condescending attitude towards the rural folks. As if they are so stupid that they can't compete with the so-called urbanites.

KJ made this argument in an NST letter, which was answered by Samuel Yesuiah and I. But the condescending attitude still prevails.

I fear for the future of my people, where they abandoned a six year project for a reversal to a ysystem which did not work for the past 30 years.

By kamal ahmad  on August 19, 2009 8:45 AM

Salam kasih Ayahanda Tun.

When I was much younger and back in days when GPS is still Buck Rogers, a homeless Negro woman told me to just “get your a\*\* in the driver seat boy and just drive on down that road of yours! Don’t be bother reading no maps cause you may even be holding it upside down! Just leave the map reading to the Lord and you just drive!”

That line holds many definitions over the times and phases of this drive. Still in the heavenly signal navigation frame, let’s talk GPS; what it is, how it works and Nik Aziz. Now, before any other political players go on the fray of blaming Nik Aziz for his signals, we must analyze everything in a much calmer and broader spectrum of write and read.

GPS works by consistently calculating its signal intervals in between all the satellites that’s in its network of service. Notice the word satellites; to boldly go where no ordinary man has ever gone before (not the Anwar way), it’s now into the heavenly constellations above we intrepidly prod for a scientific understanding of Nik Aziz’s complicated misfiring signals. A GPS would always give you good reading when you ask for it. But when that GPS is not in focus (vis-à-vis the satellites and all that), that tiny GPS would tell you to go through a lake as the fastest shortcuts. In such a situation you either re-boot that GPS, or just switch it off all together for another day. See, the principle of GPS is a delicate and active calculations of space over time.


And when the Spiritual Advisor cum Malevolent Spirit said that “Sekmo ore UMNU tok ke masuk sorga” he adamantly yells a misquote! Goodness gracious my good man! Don’t misquote the sacred mule on what he had later corrected on prime TV slot was this “sapo undi UMNU tok leh masuk sorga” – pardon any my error OOO Sacred cow, for my Kelantanese lingo is just purely fake like you.

I go back to my GPS account, sometimes even after a reboot you still get that error code on display. It shows either you got bad connection or a totally corrupted software (brain) on the GPS. In any case, a proper reboot may help. Not as boot in ass, but a proper retuning of that GPS brain functions. They say history gets written by the winners. Very true indeed. As such, should we let someone like Nik Aziz writes our history? What kind of readers would it appeal to? Would you buy it? Would your innocent children be forced into buying and reading it later down their roads? Think about it, make some sense off it.

I look at Nik Aziz and I see an overconfident old man who is on top of his little world. I sympathize upon him. A word of advice: everyday the world turns its back on someone who has just been sitting on top of it yesterday. That’s nature and that’s stuffs as we drive on along down these roads of ours.


Well here is “Just a Nik Aziz and his Pakatan Rakyat colleague joke”: what a sperm Captain for a gay man would say upon “deployment”; “All right boys! March on now! Hurry up! Don’t be a slow rotten egg! This is grand evolution and you’re part of it! Swim boys! Quick! First one gets it! Quickly I said! NOOO!!! WAIT!!! SH\*\*T!!! TRAITOR!!!!!!”...

Praise and bless all the homeless Negroes in America. When you have a Negro for president, and you still read a 83% ratio of Negroes in total homelessness at the same time, its call grand illusion; the Jewish white boy kind. The Wolfowitz kind, the PKR ways of illusion.

By samaritan  on August 19, 2009 3:48 AM

Dear Tun,

My six sense telling me that the decision taken by the cabinet to implement these teaching Maths/Science in English is due to Anwar Ibrahim politicise the issue and to close it before going out of hand DPM intelligently took the decision that the subject be teaches in Bahasa Malaysia when the term of the next general election is held. No gain no pain after the election this does not meant they cannot reverse the cabinet decision only time will tell all at the end of the day.

By rakkata  on August 19, 2009 3:14 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun Yg Dihormati,

Sebenarnya ramai yang menyalah anggap bila membicarakan tentang S&M dalam bahasa melayu...ramai yang membicarakan mengatakan apabila kedua-dua subjek ini diajar di dalam bahasa inggeris ramai yang menyatakan hilanglah bangsa kerana "Bahasa Jiwa Bangsa".

Sebenarnya ianya lebih sukar untuk mempelajari S&M didalam bahasa melayu kerana sesetengah perkataan atau definisi terpaksa dimelayukan. Apabila dimelayukan...jadilah cacar marba pemahaman.....keputusannya tetap sama....

Yg penting adalah kemahuan ingin mempelajari sesuatu atau keinginan/daya saing harus ada didalam setiap generasi muda masa kini...Jika dilihat masyarakat hari ini terutama kaum melayu generasi baru sudah hampir tiada keinginan untuk berdaya saing. Lebih ramai yang mencari jalan mudah....Sedih sedih.....

Tun,

Sekarang kecoh dengan wabak H1N1....tetapi apa yang dapat KERAJAAN lakukan setakat ini cuma mengatakan kurangkan aktiviti luar, jaga kebersihan, itu sahaja...

Tiada satu pun yang menerangkan tanda tanda H1N1 yang spesifik sedangkan tanda2 awal H1N1 adalah demam panas dengan suhu mendadak naik selama 4-6 jam diikuti dengan demam sejuk atau penurunan suhu badan secara mendadak...dan apabila pesakit sudah mencapai kronik atau menjadi parah...bibir akan mulai memutih/pucat...lidah juga akan memutih/pucat tetapi terdapat tompok2 merah di lidah...serta gusi yg menjadi pucat...

Kan ini akan memudahkan orang ramai untuk melakukan "self diagnosis" dari mengatakan demam sedangkan demam itu terlalu general/meluas maksudnya....kempen untuk H1N1 ini terlalu "biasa" menyebabkan orang ramai mengambil mudah...

By Cikgu Naza  on August 19, 2009 3:04 AM

nice post!

<http://cikgunaza.blogspot.com>

By worm gear  on August 19, 2009 12:42 AM

Tun yg amat dikasihi,

Apabila PPSMI dimansuhkan, 2 perkara yang akan berlaku semasa PRU13:


1. Penyokong pembangkang tidak akan mengundi BN walaupun dimansuhkan PPSMI-22%.
2. Mereka yang kecewa apabila PPSMI dimansuhkan-78%.

Keputusannya - Inilah permainan dan strategi pembangkang supaya mereka memperolehi undi dari perkara 2 diatas. Kerana perkara dua mempunyai majoriti pengundi yang amat besar, lebih kurang 78%. Kenapa TPM tidak nampak ini semua.

Saya adalah penyokong kuat Umno tapi bukan untuk kali ini.

Tun, tolong maklumkan kepada TPM.

Akhirkata, DAP yang untung kerana mereka bolih bertutur dalam BI dan menguasai S&M, anak2 org UMNO & PAS semua rugi. Kesian anak bangsa kerana Politik. Saya akan menyokong BN kembali jika PPSMI dikembali.

By drvinod  on August 18, 2009 9:32 PM

i am very disappointed with the govt's decision to abolish PPSMI.


For a brief period of time i was thinking that PM Najib and co. would scale the heights of your administrative capabilities and demonstrate strong governance. how wrong i am.

my children's future is seriously bleak now.

i have no choice than to vote for the opposition in the next G.E.

p/s: never thought i would say this but am seriously considering migration to a neighbouring country..

i love malaysia, tanah tumpah darahku.. but i really cannot gamble on my children's future.

By pbj390  on August 18, 2009 9:24 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

I opposed PPSMI initially, but as lights of your wisdom turned my way, I totally agree and support PPSMI. I had the personal experience of teaching EST. It opened my eyes on how different common English is from English in science and mathematics. Even now I'm still baffled by the scientific terms used in my students' science textbooks - despite my 15 years of teaching English. It is true like you said English is dissimilar from English in science and mathematics. But this fact was ignored and diverted from the community. You can add a thousand or even a billion more hours of learning English but it will never be the same as English in science and mathematics. So the product of our future generation will remain the same as the product of our education 20 years ago. The Malay teacher who learned science and mathematics in Bahasa Melayu 20 years ago cannot deliver his lesson in English today; and his students will also be like him 20 years in the future. I feel sorry for my children. Tun, only you have the guts to carry out such drastic measures. Now that you have given others the chance to lead the nation, still they cannot measure up to your leadership. Ever thought of coming back? Godspeed Dearest Tun!

By mikolaj  on August 18, 2009 9:00 PM

assalamualaikum Tun,

Saya agak sedih dengan komen yang diberikan oleh mmu student kerana saya juga seorang pelajar sepertinya. Ia menggambarkan seolah-olah generasi muda hari ini tidak tahu-menahu soal sejarah negaranya sendiri. Mungkin kurang membaca agaknya.

Berbalik soal pengajaran sains dan matematik ini, saya rasa selepas ini kerajaan janganlah terlalu kerap menukar sesuatu dasar yang telah dilaksanakan kerana ia seolah-olah hendak memperjudikan nasib dan masa depan rakyat.(dalam konteks ini, masa depan anak anak bangsa malaysia) Desakan pembangkang bagi saya perkara biasa. Sudah namanya pun pembangkang, walau apa yang telah dilakukan oleh kerajaan sudah pasti ada cacat celanya.

saya amat teringin sekali ingin melihat demokrasi di negara tercinta ini boleh mencapai seperti apa yang ada di negara-negara maju seperti amerika syarikat dari segi pencapaiannya. Di sana mereka mampu berkongsi pandangan jika satu-satu isu itu menguntungkan negara mereka tetapi lain pula halnya dengan parti-parti politik di malaysia. Mungkin apa yang saya dan ramai lagi rakyat malaysia idamkan tidak akan tercapai dalam jangka masa terdekat ini dari konteks kematangan berpolitik. lagipun usia negara kita pun baru 52 tahun, tidak seperti US yang sudah mengjangkau lebih 200 tahun. Kita masih mentah dalam arena demokrasi sebenarnya.

student too..

By LeeCampwin  on [August 18, 2009 4:44 PM](#)


1) Transport system experts and urban planning experts commented that the KLIA was built too far south from metropolitan centre. Causing wasting of resources of peoples (wasting peoples valuable time and money). Is it a mistake that the KLIA was built too far south from KL metropolitan center? May be Putrajaya also built too far from the city center, thus people feel too lazy to go there?

2) MSC project in Malaysia will not succeed if we continue criticize developed nations. What do you think?

3) Should we adopt Singapore as our model to develop Malaysia to achieve vision 2020?

Thanks.

Best regards.

By ,Melayu merantau  on [August 18, 2009 4:19 PM](#)

macam dulu juga..flip flop goverment...

By HBT  on [August 18, 2009 4:01 PM](#)

Ayahanda,

Why The Star online tipu lagi....

//Tuesday August 18, 2009

Former South Korean leader Kim Dae-jung dies

SEOUL (Reuters) - Former President Kim Dae-jung, a towering figure in South Korea's struggle for democracy who won the 2000 Nobel Peace Prize for seeking rapprochement with the communist North, died on Tuesday at the age of 85.

An official at a Seoul hospital treating Kim for pneumonia confirmed the death. Local media reports said he died of heart failure.

Former South Korean president and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Kim Dae-jung speaks during an interview with Reuters at his house in Seoul in this June 23, 2009 file photo. (REUTERS/Jo

Yong-Hak/Files)

In his final year, Kim saw his efforts unravel as relations with the North headed back into the freezer under the South's current conservative President Lee Myung-bak.

The former political prisoner, popularly referred to by his initials "DJ", was elected South Korea's president in December 1997, a victory that marked the first time in South Korea that power had shifted from a ruling party president to a president from the opposition.

Internationally, Kim is best known for his historic handshake and embrace of North Korean leader Kim Jong-il in June 2000, at the first summit meeting of the leaders of the two countries on the divided peninsula.

The meeting was the culmination of the "Sunshine Policy" that won Kim the Nobel prize -- his idea of prodding the North forward with the promise of incentives and reducing the strain of eventual unification through economic integration.

But at home, it was Kim's life-long struggle against South Korea's early repressive authoritarian leaders that defined him and made his name a household word and inspiration for generations.

Kim was a devout Catholic who was an inspiring speaker in both Korean and English. He shuffled when he walked due to injuries suffered to his legs in an assassination attempt in the 1970s when a truck rammed his car off a road.

The exact date of Kim's birth is uncertain, but several biographies have it listed as January 6, 1924//

My husband from Hongkong told me that his birthday is not on 6/1/1924, why like that????  
Hai.... Malaysia Muzzles Boleh, but the moon in Penang is still brighter!!!!

By addul\_rahim  on August 18, 2009 3:55 PM

Tun,

Now that you keep saying the importance of teaching science and maths in english. But during your 22 years in power as PM, why you didn't make the chance? When you was a PM, You were just like the current government, the priority is to get more votes and support from malays. So, please dont blame the current government, they are just following your footsteps.

one more thing, 22 years as PM, the teaching of science and maths was in malay. No wonder you sent your children to UK for further education. So as our ministers now, sending their children to overseas. Who cares about our children's future???

Tun, i wonder how you face ALLAH.

By HBT  on August 18, 2009 3:47 PM

Ayahanda,

//The Star Online said:-

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Race info might be dropped from official forms

KUALA LUMPUR: The Cabinet is studying a proposal to drop the column in official forms that require race information, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said.


He said the pros and cons would have to be fully studied before a decision can be made.

Many official forms require Malaysians to declare their race, which has come under criticism from "some" quarters for creating rifts in the nation's multiracial society.

"Even" Deputy International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir recently suggested that Malaysians should not be required to state their race except where necessary when it involves bumiputra privileges.//

Ayahanda,

Betul ini Macam Mukhriz is a Racist???? You see, Ayahanda, manufacturer can be pronounced as manufacturing, malunya Malaysians kita ini.

By huzanna  on August 18, 2009 3:26 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun Yang Amat Dihormati,

1. Usaha PIBG di sekolah anak saya, telahpun menghantar bukti sokongan ibubapa terhadap PPSMI ke Kementerian Pelajaran. Sebanyak 85% tandatangan daripada ibubapa yang tidak bersetuju pemansuhan PPSMI. Saya tidak pasti apakah hasil seterusnya daripada tindakan ini, walaupun saya percaya pihak Kementerian akan hanya membisu. Tetapi sekurangnya, Pihak berkenaan mengetahui kebanyakan pelajar dan ibubapa tidak bersetuju pemansuhan PPSMI.

2. Sekiranya pihak kerajaan masih berkeras untuk memansuhkannya, berilah peluang bagi pelajar tingkatan 1 hingga 5, belajar kedua mata pelajaran ini dalam BI. Zaman sekarang penguasaan teknologi adalah pantas, memandangkan visi negara adalah menuju negara maju W2020, salah satu melahirkan lebih banyak golongan cerdik pandai adalah PPSMI. Apabila mereka menjejak kaki ke pengajian tinggi kelak, kebanyakan buku (di kolej swasta, 100% buku rujukan bagi bidang ini dalam BI) adalah dalam BI. 20 tahun dahulupun semasa saya di U, buku rujukan yang berkualiti (aliran sains) kebanyakan dalam BI, buku rujukan dalam BM tidak banyak. Nasib baik, kerana saya adalah dari Sekolah Convent, jadi tidak susah sangatlah nak faham. Kecualilah mereka yang mengambil bidang politik sains, atau bidang sastera yang lain lebih banyak buku rujukan dalam BM dan BI. Sebab itulah, apabila PPSMI diperkenalkan, saya dan suami sangat bersetuju (walaupun pada mula agak ragu-ragu bagaimana penerimaan anak-anak saya yang kategori sederhana).

3. Sekiranya, pihak kementerian hendak mempertingkatkan penguasaan BI dikalangan pelajar dengan memperkenalkan kembali kesusasteraan Inggeris, ini juga langkah yang baik. Tetapi kenapa PPSMI harus dikorbankan. Lebih baik menggunakan peruntukan untuk menambahbaik kelemahan yang wujud dalam PPSMI, sesuatu yang baik untuk negara tidak semestinya hasilnya nampak 'overnight'.

4. Sekiranya, PPSMI hendak dimansuhkan, lebih baik semua sekolah jenis kebangsaan menggunakan bahasa kebangsaan bagi kedua-dua mata pelajaran ini. Saya seperti kebanyakan rakyat yang cintakan keharmonian dan ikatan muhibbah antara kaum ingin melihat sistem satu sekolah bagi semua kaum menjadi realiti dimana BM menjadi bahasa perantaraan dan Bahasa Mandarin, Tamil dan lain-lain diambil sebagai subjek elektif. Selagi ada ahli politik, NGOs dan golongan yang tidak ikhlas dan tamak, selagi itulah usaha murni ini tidak akan berjaya, lihat sahaja usaha Tun untuk menjayakan Sekolah Wawasan, itupun hanya berkongsi fasiliti dan kemudahan dalam satu tempatpun, ditentang oleh pihak tertentu. Bukanlah hendak mengungkit kisah lama, tetapi sepatutnya, sistem satu sekolah ini diwujudkan selepas merdeka lagi. Sayangnya, pemimpin dahulu tidak dapat mengagak kesan daripada sistem sekolah pelbagai selepas 50 tahun kemudian.

5. Walau bagaimanapun, hidup ini tidak sunyi daripada masalah, samada masalah akibat daripada orang lain atau diri sendiri. Yang penting, pemimpin sekarang harus teliti, bertanggungjawab terhadap setiap dasar (PPSMI dah elok dah, tak payah mansuh) yang dibuat serta bijak melaksanakan setiap dasar itu dengan berjaya. Jadikan kegagalan kepimpinan PM ke 5, sebagai pengajaran. Tidak payah memandai mengubah sesuatu yang sudah elok, hanya memperkemaskannya supaya lebih 'cantik'.

Terima kasih di atas sumbangan Tun selama ini, saya sentiasa mendoakan semoga Tun dan Tun Siti Hasmah dilindungi Allah.

**SELAMAT MENYAMBUT BULAN RAMADDAN YANG MULIA DAN JUGA SELAMAT MENYAMBUT HARI KEMERDEKAAN KE 52. BERSATU RAKYAT UNTUK KESEJAHTERAAN NEGARA TERCINTA, MALAYSIA. WE LOVE YOU, TUN.**

By ca\_lead  on August 18, 2009 3:18 PM

Ybgh Tun,

Apa yang diusahakan Tun selama ini mungkin menuju kehancuran, bukan negara tapi melayu. Namun semua itu hanya dapat dinilai secara kasar sahaja, apa yang akan berlaku sebenarnya tiada siapa yang tahu. Orang politik mempunyai banyak muslihatnya.

Berbalik kepada PPSMI, saya cadangkan: Blog Tun mencipta sejarah kerana dikunjungi lebih sejuta pembaca dalam masa singkat. Oleh yang demikian saya cadangkan buat sementara disyaratkan semua comment yang ingin disumbang hendaklah menggunakan BI. Bahasa Melayu tidak dibenarkan sementara.

Pastinya dalam jangka waktu singkat sahaja jumlah bilangan comment yang Tun terima akan memberi gambaran penguasaan BI terutamanya Melayu, masih dibanggakan atau sebaliknya.

Tun pernah menceritakan bagaimana Melayu yang lemah penguasaan BI nya hanya terdiam bila ada issue yang dibincangkan gagal disanggah hanya kerana kelemahan ini. Walaupun tidak bersetuju, dek kerana gagal membalas hujjah, hanya mampu mengangguk seolah-olah bersetuju. Itulah gambaran orang melayu di kebanyakan semua sektor.

Inilah hasrat kerajaan hari ini terhadap melayu.

Apa pendapat Tun mulai sekarang Tun gerakkan tuntutan supaya Nama Malaysia ditukar kepada Persekutuan Tanah Melayu.

Mendoakan kesejahteraan dan kebahagiaan untuk Tun sekeluarga.

SELAMAT MENJALANI IBADAT PUASA DI BULAN RAMADHAN.

Amin , Alhamdulillah.

Tkasih

By jamallyna  on August 18, 2009 2:32 PM


Salam Tun & chedet.cc members,

I'm fully agreed with your point no. 10..either government leaders and absolutely opposition have no sence of combatant in themselves..by virtue of deliberately gaining votes & supports for next general election,the importance of rakyat are neglected by switching science & mathematic in BM again..

Tun and members, every year non-bumis score a good results in major exams like SPM & STPM..for example for SK(C),they take up English, Malay & Chinese language for their paper..on the contrary Bumiputera students only take BM & English only..here we can see the shortcoming in language literacy among malays students than non-malays..and when the Ministry of Education intends to enforce the credit for English as mandatory of SPM,most Malays including who so-called as combatant grumble & oppose the plan..but did we see any comment of complaint among non-malays..absolutely NO.

Tun..please show the current leadership the right path in this issue as we are now in distress to redress our nation capability.

Please take care of your health to..don't forget to use mask as well..send regards to Tun Dr Siti Hasmah...

By che\_din  on August 18, 2009 1:12 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun & Wife, and all the muslim readers  
Salam Sejahtera to the rest.

Wow, we are back at this issue again.Haih...

Dear Tun

Before I begin my comment, I would like to share with all the readers on my English language background.

1. When I was small, I was sent to a babysitter who was an Indian lady. Other than my siblings and another friend (total of 4), we were the only Malays there. There were about 15 of us in total. When I started talking I only spoke in English. I only started to speak in Malay at the age of 4 or 5 - when I was in kindergarten, where I started mixing with more Malay kids and plenty of training from my parents.

2. The primary school which my parents sent me was Sekolah Kebangsaan Bukit Bandaraya. All classes were a mixture of Malays, Chinese and Indians, and different levels of society. Some came from a rich family, some were average or medium (such as myself) and some were lower class income. Back then, we didn't care what your race is or how rich or poor you are. (I even

spoke English with some of my Malay friends). All of us conversed in English. That was in 1987 - standard 1, until I finished there in 1992.

3. When I continued my studies to secondary school, it was an all-boys + Malay students (not going to mention what school). I don't speak English on a daily conversation as I used to. My English language was limited only to English classes and a few of my English teachers. None the less, I tried to maintain my proficiency in English by reading a lot of newspapers, magazines such as Reader's Digest and referring to the dictionary as often as I could.

4. I furthered my studies to UiTM Shah Alam, the Malay portal. Again, my English was limited within the classrooms. Since all of my friends only speak Malay, I only converse in English with my old buddies back in Bangsar. I don't read the newspapers as often as I did, but I trained myself to watch the news and other TV programmes in English.

Now, with the magic of internet, I am able to maintain it by blogging, reading other blogs, and learn more from other sites such as wikipedia and youtube...even chedet.cc

My point is (finally...)

In order to improve our English, we need to tremendously change the following:

Our daily conversation and habits.

1. Speak in English at home. This would require cooperation from parents and siblings as well.

2. Watch English programmes more often. Reduce watching Malay shows during the evenings. Watching the news would be a good start. Also parents should restrict their kids on the TV sms on Astro channels (I think its Channel 15 - where you can watch a music video and text in messages). Dear Tun, if you have time to watch this, then you would understand the degree of seriousness I am referring to regarding our proficiency of language not only in English, but in Malay as well.

3. Always have a small notebook to jot down any new words to check in the dictionary. If necessary - a thesaurus.

4. Mix with other races - if they speak in Malay, force yourself to speak in English. That was what I did when I started working. I forced my colleagues to converse in English. Reason : to break the gap. When you speak Malay with them, you speak in broken Malay. If you speak in English, both of you will speak in proper English language.

5. Online habits - Facebook/Friendster/Twitter/Yahoo Messenger/etc - change the way you 'speak' online. Try to reduce short forms as well. I have colleagues whom I communicate via e-mail but the language they use is sms language. Such nonsense sentences are used in emails like : "pls fwd dis" or "how cum?" or "i ate edi"...and the list goes on. Such communication reflects on your image, and there are times where these emails are CCed to other bosses who could be an Indian or Chinese and they would be thinking "Wow..this person's English is very bad". We need to draw a line on sms language and normal language.

\*by doing this, we improve our confidence level. Therefore would result a smaller degree of awkwardness when you meet other people. It is sad that fresh graduates have good CGPA but

have a poor command in English. When it comes to an interview they just fail miserably by saying stupid words (such as "thats mean" or using "actually" in every sentence, on top of having no confidence at all.

Government role:

1. Teachers who teach English at school should be screened. There must be a minimum level of English proficiency and it must be at a high standard. How can we educate English to the younger generations if the teachers have mediocre English proficiency?

(my sincere apologies to the teachers who are reading this, but we are talking about the future generation).

Also, we need to minus the 'slang' in our conversation as it would reflect as a standard. Those with the slang is only because they were abroad for a certain period of time, therefore we need not follow this trend. Just plain simple English would suffice.

2. Why does English Week happens only once a year in schools? Why can't it be a month? Or selected weeks in a year? Are we that lazy? Is it that difficult?

3. Abolish TV programmes where you can text in messages while watching a music video. How can Astro allow such languages to be broadcasted? Seriously, if we need to fix our English language we must look into fixing our Malay language as well. Our younger generation is polluting it without them realizing.

4. Students with poor English command must attend extra classes. Those with average or excellent proficiency should help others who are not that excellent. This is just a mere suggestion. I'm sure there are better ideas out there.

5. Ministers and public figures who want to comment or give public speeches or go on TV must be able to show some English proficiency. Come on..the public can tell if your English is 'pelat' or awkward. Check this guy out:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1\\_GQ-K7P\\_w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1_GQ-K7P_w)

(its a video of Zainuddin Maidin commenting on the Bersih Rally)

6. Celebrities who go on stage or interviewed should practice their speech first before they say something stupid and embarrass themselves in front of viewers worldwide. Here's a good one

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lj3iNxZ8Dww>

(she's not Malaysian)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuzAHmi85cs>

(she's Malaysian)

\*\*no offense but these are the examples that we are setting. We must do something fast!!

7. Abolish the SRJKs and the SMJKs. I agree that by opening up these schools we give them the opportunity for education, but when they study in Colleges or Universities these backgrounds do not give them the edge they need. The most they get is speaking an extra language. Thats it.

8. If abolishing is a heavy task, then the government should teach Tamil and Mandarin in all schools. That way, we minimize the communication gap and everyone can understand one

another. The syllabus should be just enough for everyone to speak fluently, and not in a scientific or medicinal term.

I am not joking here, but don't we all feel cheated when we purchase a handphone from a Chinese-owned shop, and he's talking to his colleague in Cantonese or Mandarin? I believe the first thing that crosses our minds is that "this guy is trying to cheat me" but the fact is he might just be asking his friend "bro, what's the price for this phone model?".

Since we don't understand sh\*t of their language this is very common. Same goes when we service our car at the workshop or listening to other people's conversation over coffee or cigarette breaks.

I hope that what I have posted here would have some attention from your side Tun. I feel very offended when we have racial issues but I don't have any with my peers. Politicians are racial. Why would humble people like us want to feel the racial gap? I meet a lot of Chinese and Indians who are my suppliers and clients, and they feel the same way too. They were never brought up to be racist. All they want is what we want - government to aid us in whatever we do.

And because of that, we have comments such as "Malays can get SME loan, very easy maa" but they have no clue on how difficult it is to produce a business proposal, and how excruciatingly long the process takes. Even my TEKUN loan application has dragged 3 months and yet still no answer. Edge for the bumis? think again...

As a result from this situation, I admire the other races. They have to work harder and most of the time spend wisely. We have transformed into a weak race and with the political issues going on, we have nothing to be proud of. All I can hope for is a better structure in our education system because when it comes to education, we are moulding the future. Bad or good, it is entirely up to us.

Thank you very much for your time Tun. Dear reader(s), no matter what race you are we need to realize that what is important in our lives. As long as we cooperate we can achieve anything.

Good luck BN in the next General Election. You shall need plenty of it.

My 2 cents.

By alamentera  on August 18, 2009 12:22 PM

Salam buat Tun sekeluarga,

Saya samapi sekarang masih kecewa dengan keputusan kerajaan menetapkan penggunaan BM sebagai bahasa pengantar untuk Math & Sains. Anak saya sendiri bagitau dia tak ada masalah dalam pemahaman Math & Sci. Malah dia cemerlang dlm Maths. Bagi saya tindakan kerajaan hanya merugikan orang Melayu. Kita orang Melayu kalau tak belajar bahasa asing maka hanya satu bahasa saja kita tau iaitu BM. Org Cina dan India ada 2 bahasa diketahui (kalau kita ambik secara umum) iaitu BM dan bahasa ibunda.


Kalau sesiapa yg nak anak mereka mahir dlm BI pun kena pergi tuition atau masuk sekolah antarabangsa. hanya org berduit yg mampu. Pejuang bahasa Melayu hanya konon memperjuangkan penggunaan bahasa Melayu dalam pendidikan. Kenapa mereka tidak fokus

juga kepada iklan iklan, filem atau drama tempatan yg banyak menggunakan bahasa asing atau bahasa rojak. Mereka ni org ada duit, bolehlah hantar anak dia orang kat tuisyen.

Saya asal org kampung. Ayah saya hantar saya ke sekolah mission sebab nak saya dan adik beradik berjaya dalam pelajaran dan disamping itu tahu berbahasa asing. Alhamdulillah 6 orang adik saya berjaya dlm bidang masing masing. Malah salah seorang kerja kat luarnegara sbg expatriate petroleum. Katakan kami tak tau berbahasa Inggeris bolehkah kami pergi sejauh itu. Boleh tu mungkin tetapi jauh tu belum tau lagi. Saya dulu aliran Inggeris tetapi bahasa ibunda saya tak hilang, jatidiri sebagai org melayu masih kukuh.

Org yang bising bising pasal PPSMI hanya nak cari glamour dan kepentingan diri. Tidak memikirkan kepentingan org melayu secara keseluruhan. Orang melayu masih banyak perlu dibelajar dan masih banyak ilmu perlu dikuasai. Tak payah sebut pasal org barat, org cina dah jauh meninggalkan kita kerana mereka memandang jauh ke hadapan. Walaupun Math& Sci diajar dlm bahasa ibunda mrk tetapi dirumah mereka melatih anak dlm BI. Kelas tuisyen pun mereka mampu bayar. Kiasan saya kalau kita org melayu berlari hendaklah kita ikut rentak yang larinya laju jangan ikut mrk yg larinya lambat. maksud saya dikalangan org melayu ada yg dah maju maka contohilah yg maju jangan kita ikut rentak yg mundur nanti semua ketinggalan. Tetapi bagi yg maju pulak, jangan lupa akan bangsa sendiri yg ketinggalan. Bantulah mrk ini dengan keupayaan yg ada.

Abang Mohammad Montaha bin Abang Sharbini  
Sarawak

By bellbesh  on August 18, 2009 12:03 PM

salam,,  
saya just nk jawb komen slah sorg tuh,,  
kalu dah tau btapa mundurnyer org luar bandar, dok pi mansuh plak ppsmi,,  
tyme bila depa nk maju,,  
masa bila depa nak tere cakp omputeh pla,

ahhhaa.. itu yang kita tak tau naa,,,

By wajaperak  on August 18, 2009 10:18 AM

Dengan Izin Tun..Terima kasih..

Satu cabaran kepada :

**2009 ( Tegar ) dan kesemua pejuang-pejuang Bahasa.**

**1.The Beauty of...**

ANTONY:

Blood and destruction shall be so in use  
And dreadful objects so familiar  
That mothers shall but smile when they behold  
Their infants quarter'd with the hands of war;  
All pity choked with custom of fell deeds:

And Caesar's spirit, ranging for revenge,  
With Ate by his side come hot from hell,  
Shall in these confines with a monarch's voice  
Cry 'Havoc,' and let slip the dogs of war;  
That this foul deed shall smell above the earth  
With carrion men, groaning for burial.

Terjemahkan lah kepada BM dan lihat betapa banyak keindahan yang hilang..

## **2. Pattern in motion :**

Patterns of Tissue Injury

Classification

One of the commonest determinations of the forensic pathologist is the range of fire. Gunshot wounds are typically classified as:

Contact

Intermediate range

Distant range

Example images demonstrating gross and microscopic appearances of gunshot wounds:

Sooting of hand, gross

Contact range gunshot wound, gross

Contact range gunshot wound, gross

Contact range gunshot wound, gross

Contact range gunshot wound, gross

Blood spatter on hand, gross

Gunshot entrance wound with GSR, microscopic

Intermediate range gunshot wound, gross

Intermediate range gunshot wound, gross

Entrance-exit wound in close proximity from low angle of bullet entrance, gross

Exit gunshot wound, gross

Entrance wounds

Contact wounds characteristically have soot on the outside of the skin, and muzzle imprint, or laceration of the skin from effects of gases. Contact wounds of airguns usually lack these features (Cohle et al, 1987). Intermediate, or close-range, wounds may show a wide zone of powder stippling, but lack a muzzle imprint and laceration. The area of powder stippling will depend upon the distance from the muzzle. (Denton et al, 2006)

Distant range wounds are lacking powder stippling and usually exhibit a hole roughly the caliber of the projectile fired.

The most difficult problem is distinguishing a distant from a contact wound. The factors that can affect the amount and distribution of gunshot residue (GSR) on skin and clothing include: (1) firing distance, (2) length and diameter of the firearm barrel, (3) characteristics of the gunpowder, (4) angle between the firearm barrel and target, (5) characteristics of the cartridge, (6) the environment (moisture, wind, heat), (7) type of clothing, (8) intermediate targets, and (9) characteristics of the target (tissue type, putrefaction, blood marks) (Tugcu et al, 2006).

Examination for GSR may aid in distinguishing entrance from exit wounds, for the entrance wound will have more than the exit, or the exit will have none. Residue is lacking in entrance wounds with airguns (Denton et al, 2006) (Cohle et al, 1987). The alizarin red S stain can be utilized in microscopic tissue sections to determine the presence of barium as part of GSR (Tschirhart, Noguchi, Klatt, 1991).


Scanning electron microscopy of entrance wounds shows gunshot residue within collagen fibrils. The entrance wound appears abraded, with loss of the papillary pattern and laceration of basement membrane (Torre et al, 1986). Computer assisted image analysis may aid detection of GSR (Tugcu et al, 2006).

Entrance wounds into skull bone typically produces bevelling, or coning, of the bone at the surface away from the weapon on the inner table. In thin areas such as the temple, this may not be observed. Sternum, iliac crest, scapula, or rib may show similar features. These observations may permit determination of the direction of fire. A small, dense projectile may "punch out" a rounded portion of cranium, while a larger projectile may produce circumferential fractures that radiate outward from the point of entrance. (Jandial et al, 2008)

**Kesimpulannya: Bahasa Malaysia tidak dapat..saya ulang tidak dapat menjelaskan dengan tepat Bahasa Saintifik dan Teknologi.Mereka perlu di kekalkan dalam bentuk asal Bahasa berkenaan in situ.**

Akhir kata : Quis custodiet ipsos custodes??

Terima kasih Tun..

By syahrol  on August 18, 2009 9:58 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Saya cuma nak mencelah jer, yang saya x faham sekarang ni, kerajaan kita ni baik ke, takut kalah undi ke... ntah la...nanti dah tukar BM nanti mesti patah balik... Susah-susah hantar anak pergi sekolah international jer...

By Mayden67  on August 18, 2009 9:06 AM

Salam sejahtera Ybhg Tun,

Politik ialah seperti permainan Catur. Setiap pergerakan hendaklah di fikirkan sedalam-dalam nya. Catur mempunyai pelbagai pergerakan, ada yang dirancang, ada yang terpaksa dan ada yang dipaksa. Pergerakan yang salah akan menyebabkan kita termakan umpan oleh lawan kita. Setiap kesilapan pasti ada yang terkorban. Asyik termakan umpan akhirnya kita akan kalah.

Kerajaan terdahulu merancang PPSMI. Anti PPSMI pula dirancang oleh pihak pembangkang dan kerajaan sekarang telah termakan umpan pihak pembangkang dengan memansuhkan PPSMI (kerana takut hilang sokongan dari masyarakat luar bandar). Yang jadi korban PPSMI.

Langkah seterusnya? Macam mana perasaan orang-orang di bandar bandar dan bandaraya? Apa langkah yang perlu diambil? Macam mana pula dengan kuasa Raja-raja Melayu kita yang

termaktub dalam perlembagaan? Pembangkang bencikan mereka. Nak Malaysia jadi Republik China-tamil n melayu sia-sia? Itu pun dinamakan intergrasi. Tersenyum DSAI dengar tu.

Sekarang aplikasi Ali-Baba begitu meluas. Bukan saja ia digunakan didalam perniagaan untuk mengaut apa yang sepatutnya hak ALI, tapi Ali-Baba juga digunakan didalam politik untuk mengaut hak peribumi daripada ALI oleh pihak BABA.

BN ambillah langkah yang lebih tepat tanpa mengira sangat desakan dari pembangkang. You are the goverment you gorvern. Let the opposition oppose. You cannot be both.

Can you imagine president Anwar with his Prime Minister Lim Kit Siang with cabinet Menteri Dalam Negeri Karpal Menteri Kewangan Awang Hadi.....

By wajaperak  on [August 18, 2009 8:55 AM](#)

Dengan Izin Tun..Terima kasih..

Ravi

Thank you for supporting PPSMI.You are not the Arm Chair Specialist after all.:)

Care to listen for my advice?..

1.Some people like Antimamak have come and gone.This people like to grab some moment in the sun they could not have by being themselves.So..they 'appears' in Tun blog and putting up their own not so 'bright' blog for that particular momment.I thought you are one too by writing not too 'bright' blog...he..he..Advice = make it bright..

2.Some people are not that serious in their life undertaking.Tun is very much a serious man in his life undertaking.So it burns me allright seing people try to undermines his prowess,charisma,charm and abilities that way beyond his detractors..Hence when you sincerely acknowledge this, I guess it's my mistake to jump my gun..Arsenal to be unleash actually..So..I am sorry I was harsh against you..No hard feeling..Ok?

Terima kasih Tun..

By kamal ahmad  on [August 18, 2009 7:27 AM](#)

Salam Ayahanda Tun.

Dear Everyone, when you drive on filtered & un-leaded fossil juice today, just ponder on this a bit; 65 million years ago, was it a single comet that took out the whole dinosaur's age? Could a stone as big as Manhattan had really caused all that? Rapid depletion of a certain element in the oxygen family that those huge dinosaurs lung needs to breathe on? Or was it a small bug? As small as the 1918 Pandemic? As small as the H5N1? As small as the H1N1? Has it always been the pigs? Think about it. When you are done thinking, always remember to never leave home without it – a face mask and an antiseptic gel wash. When you have to sneeze, run away into a less public corner and do it in a handkerchief. Then wash your hands with that antiseptic gel, don back your mask and go home get some rest. If you are reported to authority by someone and gets detained, you would be insisted upon a rest at the cost of two years in jail or RM10, 000 or both really - all depending on the swine. While you are resting, think about the dinosaurs - what goes around comes around. Best line of defense is not counting on general medicines, but the best line

of defense is to isolate all infecting elements and to stay away from them. The less the infections, the weaker it gets and the faster it goes and all would just go back to normal again for everyone!

So said the 1918 Flu Pandemic bugs: "that's why history is most important".

<http://www.iayork.com/MysteryRays/2009/04/21/1918-flu-dinosaurs-and-birds/>

By iwan2reasonwitu  on [August 18, 2009 6:09 AM](#)

Dear Tun

This is another example of govt. policies formulated with scant regard to consequences for future generations of school leavers.

Decades of experimentation in trying to substitute English as the primary medium of instruction has to put it bluntly - failed. Not only is English important for Sc and Maths - it is equally imp't for commerce in a globalised society, for discourse & debate and the free exchange of ideas in this Internet age.

You are absolutely right to castigate this development and to go to the rakyat to make your point.

By bennyhandayana  on [August 18, 2009 3:43 AM](#)

Assalamualaikum Tun,,

Perkenalkan saya seorang warganegara Indonesia.. Saya mengagumi Tun sebagai tokoh yang berdedikasi tinggi terhadap kemajuan bangsa, walau tak semua kebijakan Tun saya setuju. Saya merasa berkepentingan untuk ikut bersuara dalam masalah ini adalah karena saya merasa sebagai warga nusantara yang melingkupi sebagian besar wilayah di asia tenggara yang seharusnya bersatu meskipun terpisah batasan administratif kenegaraan. Tapi sebagai masyarakat nusantara, saya merasa kita sebagai satu bangsa.

Mengenai bahasa pendidikan di Malaysia, jujur, saya merasa iri karena bahasa melayu cukup mampu bertahan di Malaysia. Menurut saya, seluruh mata pelajaran selain kebahasaan, eloknya di ajarkan dengan bahasa melayu. Agar ilmu pengetahuan tidak menjadi hak eksklusif orang yang pandai berbahasa inggris. manfaat yang ingin dicapai dari hal tersebut adalah untuk pemerataan ilmu pengetahuan.

Untuk di Indonesia, sangat saya sayangkan, telah terlalu banyak bahasa asing yang terserap. Saya selalu berusaha untuk menggunakan bahasa Indonesia dengan sesedikit mungkin penyerapan bahasa inggris. Dan saya selalu mengajak dan mendorong lingkungan saya untuk menggunakan bahasa Indonesia dengan benar. Namun banyak diantara teman-teman saya justru merasa enggan untuk menggunakan bahasa Indonesia karena mereka tidak terbiasa. Mereka lebih memilih menyerap kata-kata dari bahasa inggris, dan di nadakan sebagai kata-kata bahasa indonesia. Misalkan, kata "expectation" yang di serap menjadi "ekspektasi", padahal ada kata "harapan" yang dapat digunakan sebagai maknanya. Bahkan tidak jarang mereka menyindir sikap saya yang disangka hanya karena gengsi saya sebagai orang bersuku Melayu.


Akibatnya, menurut saya, hal tersebut menjadi penghambat pemerataan penyebaran ilmu pengetahuan di Indonesia. Karena banyak daripada ahli dan pakar ilmu pengetahuan di Indonesia hanya mampu menyebarkan ilmunya kepada orang yang sedikitbanyak mengerti bahasa inggris. Mungkin di kampung-kampung Malaysia, kata-kata "melayari internet" sudah dengan mudah dikenali. Tapi di Indonesia, kebanyakan masih menggunakan kalimat "browsing di internet".

Akibatnya, sulit bagi saya untuk menjelaskan internet bagi orang awam di Indonesia. Ya, terjadi kesenjangan pengetahuan yang sangat besar.

Mungkin kita perlu belajar ke Jepang, Jerman, dan Israel, mereka lebih memilih untuk menterjemahkan ilmu pengetahuan tingkat dasar dan menengah yang ada ke dalam bahasa nasional mereka daripada menggunakan bahasa Inggris dalam pengajarannya. Hal ini membuat ilmu pengetahuan dapat diserap secara lebih merata oleh seluruh masyarakatnya. Dan para pelajarnya pun dapat lebih baik dalam menerima ilmu pengetahuan karena dapat memahami makna yang dalam dari sebuah ilmu pengetahuan karena mereka mempelajarinya dalam bahasa yang mereka sangat mengerti.

Mungkin dah cukup yang dapat saya sampai Tun. Saya mohon maaf jikalau ada silap dan salah. Assalamualaikum...

Esa hilang dua terbilang,  
Patah tumbuh hilang berganti,  
Takkan hilang Melayu di bumi..

By artofmin  on August 18, 2009 3:02 AM

Salam Tun & fellow bloggers,

Sedih...itulah pendapat saya terhadap semua isu di negara yang saya cintai ini. Saya tidak akan terkejut sekiranya 10 tahun lagi negara kita akan "terbantut" kemajuannya disebabkan masalah-masalah ini. Pada masa kini kita masih mencari-cari identiti kita dan anak-anak kita menjadi mangsa "uji-kaji"...walhal di dunia luar, di negara lain anak-anak muda yang berusia belasan tahun telah lebih maju dari anak-anak kita.

Saya berusia 29 tahun dan berasa terkejut apabila melayari satu laman web/forum (forum mengenai aplikasi 'video game' dan 'game development') di mana majoriti ahlinya terdiri dari mereka yang berumur belasan tahun dari seluruh pelusuk dunia. Seawal usia muda ini mereka boleh dikatakan mahir dalam 'web development', 'multimedia application', 'graphic & design', 'programming' dll. Oleh kerana forum berkenaan tertumpu pada 'game development', kebanyakan mereka telah menghasilkan permainan video sendiri dengan menggunakan perisian tertentu...tambah menarik lagi mereka berupaya mengolah, 'customized core scripts' dan mencipta 'mod' tersendiri untuk permainan video mereka. Mereka juga mencipta atau mengolah sendiri 'jalan cerita' dan 'lagu tema' (theme song) untuk permainan video sendiri.

Berdasarkan perkara ini saya boleh merumuskan bahawa mereka telah mula berkarya sebagai artis/penulis, mendapat pendedahan dan mendalami bidang 'kejuruteraan sains komputer' dll pada usia yang amat muda.

Tetapi ingin saya nyatakan disini, Bahasa Inggeris mereka mungkin setaraf (bagi mereka dari negara yg bukan berbahasa Inggeris) dengan pelajar atau anak-anak kita. Namun ini tidak membataskan ilmu pengetahuan mereka. Sesetengah dari mereka ini telah membina laman web untuk perniagaan sendiri dan ada diantara mereka yang dianggap sebagai 'programming/scripting god' oleh ahli yang lain.

YA, pelajar kita memang berpotensi, namun amat sikit pendedahan mereka terhadap “teknologi maklumat” dan “survival skills”, kita pula menjadikan mereka bahan ujikaji dan masih “melihat” anak-anak kita melalui “kanta era 50an”.

Saya hairan mengapa perlu ada perbezaan diantara pelajar kampung dan bandar, sek kampung dan bandar...tolonglah, negara kita ini kecil, buanglah segala pemikiran atau pembahagian kolot ini. Kepada mereka yang berasakan diri sebagai orang bandar...janganlah ANGKUH, dan kepada orang kampung...BUKALAH MINDA. Kepada ahli politik, orang-orang atasan, cendiakawan...tolonglah berhenti dari terus jadikan isu-isu seperti ini untuk menaikkan populariti dan kepentingan peribadi. Banyak lagi cara lain untuk anda (yang berkenaan) mengukir nama...cara ini cuma menyebabkan rakyat berpecah-belah atau menjadi meluat/menyampah terhadap anda. Sekarang bukannya masa untuk anda “devide & conquer” atau melakukan lain-lain “stratagem”...sekarang adalah masa untuk anda berkhidmat sejujur-jujurnya.

Saya juga sedih...dimasa kita masih mempersoalkan isu ini, stesen2 TV masih galak dengan hiburan “realiti” nyanyian/lakonan yg mana majoriti peminat dan pesertanya berbangsa Melayu. Bukan buruk pada keseluruhannya...tapi ianya member impak kepada pembelajaran anak-anak kita (saya rasa anak-anak Melayu sekarang lebih suka menjadi artis popular dari menjadi Perdana Menteri). Perlu ada imbalan yang ketara terhadap program “realiti” seperti ini.

Saya sedih...banyak lagi yang ingin saya nyatakan dan saya memang berharap dapat menolong apa yang termampu kepada negara yang dicintai ini, namun...apakan daya...saya sendiri masih berkerusi roda dan tidak punyai pendapatan yang tetap...

Ikhlas saya nyatakan...doa saya semoga Malaysia aman & makmur...  
Amin.

By pun9227  on August 18, 2009 12:55 AM

dear Sirs

Dear Tun Mahathir

I am am a Singaporean, now.

My country is next door to you.

We are inches are apart in term of distance but miles apart in the following areas:

1. Racial Harmony and Social Cohesion
2. Our difference in Ringgit and Dollar
3. Schooling system; English, Maths and Science;
4. Corruption or the lack of corruption;
5. Crimal rates;
6. Drugs infestation;
7. Illegal workers; and

8. Many more, which I will let others to state.

Why do I write in a Malaysian forum? Because, you will now and then attack Singapore without basis. At the Asian Games, I could see your sneer when the Singapore Contingent was announced and marching in in your beloved stadium. I hated your sneer.

Let's start a thread and see if Malaysia is still the hinterland for Singapore. Or if Singapore needs water from Malaysia.

Many countries from the world come to learn from Singapore except Malaysia. What will be the end results? A sad backward Malaysia. Wawasan 2020? Let's see.

I was in JB last Sunday and it was the same as 20 years ago, filthy and unkempt. 11 years to go for your Wawasan 2020? It is not going to be.

You need to improve on your English? The best teachers are in Singapore but you must be able to pay them well.

I write this as a former citizen of Malaysia who decided to study English but now working in Singapore as a citizen.

Sorry, I do not believe in being a bumiputra. Meritocracy is the right thing.

Pungut Kassim

By JaneTI  on August 18, 2009 12:40 AM

Dear Tun,

1. Many malay professionals are against scrapping of ppsmi. Then they say " Kau orang boleh la.. korang ajar anak korang dalam bahasa Inggeris". Tujuan asal ppsmi adalah supaya anak-anak kampung lebih maju dan lebih ke depan dalam mengharungi cabaran globalisasi.

2. Someone said, "Tun, dont confuse the rakyat". I do not think the rakyat is confused. The rakyat wants what is best for the future generation. In this case, the leaders are confused because they have vested interest.

3. I hope they re-introduce the English stream schools ( if they feel that Malay professionals votes are important too). May be their research shows they have enough vote from teachers who do not want to teach in English.

4. Adakah saya tidak berbangga dengan bahasa ibunda? Pasti saya bangga dengan bahasa ibunda kita tetapi berpijaklah di bumi nyata. Tiada salahnya menguasai juga bahasa penting dunia terutamanya yang paling banyak digunakan sebagai perantaraan global.

5. I suppose we will wait and see what next election brings. Pakatan Rakyat ??? Sepakat ??? Really sepakat???? Dalam rumah yang sama pun mereka tak dapat nak bezakan mana satu pertubuhan sederhana dan mana satu pertubuhan ekstremis. JI disamakan dengan JIM Malaysia. Please, where is your research man? May be they distrust malay so much that they do not have malay affairs advisors.

6. I feel so sad... I really hope BN leaders get their act together before it is too late.

7. For those who cannot afford to buy the expensive face masks, you can make your own but you must wash it everyday. You can also use clean bandanna, it is better than nothing and again you must wash it everyday. Remember ,even those who could afford face masks, it must be discarded everyday.

8. Lastly Tun, take good care of yourself and wife.

9. May ALLah bless both of you.

By pakbelalang on August 18, 2009 12:30 AM

pakbelalang said... Preachers Must Practise Restraint

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 17 (Bernama) -- Muslims, especially preachers, must always exercise restraint and monitor their actions so that they do not go overboard, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Jamil Khir Baharom.

He said no matter how knowledgeable an individual claimed to be about Islam, he is still a normal human being and should observe limits.

"Therefore, it is important for a preacher to watch what they say and avoid being extreme," he told reporters after launching the Tijarah Ramadan television programme, here Monday.

Jamil was asked to comment on PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat's claim that Umno practices teachings based on the Palestine teachings and that would not take them to heaven.

comment:

Tok Guru ni dah jadi macam Mat Sentul. Cakap dah merapu. Macam dah hilang pedoman je !! Apa hal ni? Mereka yang taksu sangat dengar cakap Tok Guru ni elok lah berhati-hati. Jangan tersesat. Gunakan akal. Ulamak-ulamak patut tegur Tok Guru ini supaya apa yang dia cakap ini tidak meraban-raban atau menyimpang!! Kita tidak boleh menganggap apa Tok Guru cakap semuanya betul.

He is confusing the ummah !!

By hazrin on August 17, 2009 11:38 PM

SAINS DAN TEKNOLOGY ORANG MELAYU PADA ABAD 1300.

Disini saya ingin kongsi bersama dua teknologi yang sememangnya asset orang melayu satu ketika dulu, tetapi jauh sekali untuk dihasilkan oleh umat melayu sekarang.

1) Penghasilan wang emas di Terengganu. (Sila lawat museum wang di Bank Negara). Dari segi kejuruteraan, penghasilan wang emas yang dipamerkan di musuem Wang itu, beberapa teknologi sokongan perlu dibangunkan terlebih dahulu untuk penghasilan syiling emas. Saiz Miniature memerlukan Teknologi Kanta dibangunkan, sementara ukiran yang perlu terhasil pada acuan wang pula memerlukan teknologi bahan supaya pisau pengukir boleh digunakan dengan lebih mudah. Penghasilan wang emas juga memerlukan penimbang yang mempunyai ketepatan sehingga +/- 1gram.

2) Orang melayu sebagai pembuat dan pelayar yang terlaju di Dunia. Pengikirafan sebagai pelayar yang terpanjang diberi oleh maharaja Cina sendiri apabila singgahsana pelayar Melayu di bina bersebelahan dengan Singgahsana maharaja Cina. Bukti peninggalan teknologi ini juga masih terdapat di Pulau Duyung Terengganu. Penghasilan Kapal layar yang dibuat oleh pembuat

kapal layar melayu sekarang diperakui oleh peminat kapal layar yang menyatakan ketahanan kapal layar melayu adalah sehingga 100tahun berbanding kapal layar yang terancang didunia hanya bertahan 25 tahun sahaja. Bagaimana orang melayu dulu boleh mengukur, memotong kayu chengal batu, membengkokkan cengal batu tanpa sebarang teknologi. Tanpa pengetahuan matematik dan Sains dalam bahasa Melayu sendiri adalah sukar untuk membina sebuah kapal layar yang sempurna.

Sebagai seorang Engineer yang pernah bekerja dalam industri Semi Conductor, saya dapat "Technology is build within not imported". Keraguan Tun Mahathir terhadap kemampuan orang Islam sekarang yang jauh ketinggalan dalam ilmu sains bahan dapat difahami sehingga Tun cuba menyelar dengan menyatakna orang Islam zaman nabi tak cukur sebab tiada pisau cukur. Kesangsian ini hanya betul apabila Tun cuba bandingkan orang Islam sekarang, sedangkan orang Islam di Shin An China telah menghasilkan pedang keras dan tidak berkarat pada 500 tahun lepas, sedangkan logam Cromium yang digunakan dalam pembuatan alloy besi yang kuat dan keras hanya ditemui pada perang dunia ke 2. Sekali lagi, Teknologi sebegini dibangunkan dengan kemampuan tempatan, kalau orang Melayu 700 tahun yang lepas mampu membangunkan teknologi wang Emas dan Kapal Layar yang bertaraf dunia, kenapa orang melayu sekarang tidak cukup cemerlang, terbilang untuk melopori bahan-bahan khusus terhasil dari Bumi Malaysia ini.

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By cek  on August 17, 2009 10:36 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun & Family,

100% SETUJU DENGAN PANDANGAN RA. JUST TO SHARE. ANAK SAYA DARJAH 2 MENDAPAT 'A' DI DALAM MATAPALAJARAN SAINS / MATEMATIK (BAHASA INGGERIS)BARU BARU INI SETELAH GAGAL DI DALAM PENGGAL PERTAMA.

ALHAMDULILLAH.

REASON: SAYA MEMBERIKANNYA LATIHAN INTENSIF SELAMA SEBULAN DENGAN MENYURUHNYA MEMBUAT LATIHAN MATEMATIK DAN SAINS DI DALAM BAHASA INGGERIS MENGGUNAKAN BUKU BUKU LATIHAN YANG BANYAK KEDAPATAN DI KEDAI BUKU DAN SUPERMARKET DENGAN HARGA SEBUNGKUS NASI LEMAK.

SO MY FRIEND, SOMETIMES ARGUMENT DAN PIDATO YANG BERJELA JELA MEANS NOTHING COMPARED TO RESULTS. FIKIRKANLAH SENDIRI...

Tun Please take good care of yourself and Tun Hasmah...

By Dashing  on August 17, 2009 10:31 PM

Why only Maths and science in English? Revert back to the old system. Have both Malay and English Medium of instruction. Let the parents choose where to send their children. Everyone is happy. Maths and science are difficult subjects whether taught in English or Malay the rural

Malays will still lag behind the urban Malays and urban non Malays. Environment plays a part in IQ while genetics also matters.

By ekompute  on [August 17, 2009 8:22 PM](#)

Truth be said, Bahasa Malaysia is now devoid of much literature concerning Science and Mathematics. I guess the most important thing to do is to beef up the teaching of English language in schools, i.e. to tackle the problem directly rather than via Science and Mathematics. English must be made a compulsory subject in schools since it has become the defacto international language, what with the United States being the leading economy in the world and at the forefront of information technology, never mind UK, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, amongst others. It is sad that we had a head start by virtue of being a British colony but today, when we try to speak English to Malays, they can only say, "Boleh cakap dalam bahasa Melayu? Bahasa Inggeris, I kurang fasih."

By kamal ahmad  on [August 17, 2009 8:04 PM](#)

Salam Ayahanda Tun.

Well it seems that there is no more such simple good'ol exclusivity these days' folks! Simple Swiss maths for all concern: DAP is PAP owned and PAP also happens to own Swiss Bank! And Swiss Bank owns the Banco De Swiss networks of intriguing infos! Ayahanda Tun, that's why we the average rakyat only go to BSN. Another thing, I seriously do not think that a MP who also happens to be a practicing lawyer should still be allowed to practice law (or quit the MP seat and practice law). For this kind of individual, everything - every issue has the potential to be manipulated, modulated and turned into an issue of political-weapon-mass-destruction. Almost all court room scenario tends to be misleading and almost all avenues exploited beyond what was innocently taught in Law School. The government should put a stop to this "double profession stunts" NOW!

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Tax-dodgers-scramble-to-come-apf-807606767.html?x=0&.v=9>

Tax dodgers scramble to come clean amid crackdown

Wealthy tax dodgers line up for leniency as US cracks down on secret offshore accounts

\* By Stephen Ohlemacher, Associated Press Writer

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WASHINGTON (AP) -- A deal with Switzerland settling U.S. demands for the names of suspected tax dodgers from a Swiss bank has a lot of wealthy Americans with offshore accounts nervously running to their tax advisers -- and the Internal Revenue Service.

"They are very frightened," said Richard Boggs, chief executive of Nationwide Tax Relief, a Los-Angeles-based tax firm that specializes in clients with tax debts exceeding \$100,000. "You have the super rich who are not used to being pushed around and they are finding themselves in unfamiliar territory."

The U.S. and Swiss governments announced a court settlement last week in efforts by the IRS to force Zurich-based UBS AG to turn over the names of some 52,000 Americans believed to be hiding nearly \$15 billion in assets in secret accounts.

Justice Department and UBS lawyers told a federal judge in Miami in a brief conference call Wednesday they had initialed a final deal. But they did not disclose any details, such as how many of the 52,000 names sought by the IRS will be revealed.

Even before the settlement, the high-profile case -- coupled with other U.S. efforts to go after Americans hiding undeclared assets -- has scared hundreds of tax dodgers to turn themselves in. Boggs said his firm has been taking on 100 new cases a month, a big increase over previous years.

Peter Zeidenberg, a litigation partner at the law firm DLA Piper in Washington, said he, too, is seeing more people with undeclared assets seeking information about their legal options.

His advice: "I don't think you have much of a choice but to come forward. ... I think the landscape is permanently changed."

The IRS long has had a policy that certain tax evaders who come forward before they are contacted by the agency usually can avoid jail time as long as they agree to pay back taxes, interest and hefty penalties. Drug dealers and money launderers need not apply. But if the money was earned legally, tax evaders can usually avoid criminal prosecution.

In March, the IRS began a six-month amnesty program that sweetened the offer with reduced penalties for people with undeclared assets. IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman said the response has been unprecedented.

Shulman wouldn't say how many people have applied so far. But the IRS said 400 people applied to voluntarily disclose undeclared assets in a single week in July, compared with fewer than 100 applications all last year.

The amnesty program, which ends Sept. 23, is part of a larger effort by federal authorities to crack down on international tax evaders.

"Each time someone walks through the door with a disclosure, we get more information. We get more information about other people. We get more information about other financial institutions," Shulman said. "If people have been hiding assets in the past, they should be nervous, and they should be a lot more suspect about doing it in the future."

The U.S. recently reached agreements with several countries, including Luxembourg and Switzerland, to share more tax information in the future, just as the IRS is strengthening its enforcement ranks.

President Barack Obama, in his proposed 2010 budget, asked Congress to pay for 800 additional agents, examiners and lawyers to go after people who hide money overseas. Obama also wants Congress to require overseas financial institutions doing business in the U.S. to share more information with the IRS.

Earlier this year, UBS admitted assisting U.S. citizens in evading taxes as part of a deferred prosecution agreement with the Justice Department. UBS agreed to disclose the names of about 300 American clients and pay a \$780 million penalty. The IRS subsequently filed its case

seeking the names of 52,000 additional U.S. taxpayers believed to be hiding assets in UBS accounts.

So far, four UBS customers whose names were given to U.S. authorities under the prior agreement have made deals to plead guilty to tax charges in federal court.

"The UBS case, the agreements we are signing, the legislative proposals and the enforcement efforts are all meant to send one message, which is that if you owe tax to the U.S., we are going to use every tool we have available to get that," said Michael Mundaca, acting assistant treasury secretary.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., applauded the administration's efforts, but said more can be done to catch tax evaders. Levin has introduced a bill that would direct the treasury secretary to maintain a list of nations that "impede U.S. tax enforcement" and give him authority to impose financial penalties against uncooperative countries.

Levin's initial list of 34 countries and other jurisdictions would include Switzerland, the Cayman Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Hong Kong and Panama.

"We should have put a clampdown on these tax havens a long time ago," he said in an interview.

Raymond Baker of Global Financial Integrity, a Washington-based group that advocates tougher policies against international money laundering, said he is encouraged by the administration's efforts. But he's not ready to call it a crackdown.

"As we get past the UBS case, is the momentum for continuing to go after tax evaders going to be sustained?" Baker said. "I think it's too early to tell."

It would, however, be risky for a wealthy tax dodger to wait to see if the government's stepped up efforts continue, said Boggs, the tax adviser. He said his firm usually recommends a "strategic surrender" to the IRS.

"We basically are waving a white flag and telling the IRS that we have every intention of resolving this issue in the mutual best interest of the government and our client," Boggs said.

"Historically, the best outcomes that we have been able to negotiate have always involved good faith from the taxpayer," he said. "And good faith means getting to the IRS before they get to you."

Internal Revenue Service: <http://www.irs.gov/>

Sen. Levin's legislation: <http://tinyurl.com/oatqdt>

By am98  on August 17, 2009 7:57 PM

Salam Tun,

Sememangnya perkara ini amat sukar untuk di hadapi. Baik orang Melayu mahupun bukan. Saya sememangnya sejak dari awal lagi tidak setuju dengan keputusan yang telah dibuat oleh Kerajaan mengenai perkara ini. Namun demikian keputusan telahpun dibuat dan dihebahkan sungguhpun pelbagai keluhan, kritikan dan protes telah diterima dari rakyat jelata.

Suatu perkara yang saya amati setelah keputusan itu dibuat ialah Kerajaan kini begitu sibuk membuat perancangan memperkasakan bahasa Inggeris serta ada ura2 untuk mengambil guru dari luar untuk mengajar bahasa Inggeris di sekolah2. Jika perkara ini benar, maka ianya amatlah bercanggah dengan apa yang di perjuangkan sebelum ini supaya Bahasa Melayu diperkasakan.

Persoalannya apakah dengan menukar pembelajaran Sains dan Matematik (yang mempunyai banyak perkataan bahasa Inggeris di "Melayukan") dalam bahasa Malaysia boleh memperkasakan Bahasa Melayu sebagaimana yang diperjuangkan?


Dan apakah program2 yang dirancang untuk memperkasakan Bahasa Melayu sedangkan golongan pemikir kini memberi penekanan terhadap memperkasa Bahasa Inggeris?

Secara tidak langsung, Bahasa Melayu yang sepatutnya diperkasakan kini telah dipinggirkan ekoran tekanan yang amat hebat dari pihak2 tertentu yang mahukan Bahasa Inggeris diperkasakan sebagai ganti ekoran keputusan untuk menukar pembelajaran Sains dan Matematik (Ilmu Hisab) kepada Bahasa Malaysia. Dimana pula boleh dicari guru2 Bahasa Melayu jika bukannya datang dari "Tanah Melayu". Seharusnya negara ini boleh menawarkan khidmat ini untuk negara2 luar yang mahu mempelajari Bahasa Melayu.

Sekiranya tiada program yang teratur dibuat didalam pembelajaran Bahasa Melayu, kemungkinan suatu hari nanti, anak2 Malaysia tidak lagi tahu membezakan yang mana sajak, syair, pantun, puisi dan lain2 bahan bacaan Melayu .

Pastinya dasar Kerajaan terhadap perkara ini akan memberi kesan terhadap masa depan rakyat Malaysia dan ianya akan juga menjadi suatu topik politik bagi PRU 13 akan dtg. Walaubagaimanapun bangsa Melayu harus membuat keputusan yang bijak mengenai perkara ini. Suatu keputusan perlulah dilihat kepada keseluruhan dan bukannya hanya satu perkara sahaja.

Bak kata pepatah "Jangan disebabkan seekor nyamuk habis kelambu dibakar".

By hajime  on [August 17, 2009 7:48 PM](#)

wah, dah makin ramai yang komen..  
ada pro n kontra..

ada x blogger yg minat nk wat kajian ppsmi??  
tentang keberkesanannya??  
pro n kontra??..  
apa prkra positif dan negatif yg jd??

cuba minta data dgn lembaga peperiksaan atau majlis peperiksaan..  
cuba wat analisa...tiap2 tahun..  
anda akan tahu bagaimana..  
betapa merosotnya pencapaian pelajar malaysia dlm setiap peperiksaan awam setiap tahun..

makin merosot....  
tak caye? cuba tgk data..

By anita seman  on [August 17, 2009 7:15 PM](#)

Malay People,

Please wake up!!!  
Please stop dreaming!!!  
Please work harder, work more, work smartly!!!  
Please think you are great by doing great things!!!  
Please study more, save more, stop spending beyond your means!!!  
Please stop blaming others, stop giving excuses, stop complaining!!!  
Please read more, think more, travel more

Please, we are so much behind  
We don't have anything to brag about being a Malay!!!  
Please CHANGE the stereotype others thrown to MALAY!!!

By kamal ahmad  on [August 17, 2009 6:06 PM](#)

Tun maaf terlambat kirim komen kami ini. Sebabkan kami turun agihkan disposable mask pada murid-murid kurang kemampuan (warga korporat tolong bantu). Tunggu kelibat Ketua Pemuda yang kami ajak sekali pun tak nampak batang hidung juga. Saya ucapkan terima kasih pada kerajaan sebab bersikap pro-aktif meletakkan topeng mulut dalam bidang kuasa harga-kawalan. Satu lagi benda yang nak dicadangkan, mini 50ml antiseptic gel. Harga sewenang-wenang dinaikkan dari RM3.20 ke RM6.50 dalam masa 2 minggu ini.

Ayahanda Tun, kebuntuan PPSMI sememangnya adalah kenyataan di kawasan luar bandar terutamanya di Sabah dan Sarawak. Saya dapati mereka serba kekurangan banyak bahan rujukan dan kemudahan asas untuk pembelajaran. Namun asal-usul kegagalan PPSMI bermula daripada sikap acuh-tak acuh PM ke 5. Pada masa pentadbiran beliau (melalui pengaruh agenda budak-budak tingkat 4) lebih banyak penekanan telah diberikan untuk suatu konsep pendidikan baru yang akhirnya telah diilhamkan oleh mantan konco-konco PM ke 5 sebagai "Blueprint Pendidikan Kebangsaan Baru 2006-2010". Objektif halus: meminggirkan dan menamatkan PPSMI!

Dari tahun 2004 lagi pelbagai desakan telah dikorek dan ditimbulkan oleh konco-konco mereka untuk hala tuju ini dan akhirnya memuncak pada awal 2005. Pelan induk untuk merubah semua konsep pendidikan yang akhirnya hanya tercatat sebagai angan-angan Mat Jenin. Seminggu kami buat kajian blue-print ini di Semenanjung. Stake holder itu dan ini (mana kelibat para "stake holder" korporat masa wabak ini nak bagi mask percuma? - lu capak kosong saja lah!), apa satu pun tak konklusif! Tapi ini BUKAN salah Tan Sri Musa (USM) atau Datuk Hisham, mereka terpaksa buat Blue Print baru ini untuk MENYAMBUT 100 HARI PENTADBIRAN ABDULLAH SEBAGAI PM DAN UNTUK BUNGA-BUNGAAN DAN WANGI-WANGIAN BAGI PELAN PENDIDIKAN RMK-9.

PPSMI besar kemungkinan telah diletakkan sebagai "KEGAGALAN" oleh PM ke 5 daripada mula lagi; "MARKED FOR FAILURE". Ini adalah untuk dijadikan senjata menghalang segala kemaraan Datuk Mukhriz didalam politik UMNO dan negara. Modus Operandi isu PROTON/CAGIVA boleh dibuat rujukan untuk kerangka pelan tersebut. Buat seketika saya juga termakan dengan ideologi ini dan bergiat dengan tekun untuk menyekat kemaraan Datuk Mukhriz. Semua isu adalah berpotensi dijadikan senjata! TAPI SAYA TAK SETUJU APABILA KANAK-KANAK SEKOLAH JADI BAHAN CATURAN!

Dari awal lagi saya dah tahu ini semua. Dan saya telah berusaha duduk tunggu 3 jam diluar pejabat Datuk Seri Abdul Aziz Shamsuddin (Timbalan Menteri Pendidikan) di Pusat Bandar Damansara pada tahun 2004 untuk berbual dengan beliau tentang semua ini! Tapi masa tu Pegawai Khas beliau Encik Ismail kata Datuk tak ada, kemudian ada tapi sibuk pulak (selepas terbotol bila drebar Datuk Aziz naik). 3 Jam saya tunggu diluar pejabat beliau pada hari Sabtu sampai pukul 3 petang dengan wakil-wakil pendidik/PIBG, dan DAP (saya jelas sekali bahawa DAP dari awal lagi mencari "apa jua peluru" dalam skop kelemahan polisi pendidikan negara). Saya tahu Datuk Timbalan Menteri tak ada pintu lain lagi nak keluar kecuali pintu depan. Namun tak dapat berjumpa sebab masa itu Tun, semua orang UMNO SANGAT TAKUT TERGINCIT-GINCIT kepada Pak Lah dan budak-budak tingkat 4 beliau! Bukan nama tingkat 4 saja, ada lagi nama-nama individu "close circle" untuk pick-up & delivery mereka Tun.

Bagi yang tak hairan pula dengan ego baru mereka ini, bagi yang ada berpendirian semua kena TENDANG! Kemudiannya Blue Print baru Pendidikan bermula bersama dengan fiskal bajet RMK-9. Itulah gambaran sekitar masa itu Tun. SEMUA ORANG dah jual perjuangan Tun untuk nak hidup dalam bayang Pak Lah dan budak-budak tingkat 4 beliau. Semua orang ada agenda "mashuk sendiri" poket masing-masing. Sudah semua tunduk akur pada bos baru mereka. Tak mengendahkan lagi suara rakyat dan akar umbi masing-masing!

PPSMI ini memang wajar (tetapi banyak kelemahannya juga – tetapi wajar). Penyatuan semua pelajar didalam satu bahasa dan langkah pertama kearah sebuah sistem pembelajaran sahaja. Namun Pak Lah tak nampak semua ini. Beliau tak nampak apa-apa pun! Saya sangat marah dan geram dengan ucapan beliau semasa pembatalan PPSMI oleh kerajaan baru-baru ini, Pak Lah berkata PPSMI sememangnya telah gagal dari awal lagi. Itu adalah segala ungkapan penyokong untuk apa yang saya tulis diatas.

Semasa Pak Lah jadi PM segala polisi Tun telah cuba diubah hala oleh budak-budak tingkat 4 beliau. Mereka ingat Malaysia dan UMNO hak mereka! mereka ingat tetap akan disokong rakyat walau apa sekali sikap beruk dan biawak yang mereka paparkan kepada rakyat! PRU12 menyaksikan semua ini terbukti juga!

Hari ini polisi PPSMI ini telah pun termaktub sebagai kegagalan. Kegagalan siapa? Tun punya kah? Tak mungkin bercirikan itu. Siapa punya kegagalan? Tentulah milik yang mengistiharkannya! Dan kegagalannya hari ini juga sekali lagi telah dipolitikan oleh budak-budak Pak Lah dan konco-konco mereka. Mereka mengambil posisi serang dari sudut "sasterawan" pula sebagai posisi serangan mereka keatas PPSMI pada hari-hari terakhir PPSMI untuk menyekat kemaraan Mukhriz kedalam heraki Pemuda UMNO. Adakah mereka telah berjaya? Mungkin hanya 50% saja nilai kejayaan mereka akibat hentaman bloggers. Selebihnya akan dikudakan diarena "perpaduan PAS/UMNO".

Apa yang tersurat pasti ada juga yang tersiratnya dalam jejak langkah halus Melayu kita.

Sekarang ini PPSMI salah siapa sebenarnya? Saya mungkin faham perasaan Tun. Saya merayu supaya kerajaan mengenal pasti punca kegagalan dan menyatakannya. Sebab kegagalan PPSMI bukan milik Tun Dr M, bukan milik walau seorang pun warga pendidik, bukan milik mana-mana anak-anak sekolah, bukan milik kerajaan.

Ianya adalah kegagalan kerana percaturan yang bermotifkan politik dari awal lagi, mentaliti dan strategi politik "at any cost". Kegagalan mesti diambil oleh pengasas dan pemiliknya semula. Selama 5 tahun UMNO dan Melayu telah gagal. Dari awal lagi saya katakan kegagalan seperti juga kejayaan mesti ada bertuannya. Tuannya mesti kutip semula sisa-sisa kegagalan ini dan ambil pergi bersamanya. Jangan tinggal semua kegagalan terawang-awang terumbang-ambing sana sini. Itu sikap yang buruk dalam peribadi individu dan sikap yang teramat bodoh dalam keperibadian sesebuah parti politik.

Saya yakin kerajaan akan mampu membuat anjakan pada "approach" baru PPSMI ini Tun. Lagipun, nampaknya mereka telah berjaya membeli masa sampai ke 2012. Dalam jangka masa ini mereka pastinya akan membuat "adjustment" sana sini. Tengok saja "slang BBC" dalam ucapan Bahasa Inggeris DSN, adakah Tun boleh percaya yang BI tak penting dalam kerangka minda beliau? Saya yakin mereka akan buat perubahan untuk memartabatkan pengajaran BI di Malaysia ini. Berilah mereka ini ikhsan sedikit ruang Tun.

Saya juga mengucapkan simpati dan takziah kepada individu yang telah membuat komen terdesak disini sehingga kami dapat melihat lelehan peluh kerajaan tercabar dengan isu PPSMI ini. Nilai anda akan terhakis walaupun tanpa raut muka disini. Laman ini bukan untuk menaikkan mana-mana pemimpin, bukan untuk anda tumpang masuk terajang sana-sini apabila keadaan boleh anda eksploitasikan supaya pemimpin anda boleh naik cepat. Bukan untuk anda masuk serang sana sini bila pemimpin harapan anda tercabar. Jangan berpolitik murahan sebegitu. Ini penyakit minda yang gelap serta korup! Siapalah Tun nak mengugut kerajaan pula? Tun hanya seorang warga emas pesara kerajaan. Kalau beliau tunjuk Kad Pesara, beliau naik KTM dapat diskaun 55% dan seperti juga blog ini hanya untuk kami semua bertukar fikiran berkongsi minda dan adakalanya sedikit emosi dan perasaan sahaja. Teruk benar nampaknya kegoyahan anda semua kini! Lupakan kemampuan Tun menggugat anda, sebab Tun banyak kerja lain lagi nak buat! Lagipun kiri-kanan isu PPSMI ini, anda dah kena telan dengan pembangkang (terutamanya DAP) anda tak perlukan Tun.

Isu pembatalan PPSMI mampu ditangani oleh kerajaan, lagipun jelas kelihatan bahawa mereka telah berjaya membeli tempoh masa untuk serba sedikit proses "penambah baik dan pemantapan". Produk akhirnya mungkin juga lagi akan bukan berjenama PPSMI, tapi ianya akan tetap mempunyai nilai seperti apa yang telah Tun ilhamkan. Demi anak bangsa, dan masa depan negara, kita berkorban apa saja termampu di jiwa dan ikhlas di hati. Saya merayu pada Tun, jangan biarkan ada mereka yang akan masuk sekali lagi untuk mempolitikkan keadaan ini. Semua mereka ini Tun telah sedia maklum siapa. Agenda gila kuasa "PM Termuda" ini tak akan berkesudahan. Dari sekarang ke 2012, kita tengok macam mana kerajaan akan buat "soft approach". Berilah mereka ruang dan peluang Ayahanda Tun.

Perbezaan diantara Tun dengan mereka pentadbir kerajaan hari ini adalah: Tun telah lebih 6 tahun keluar dari kelompok elit pemerintah negara, kelompok pembuat polisi, kelompok dewa-dewa Putra Jaya. Dan Tun telah lebih arif lagi pengalaman sekarang ini apabila Tun melihat dari luar kedalam pula kini. Dan pandangan dari posisi ini para pentadbir kerajaan kita hari ini mesti belajar "tengok" walaupun mereka masih lagi didalam kerajaan. Itu terbaik untuk mereka.

Masalah hari ini ialah kegagalan yang hidup lagi tanpa bertuan. Macam pelesit tanpa tuan. Dan ini bukanlah kegagalan kita. Ambil semula kegagalan dan bawa pergi bersama. Baru layak anda dihormati semula. Tun, saya tak tahu apa "angle" tak puas hati Tun dalam isu PPSMI ini. Tapi

bagi saya adalah sebab PPSMI telah diletak sebagai kegagalan daripada mulanya lagi. Sesuatu yang tidak sepatutnya menjadi mangsa percaturan politik muda.

Saya boleh terima kegagalan. Orang gila saja yang tak akan gagal. Saya pelajari daripada kegagalan kelmarin. Tetapi saya tak boleh terima kegagalan yang sengaja diadakan untuk apa jua batuan percaturan mana-mana individu pun! Hari ini saya tanya KPM: PPSMI dah gagal – kita terima, “Blue Print 2006-2010 RMK9 Badawi 100 Hari” (satu perkataan sahaja) pula macam mana? Diam saja? Gagal/Berjaya? Jadi apa yang semua Menteri KPM buat selama 2003-2009 ini? Nampak tak kerenah kegagalan tanpa bertuan ini? Sebab tu saya kata dan saya ulangi, tuannya silalah tampil dan ambil kegagalan anda semula!

Terima kasih Tun.

By [speedbird](#) on [August 17, 2009 5:22 PM](#)

COMBAT CRIME

Politician usually say that Malaysia is a safe haven. They say this because they could afford top notch security system or being provided with police protection.

Recently, Datuk Nur Jazlan's wife was mugged by robbers near his house, therefore finally he felt what millions of other Malaysians fear everyday. Welcome to our world!!

Here are a few suggestions on how to combat crime if you could bring it up to the cabinet:

1- Use the military to help combat crime. We are at peace now, utilise the military for good sake of the country. Singapore uses them to patrol airports etc. This could be part of their training to be vigilant as well.

Amend the law, give them the power to arrest or set up a special team to help the police. We have hundreds thousands of them!! idle

2- Set a counter measure force to combat corruption. Like the military police, now increase the number of internal affairs

3- Reduce temptation of bribery. Ban road blocks etc. Like in the UAE where I live, police don't hold road blocks. Cars speeding etc will be captured on camera. They can't renew their roadtax/car registration until they pay up the fine.

4) Abolish the current national service (PLKN) Turn all the boys after the age of 17 for a year or two into Reserve police to help the police in patrolling and civil defence to help in emergencies etc.


5) be harsh to robbers etc, like during Tun Mahathir/Tun Haniff Omar days where robbers are shot to death most of the time.

6) Be harsh on illegals immigrants. Catch them and send them back. Use all the forces to safeguard our coast. Use weapons if necessary.

7) issue permits to individual taxi drivers, not company. Those days there were no problem with taxi drivers when they hold on to their own permits.

MAKE OUR COUNTRY SAFE FOR OUR FAMILY, CHILDREN.

Tourists are talking now about the safety of our country. It is becoming like nigeria, south africa and more dangerous than indonesia


By ezani  on August 17, 2009 5:19 PM

Dear Tun Dr Mahathir


URGENT

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I would like to urge you to urgently appeal to the Govt to perhaps cancel any national day celebration whether it comes in the form of perhimpunan or concert. I note that the Govt has already wisely cancelled the parade but there will still be a lot of Malaysian public gathering for the official celebration and any silly concerts at night. Please...please...if the Govt is caring, please ask them to tell the people to stay at home. This is the best 'National Day' we can have from a genuinely caring Govt otherwise the celebrations this upcoming 31 August could lead to a spike in the current death rate. So instead of celebrating patriotically, we are causing people to die. I hope Tun can do something, many thanks!

By kuuleem  on August 17, 2009 5:08 PM

apa kata kita ajaq bahasa inggeris dalam bahasa melayu????  
tentu usman awang gembira tak terkata kata lagi hendaknya

By RASID  on August 17, 2009 5:07 PM

Dear Tun,


1) This is rather out-of topic but then, I really need to relay this to you (though you may have been made aware of).

2) The BN candidate for Permatang Pasir Rohaizat Othman was struck off the roll (meaning, he is disqualified and barred from practising as an advocate & solicitor) in July 2008. Rule of the thumb- he must have done something WRONG professionally, something very grave in nature- that must be the finding of the disciplinary committee:

[http://www.malaysianbar.org.my/disciplinary\\_orders/disciplinary\\_orders\\_january\\_march\\_2008.html](http://www.malaysianbar.org.my/disciplinary_orders/disciplinary_orders_january_march_2008.html)

3) Now, why is BN committing this suicide? It is a sure loss again!

4) I honestly feel that whoever recommended him as a candidate must be punished severely. It is a suicide Tun, my Goodness!

By Pembela  on August 17, 2009 4:51 PM

Assalammualaikum Tok Det,

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By OrgJohor  on August 17, 2009 4:49 PM

Salam,

Pada hemat patik bukan masalah PEMBANGKANG bring out benda ni atau tidak,saya bercakap berdasarkan diri sendiri.

Kalau kita ada anak dlm lingkungan umur PPSMI ni berlangsung dan anaknya pulak tak boleh nak "catch up" barula faham masalah ni.Jangan la bercerita tentang zaman kita ambik MCE dulu.Some email above also got pro and contra about this,not all kids born to be clever.Put yourself into someone shoe's,do look back,don't keep running without notice what we are missing.

By Alhaj  on August 17, 2009 3:39 PM

Assalamu 'alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh!


Sungguh keadaan kita orang Melayu hari ini mengecewakan. Mudah-mudahan Allah tidak mempertembungkan kita sesama bangsa kita kepada kehancuran.

Saya fikir semua Sains dan Matematik yang dilulus kerjaan dalam Bahasa Malaysia, rupanya tidak tetapi ikut kehendak masing-masing juga: Melayu dengan Melayunya, Cina dengan Cinanya dan Tamil dengan Tamilnya. Betul, kalau tiada bahasa yang satu , mana integrasi?

Semoga Allah memberi hidayah dan taufik kepada kepemimpinan Melayu yang ada, kerajaan atau pembangkang.

Sekian.

Alhaj

By ismall  on August 17, 2009 3:38 PM

Salam Tun,

Benar kata Tun, saya tidak akan undi Barisan untuk pilihan raya akan datang kalau "Ang Pau" macam ini yang Barisan bagi kepada rakyat. Tindakan Barisan ini secara tidak langsung akan menghancurkan generasi anak-anak melayu akan datang, termasuk anak cucuk saya.

Sudah tentu generasi sakarang akan dimaki dan dihina oleh anak bangsa dan cucu cicit akan datang.

Sebelum Barisan hancurkan anak bangsaku, lebih baik aku hancurkan Barisan dalam pilihan raya akan datang.

Biar sama-sama karam.

Baru puas hati.

Maaf kan saya Tun, saya terlalu emosi...

By Ahmad Syafiq  on August 17, 2009 3:38 PM

Salam tun,

Politics is such to gain support politicians will do anything. I think Tun should know this better that anyone else. Look at the voters population and create reasons for them to vote. Its a known fact that BN needs votes badly thanks to Pak Lah and KJ for the total screw up. Now we go back to the majority of the voters the kampong voters outbeat the city folks in numbers in order to please these voters decisions have to be made even it comes to tarnishing the future of the country. Power struggle means sacrificing peoples interest and needs. Politicians care less as long as it keeps them in power why should they bother about nation building and improving the lifes of the people.

Instead of looking at to improving the system by training teachers to be qualified enough ot teach in schools in the Kampongs our great leaders have simply decided to find the simple way out which is the popular Malaysia Boleh way. Forget about the whole thing and lets be popular.


Bravo Malaysia.

By mgpunya  on August 17, 2009 3:21 PM

YABhg Tun,

After everything else had been said and done....

I supposed we've just have to wait for the next General Election to know how the " rakyat " feels about all this....

By Alsagoff  on [August 17, 2009 2:10 PM](#)

Berapakah populasi berbanding dengan populasi dunia : Lebih Kurang 0.25% kalau tidak silap saya. Berapakah populasi rakyat China atau bangsa Cina atau Rakyat India atau bangsa India atau rakyat Russia berbanding populasi dunia dan kenapa rakyat China, India atau Russia tidak menjadikan bahasa mereka sebagai bahasa international atau bahasa teknologi walaupun mereka lebih maju berbanding kita. Kenapa kita menjadikan Bahasa Inggeris sebagai bahasa International. Saya rasa semua orang tahu kenapa. So tidak payahlah kita perjelaskan lagi di sini. Adakah kita mahu Bangsa Malaysia menjadi seperti rakyat Indonesia atau Thailand, di mana apabila mereka ingin melanjutkan pelajaran ke luar negara mereka terpaksa belajar bahasa Inggeris ini tidak termasuk betapa ketinggalannya mereka di dalam bidang sains dan matematik kerana mereka tidak mahir bahasa teknologi walaupun mereka mempunyai rakyat yang jauh lebih ramai daripada kita atau betapa ketinggalannya kita berbanding rakyat Singapura walaupun bilangan mereka begitu sedikit berbanding kita. Fikirkan kenapa rakyat Singapura yang majoriti berbangsa Cina tidak berhijrah ke Malaysia kerana mereka tidak dapat mendalami bidang akademik di dalam bahasa ibunda mereka? Lu fikirila sendiri.

Bagi pihak yang menentang PPSMI, golongan pencen dan orang politik terutamanya DSAI, anak mereka semuanya berpendidikan berteraskan Inggeris. Kenapa anak-anak DSAI tidak mahu menjadi bidang sastera Melayu sebagai latar belakang akademik mereka. Kerajaan sekarang sudah memasuki perangkap Parti Pembangkang kerana yang pasti bila sampai masa PRU akan datang Be End akan hilang undi lagi kerana yang pasti kami semua tidak akan turun mengundi untuk mana-mana parti politik. Kami protes!!!!!!!!!!!!!! demi masa depan anak-anak kami

By gen05  on [August 17, 2009 1:34 PM](#)

Dear Tun, you have hit the jackpot again! Frankly speaking, i don't see the future Tun has envisioned for Malaysia, especially under the ruling of reasoning-deficient government. All these excuses are so funny, such that Malaysia are indeed Boleh.

We scrapped English in S&M just because some people cannot perform well in the subject. Then we should also scrap English itself because a lot of people cannot perform at all in the subject. And we should most certainly stop promoting SME because most people really cannot do business at all. Therefore, since we cannot effectively and efficiently rule ourselves, we should invite China over to colonize Malaysia and make us part of the Greater China. Or maybe we should become part of Indonesia Raya.

Vision 2020? Say goodbye to it. We should change the government before it is too late. PRU13 will be a good platform.

By izyz  on [August 17, 2009 1:15 PM](#)

There was a time when English was the only language used in school. They didn't have internet, handphones or computers back then.

Chances of you having to communicate with the outside world is remote. English then was perhaps not half as important as it is now, in our borderless world of internet and travels.

My late father was a budak kampung. To be precise, Kampung Jemapoh in Kuala Pilah. He took his bath at the perigi, had his food cooked using kayu api, and studied under the lights of kerosene oil.

He took his LCE in Form 3 and MCE in Form 5, in English I might add.

For a kampung boy, his English was impeccable. He was always lamenting the state of my English when I was in school (in the 70s and 80s). He took it upon himself to improve my English, as he felt that the school's curriculum wasn't enough.

If my late kampung father (and those in his time) boleh, I don't see why our kampung boys and girls now tak boleh.

I care for their future.

Berakit-rakit dulu, berenang-renang kemudian.  
Bersusah-susah dahulu, bersenang-senang kemudian.

Sincerely yours,  
Zaini Mazlan  
izyz@streamyx.com

By [the two](#) on August 17, 2009 12:51 PM

1. Apa guna cakap banyak banyak setelah sudah berundur??
2. Ada masa baik tangkap ikan sahaja di belakang rumah.
3. Tak maju Malaysia kerana banyak yang sanggup hidup di dalam tempurung.
4. Itu yang dikatakan "syoik sendiri"!

By [azlanisa](#) on August 17, 2009 12:20 PM

Salam Tun Dr,

My school days, my late father placed me in a town school in Ipoh which consist of mixed culture and races and I honestly missed that very much. During the primary school days, I mixed with all races and how do I learn english was that whenever I spoke to my friends eventhough in BM, they'll speak back to me in English..so..as time goes by..I'll managed to master English..but somehow after entering University..the culture in which I used to enjoy dissappear because of majority are the malays.

My kids today is suffering as they are unable to master English..not because that they are not good..but the teachers themselves are not equipped. Teachers cannot differentiate between bath and bathe...and you expect them to teach English..what more Science and Maths in english.

Not to say that English is not important, but I wonder why is that French, Germans, Japanese, can still succeed and even become the best automotive engineering producers in the world, eventhough they speak and I suppose learned in their mother language. Students from Malaysia to these countries need to learn their languages, not English..there must be reason.

Mungkin Tun Dr tahu lebih tentang perkara diatas and have some insights why is that?

Selamat Menyambut Ramadhan Mubaraq

By [kamarul](#) on August 17, 2009 12:17 PM

Tun,

Guru Besar kat sekolah anak saya tak buat report to Kementerian Pelajaran and Kementerian Kesihatan walaupun dah banyak case H1N1 dah dikesan kat sekolah tu. Ini macam punya Guru Besar pun ada?

Visitors,

Should I report this to MoH or MoE myself? Any idea on how should I bring this issue forward? Newspaper?

Thanks.

By JEBAT KAMPUNG on August 17, 2009 12:16 PM

SALAM BUAT TUN YANG DIHORMATI,

SEKALI LAGI SAYA INGIN MENEKANKAN BAHAWA, BAHASA INGGERIS ADALAH AMAT PENTING UNTUK DIPELAJARI KERANA IA ADALAH BAHASA DUNIA, NAMUN KITA HARUS MEMANDANGNGA DARI SUDUT POSITIF DIMANA PERMASALAHAN UTAMANYA ADALAH KELEMAHAN MEMPELAJARI ATAU MENGUASAI BAHASA INGGERIS JADI SECARA LOGIKNYA PENYELESAIAN NYA ADALAH DENGAN MEMPERKASAKAN LAGI BAHASA INGGERIS ATAU DENGAN KATA LAIN Mencari jalan atau kaedah yang paling mudah untuk mempelajari bahasa Inggeris dan bukannya menyusahkan lagi dengan menambah pelajaran sains didalam bahasa Inggeris.

SEKALI LAGI SAYA MENEKAN KAN DISINI, BAHAWA PELAJAR DILUAR BANDAR AMAT LEMAH DIDALAM PELAJARAN BAHASA INGGERIS IA AMAT BERBEZA DENGAN PELAJAR DIBANDAR KERANA MEREKA TERDEDIAH DENGAN PENGGUNAAN BAHASA INGGERIS, DAN KALAU TAK PANDAI BOLEH PERGI AMBIL TUISYEN.

BERBANDING ORANG KAMPUNG DAHLAH JARANG MENGGUNAKAN BAHASA INGGERIS, DUIT PUN TAKDE NAK MENGHANTAR ANAK PERGI TUISYEN, CIKGU PUN TAK BERAPA BERSEDIA UNTUK MENGAJAR DALAM BAHASA INGGERI, SUDAHNYA PELAJAR LUAR BANDAR BERTAMBAH MUNDUR BERBANDING PELAJAR DI BANDAR.

INI ADALAH BENAR DAN JANGAN LAH TUN CUBA UNTUK MENAFIKAN.... SAYA AMAT TIDAK BERSETUJU DENGAN PANDANGAN TUN. SEKIAN, WASALAM.

By JB\_FROM on August 17, 2009 12:13 PM

Tun,

When the government reverse its decision on teaching of English for Math and Science, suddenly there is an jump in the numbers of programmed in English in RTM and TV3. (in the beginning, I think things go back usual now).

One of the program (RTM/TV3), I think Saiful Apek ask a kid what is the meaning of "Eat like a horse". So the kid answer in Malay "Makan macam kuda".

Saiful then corrected him and says that "Eat like a horse" means "gelojoh" in Malay.

Well Saiful do not really know what "Eat like a horse" means and I am sure he does not know about horses as well.

The correct meaning is "Eating in large quantities or a lot".

I guess it is a problem when the government want to implement the program of teaching certain subject in English, the intention is good but there is a shortage of teachers who are proficient enough in the language to ensure the program is successful.

By selva  on August 17, 2009 11:11 AM

It cannot be denied that the English language plays an important role in the field of science and technology and we should master the language to attain success in nation building.

The Government should be firm with its policies that would be beneficial for the country.

Before the implementation of a policy, the Government should do a thorough study on the pros and cons of the policy that would affect the society and the nation.

As I can remember, we had a sound education system when the medium of instruction was in English. Although the vernacular schools presence could not be abolished due to our multiracial society, the maintenance of English school system should have been maintained.

When English language was used for public school exams, students command of the language were of equal standing irrespective of ethnic differences. All the students sat for the common exam and nobody complained.

Malaysia had the upper edge when we inherited the administration and education system left behind by the British.

Instead of cashing on the advantages and moving forward, our politicians, in the name of Nationalism, decided to do away with the use of English language as medium of instruction in the institution of higher learning.

Unlike Singapore, we took a step backwards when this policy was implemented and we could see the glaring disparity of development compared to our immediate neighbour.

All is not lost and we can concentrate on the development of the language without foregoing the importance of Bahasa Malaysia.

Our leaders should be bold to highlight the importance of English language to the kampong folks.

Much money has been spent on the revival of the English language and due to pressure and incompetency, the leaders decided to take a shortcut to their political mileage by disbanding the language.


Not much thoughts were given by Muhiddin. A good leader would not bow to pressure and should have an open mind with the nation at heart before making important decisions like this.

We may unashamedly follow Singapore's syllabus in the education system if the need be.


As a multiracial society, the Government should give importance to the main races and draft a policy that would not alienate the development of their respective languages.

We may do away with the vernacular schools in time to come provided the Government is sincere in the preservation of these languages.

Whether we like it or not, Malaysia's multiracial society is here to stay and efforts should be made to the various ethnic groups on the importance of the English language.

By arnie  on [August 17, 2009 11:06 AM](#)

Dear Tun, I like you a lot and appreciate what you do. But I think your voices have become noises to BN leaders. So why talk so much, just don't vote BN in the next election. Doesn't matter if we have a weak opposition, but at least they listen to the people's voice.

By abu talib  on [August 17, 2009 10:43 AM](#)

buah cempedak di luar pagar

1. Masalah yang timbul dari pelaksanaan PPSMI (atau ketidaksihatannya) sepatutnya mengajak kita memikirkan soal "apa yang perlu kita buat?" sekarang, memandangkan orang politik dan pegawai Kementerian mana mungkin faham masalah di lapangan. Kurikulum dan buku teks sebenarnya bukan masalah dalam pengajaran bahasa tetapi terdapat perbezaan ketara antara apa yang patut di ajar (iaitu yang sudah ditetapkan oleh silibus yang mana outcome atau keberhasilan hanya akan dicapai sekiranya diajar mengikut sebagaimana yang disusun dalam buku teks) dengan apa yang diajari - the taught curriculum- secara rambang menggunakan buku model peperiksaan, yang mengasah murid hafal dan terjemah senarai corpus (sekitar 500 perkataan peringkat BI bagi UPSR?). Jadi taught curriculum semacam buffet. Boleh pilih nak mulakan dengan pembasuh mulut dahulu, appetiser di tengah, dan main course terakhir sekali misalnya, tanpa mengikut kaedah asas bahasa yang memerlukan aktiviti latihan berterusan bagi ketrampilan dalam kemahiran listening, reading, writing dan speaking. Bukannya dijurus kepada mute testing demi mute testing setiap bulan seperti sekarang ini. Kalau ini tidak dirungkaikan, kita boleh lupakan sahaja ide yang dilontar bagi mewajibkan lulus Bahasa Inggeris dalam SPM. Ini bukan sahaja membuahkan ribut baru nanti tetapi totally unnecessary kerana realitinya ramai yang lulus pun, dan ramai yang memiliki dysfunctional English.

2. Sementara semua pemikir mencari jalan keluar dari kekalutan dasar PPSMI, apa kata kita lihat isu ini dari kontek keperluan sebenar pelajar, dan bukan semata-mata tertumpu pada menentukan mereka dapat lepas atau lulus sistem peperiksaan sahaja. Hari ini isu Bahasa Inggeris dan kedudukannya dalam sistem pendidikan negara dilihat oleh masing-masing yang mempunyai pendapat dari beberapa perspektif berbeza, seperti cerita 8 orang buta yang cuba menyatakan perihal rupa gajah. Malah ada ide dangkal mungkin kita tak perlu ajar grammar tetapi communicative English. Ini yang sedihnya apabila Menteri merujuk kepada yang bukan ahlinya. Kita nanti bakal menjadi pakar pidgin English. Whether it is nangka, Artocarpus polyphema or jackfruit, we are barking at the wrong trees !!!

3. Pelajar yang tidak sempat menguasai Bahasa Inggeris tidak dapat menikmati keseronokan dari proses pembelajaran Matematik dan Sains dalam Bahasa Inggeris kerana kegiatan berfikir tertumpu kepada percubaan meneka maksud perkataan, sebagaimana proses sama berlaku semasa mereka belajar Bahasa Inggeris. Periksalah mana-mana blog guru dan kita dapat dengar keluhan bagaimana mereka dapat rasakan mengajar kedua subjek itu tidak lagi menyeronokkan.

4. Kalau dahulu pelajar dapat berbincang sesama mereka selepas kelas sains, misalnya mengenai satu topik sains yang menarik, tetapi kini aktiviti itu terhad kepada proses nak tahu makna atau macam mana nak eja misalnya. Apabila mereka pulang ke rumah tiada lagi peluang bertanyakan ibubapa atau abang kakak mengenai isi misalnya. Dasar PPSMI sebenarnya bertentangan dengan logik kaedah pendidikan, dan paradoksnya ialah dalam pelaksanaan yang rugi pelajar Melayu - ilmu sains tak dapat faham sebab diajar dalam Bahasa Inggeris oleh guru yang mengajar ala

'Bahasa Inggeris' itu dalam Bahasa Melayu sekadar melepaskan batuk di tangga. Akhirnya murid yang dahulunya minat belajar sains melalui 'instant understanding' kini menjadi bisu dalam kelas. Dasar yang digubal merupakan satu kesilapan paling besar kerana tidak menjurus kepada persoalan sebenar. Paling sedih lagi soal kelemahan ramai pelajar dalam Bahasa Melayu (dysfunctional BM, kecuali kalau yang dapat digunakan pun ikut dialek tempatan) diabaikan. Bagaimana pelajar boleh kuasai bahasa kedua jika dalam bahasa pertama mereka lemah? Dengar khabar ada National Brains Trust on Education tetapi mana brain-nya?

5. Oleh itu para guru perlu mengambil inisiatif untuk perbetul atau "fine-tune" dasar PPSMI supaya pelajar tidak rugi, dan inisiatif ini perlu diambil tanpa menunggu imbuhan atau baucer. Kenapa di sekolah Cina ada perbezaan pelaksanaan dasar ini? Tentu sekali kerana mereka mengambil langkah 'damage control' dalam menangani dasar pelik ini. Guru sekolah kebangsaan lepas tangan atau total oblivion?

6. Petikan dari tulisan chedet (sedutan di bawah, bertajuk "Orang Ulu") menunjukkan beliau tidak mengambil kira perbezaan sistem pendidikan yang dilalui oleh orang ulu dahulu dan orang sekarang, sama ada yang di ulu atau di bandar, ketika memulakan dasar. Dahulu pelajar yang mendapat A dalam subjek Bahasa biasanya disertai juga keupayaan tahap A membaca dalam Bahasa tersebut. Kini pelajar yang digred A tidak semestinya boleh membaca. Mungkin kemahiran yang di asah sekarang ini ialah kemahiran menghafal dan meneka. Ketika Dr M mengubah dasar menjadi PPSMI beliau juga tidak mengambil kira hakikat bahawa semua dasar Kementerian tidak semestinya akan terlaksana di lapangan. Perubahan dasar boleh dibuat 1000 kali tetapi perlu kaji sikap dan kekurangan keupayaan guru dalam bahasa kedua, desakan ibubapa, sikap guru yang malas memajukan diri dan murid, budaya sekolah yang mengutamakan pelajar terbaik sahaja bagi menjaga rekod keputusan peperiksaan sekolah dll. Murid yang tercorot dibiarkan tercorot.

7. Adalah lebih tepat kalau subjek matematik dan sains diajar dalam Bahasa Melayu, yakni dalam bahasa yang sudah difahami pelajar. Pada masa yang sama guru tanpa perlu tunggu arahan Kementerian, mewujudkan dan menggerakkan subjek baru "English for Science & Technology (EST)" sebagai kokurikulum atau program tambahan.

8. EST boleh dijalankan sebagai Extensive Reading Programme, melibatkan kaedah TUNAS EHSAN dan menggunakan buku teks sedia ada dalam Bahasa Inggeris sebagai bahan bacaan atau "class readers".

9. Memandangkan pelajar yang kukuh dalam bahasa pertama akan mudah menguasai bahasa kedua, pelajar yang diwajibkan mengambil EST hendaklah terlebih dahulu mendapat A dalam Bahasa Melayu, sebagai "prerequisite". Jadi dengan mengambil logik proses pembelajaran kita membenarkan murid yang lambat mekar atau latebloomers mengejar ikut tempo kemampuan kerana mereka sudah dikenalpasti akan dilatih pula oleh rakan pelajar yang sudah maju. Malah ada juga yang maju dalam bahasa kedua tetapi latebloomer dalam bahasa pertama. Peer coaching diadun dengan cross-coaching.

10. Jika semua sekolah kebangsaan dan jenis kebangsaan mengajar Sains dan Matematik dalam Bahasa Melayu, dan pada masa sama menjalankan program EST di mana pelajar digred mengikut ujian amali kebolehbacaan, maka sekurang-kurangnya pelajar yang di pilih ke sekolah

elit terdiri dari mereka yang bukan sahaja A dari segi teori tetapi fasih membaca dari segi praktik.

11. Dasar PPSMI dirangka dengan niat yang baik (sic) tapi kerana beserta dengan keghairahan Pegawai (kerana ini bererti lebih banyak dana yang mereka boleh uruskan, lebih banyak kontrak baru, lebih banyak lawatan sambil belajar ke Australia misalnya, lebih banyak komisen kerana meluluskan buku teks) melaksanakan tanpa mengambil kira pendapat dan keadaan guru di sekolah, dan hasrat ibubapa di rumah serta realiti di lapangan. Setiap kali Dasar di ubah perbelanjaan besar diperuntukkan bukan sahaja dalam menyediakan Bahan dan Latihan tetapi juga memberi elaun galakan dsbnya. Kenapa kegagalan demi kegagalan sedangkan sudah diperuntukkan perbelanjaan besar? Ini mungkin ada kaitan dengan sikap guru yang culas siapsiaga kebolehan diri seperti yang dituntut oleh dasar, malah dalam banyak situasi di sekolah tumpuan kepada peperiksaan menjadikan semua dasar tertakluk kepada ritma peperiksaan, dan sistem dipengaruhi tekanan dari ibubapa supaya sekolah menghasilkan seberapa banyak A yang mungkin supaya meluangkan tawaran dari Sekolah Elit untuk anak-anak.

12. Kementerian boleh terus mengambil sikap kepala dalam pasir atau heads in the sands. Tetapi hakikatnya pencapaian sebenar tidak boleh diubah hanya dengan menggilap laporan (spinning) untuk kepentingan politik tertentu tanpa fine-tuning bagi mendapat kesepakatan yang bijak dan penyelesaian polemik. Amat pelik kita belajar bahasa sambil memakai sikap tidak boleh membaca dalam bahasa itu tidak apa asalkan pelajar mendapat A dalam peperiksaan. Kemudian datang gagasan tikus baiki labu bergelar PPSMI - sudah jatuh ditimpa tangga kita - apabila murid diperlukan belajar sains dan matematik dalam bahasa yang mereka masih menggagau. Jadi tidak apa kalau pelajar tidak faham dan diajar pula oleh guru yang sama ada malas atau malu melaksanakan dasar kerana tidak memiliki kebolehan dalam bahasa itu, malah hanya akan mengajar kalau diberi elaun imbuhan.

13. Pelajar yang tamat persekolahan rendah dan mempunyai kefahaman dalam ilmu sains dan teknologi kerana diajar menggunakan bahasa yang sudah difahami, dan pada masa yang sama sudah mula melatih dan dilatih menggunakan bahasa kedua bagi penggunaan peringkat lebih tinggi, akan lebih yakin mengharungi subjek itu di masa hadapan.

14. Pelajar yang dimomokkan oleh dasar PPSMI kini hilang peluang memantapkan ilmu sains pada umur muda, bak kata orang 'yang dikejar tak dapat yang dikendong berciciran'. EST boleh membetulkan arah asal dasar kerana kemahiran membaca yang digred dan dinilai akan membawa dinamika baru dalam budaya sekolah. Memandangkan guru juga sebahagian dari punca masalah kita tidak perlu ubah dasar tetapi ubah sikap guru dan ibubapa. Kalau ada program mencerapkan keupayaan membaca (seperti Tunas Ehsan ) sebagai sebahagian dari keperluan aktiviti pembelajaran, dan keupayaan ini pula digred dan diberi markah, dan kemahiran ini diwajibkan bagi mereka yang berminat ke sekolah asrama penuh, sudah tentu kebolehan membaca merubah pemikiran pendidik. **SEBAB MEREKA PERLU PANDAI BACA BAHAN ITU TERLEBIH DAHULU SEBELUM MENGAJAR MURID MEMBACA.** Kaedah ini boleh menentukan supaya murid digred melalui pertandingan membaca sebagai sebahagian dari school-based assessment. Ketelusan sekolah dalam mengred, sama ada digred dengan acuh tak acuh, atau tidak tepat atau bias akan diketahui jua nanti apabila murid yang mereka gredkan A tidak lulus oral/reading test untuk ke asrama penuh.

15. Guru perlu bangkit dan fine-tune dasar dengan menggunakan common sense approach sekiranya mereka peka akan keperluan pelajar, dan tidak memburukkan lagi keadaan dengan melihat sahaja atau mengambil sikap terikut-ikut seperti 'si luncai terjun dengan labu-labunya". Kaedah Tunas Ehsan berjaya membuktikan murid yang diajar membaca secara praktik, berstruktur, bermatlamat, digred dalam suasana seronok dengan bahan menarik akan terus melonjak keupayaan mereka, dan paling penting minat dan semangat baru dapat dilihat kerana mereka kini berupaya membaca dengan fasih dan mudah memahami dan mudah pula menguasai bahasa itu. Memang ada guru-guru yang dapat kesan pelajar mereka yang melonjak hasil dari latihan mengikut kaedah Tunas Ehsan, malah pernah mengakui ketepatan kaedah ini tetapi mereka masih tetap mahu terikat dengan format peperiksaan. Mereka seolah-olah takut mengamalkan rukun linguistik yang sepatutnya bagi pengajaran bahasa, kononnya tidak boleh diubah sistem kerana takut Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri mengambil tindakan. Apatah lagi ada JPN yang mengenakan bayaran atas module yang dipaksa digunakan oleh sekolah. The student is no longer the syllabus.

16. Misalnya ibubapa yang hantar anak ke kelas Qur'an tentu sekali mahu dipastikan terlebih dahulu dihantar pada guru yang dapat membaca dengan tepat dan fasih. Ini perlu bagi semua bahasa. Kajian ke atas sikap murid sekolah rendah sehingga pelajar peringkat universiti kini menunjukkan mereka tidak merasa pelik kalau mereka tidak dapat membaca basic English sekalipun telah belajar bahasa itu lebih dari 10 tahun persekolahan. Mereka sudah dibesarkan dalam non-reading environment, sans sounds; tidak perlu guna lidah untuk belajar bahasa. Salin 500 perkataan, cari makna dalam bahasa Melayu, teka jawapan ABCDE. Itu conditioning yang telah dilalui sepanjang zaman persekolahan moden ini. Bagi sains dan matematik pula boleh pilih menjawab dalam Bahasa Inggeris dalam UPSR tetapi mujur juga ada kertas soalan versi bahasa Melayu. Jadi boleh baca versi Melayu dan dengan bangga tanda jawapan dalam Bahasa Inggeris sehingga membolehkan Kementerian mengumumkan peningkatan pelajar yang menjawab dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

Whether it is nangka, Artocarpus polyphema or jackfruits, we are barking at the wrong trees.  
Posted by Terrabaca MANAGEMENT at 5:17 AM Sunday, June 14, 2009

By mod  on August 17, 2009 10:37 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Semuanya apa yang berada dibenak Tun tentang PPSMI adalah benar dan amat 'terfokus' ke hadapan. Kerajaan kini mengambil jalan mudah mengatasi kemelut 'bahasa' dengan membatalkannya. Saya pasti ini bukan pengakhiran maksud.

Pihak kerajaan melalui Kementerian Pelajaran perlu mengambil langkah ke hadapan (yang lebih maju) bagi meningkatkan tahap/prestasi bidang pengajaran oleh guru-guru terutamanya Bahasa Inggeris demi memastikan pengusahaan anak-anak murid lebih cemerlang. Sebelum ini kita menghadapi masalah anak-anak amat perlahan untuk menguasai pengajian Al-Quran. Dengan adanya sistem pembelajaran seperti 'IQRAN jilid 1-6' telah membantu mengatasi masalah berkenaan. Mungkin kaedah sesuai boleh membantu pembelajaran Bahasa Inggeris.

Takkan dalam PPSMI Tun ada satu peluru saja, cuba 'try' peluru lain pulak, mana tahu boleh membantu warga pendidik untuk memastikan anak-anak kita berjaya.

Wassalam.


By thebigdipper  on [August 17, 2009 10:14 AM](#)

Aslmkm Tun,

Itulah dia masalah sebenarnya. Kerajaan pimpinan UMNO sendiri tidak yakin akan kebolehan anak anak Melayu yang tinggal di luar bandar. Mengeloh panjang saya memikirkannya.

By kamarul  on [August 17, 2009 10:10 AM](#)

Main problem is, most of the teachers are not able to teach in English. Then, how do you expect students to master the language? Teach English to the teachers first...

By ezani  on [August 17, 2009 9:48 AM](#)

Salam Tun

I read your blog with interest. There are several main points in my opinion :-

1. The Govt is not strong enough (unlike during your tenure as PM) to make unpopular decisions which will benefit the people. In this case they are trying to win the rural Malay voters. However, I think this decision will split the voters into two clearly defined lines :- (1) the rural Malays will vote for BN because of this issue and (2) the professional Malays, the Chinese and the Indians will vote against the BN. So it is interesting to find out what exact percentage this 2 groups make up from the total population on the electorate!

2. As for me, I studied in London but Alhamdulillah, I also did my primary school studies here and work here after returning from London so I can converse in both Bahasa and English. When I reply and make my comments on chedet, 50% of the time I reply in English and 50% of the time I reply in Bahasa depending on the language you use in your blog! I am not biased and I try to teach my children the 2 languages. However I feel that for them to learn the knowledge of the world, they need to master English.

3. An interesting thing that can be observed here is that we are only concentrating on Bahasa and English. It would be good if Malays can speak Chinese, Chinese can speak Tamil, etc. However, we have to also see the importance of each language. For example, I think Malay politicians (especially BN leaders) MUST know Hokkien and Tamil. However professional people like me, suffice to learn Bahasa and English.

4. It is interesting to note that all of Najib's children speak English very well - even with an American slang! - I don't know how far this goes to influence the decision of the PM (although of course, it is the Cabinet that decides!) I think Muhyiddin is not sensitive enough on this issue and I have observed him generally to be not a sensitive leader.

5. I think Tun should stress very much on this issue to the current BN leaders because this issue alone will certainly swing Chinese, Indian and professional Malay votes towards the opposition, no doubt about that!

6. On another topic, I would like to touch on how the Federal Government implemented the MACC and ISA. This two issues again show the high-handedness of the BN who think they are above the people. For example, the MACC interrogation methods are being currently investigated by a Royal Inquiry and a death has occurred when an opposition political aide was called for investigation by the MACC and yet, some high-handed MACC officials can actually try to nab an opposition politician "Gestappo" style at a petrol station when the situation is still "hangat". On an ordinary day, I would support the MACC if there was no death. Also I have seen in TV3 that the MACC official had shown his badge and ID and Ronnie Liu's assistant tried to run away and the MACC officials were only trying to stop him from running away and he slipped and fell. The TV3 footage was very clear so I know that MACC officials are not to blame. But the problem here is that Teoh had just died and his cause of death is under investigation and of course, it is only natural that Ronnie Liu's assistant is very afraid to be taken away by the MACC after what has happened. Who knows he might suffer the same fate and he is justified in thinking so. However I believe that MACC has nothing to do with Teoh's death. It is only that perhaps they interviewed him too late la - until 2am - so he is very sleepy and may have slipped and fell. Again if this is so, MACC must be blamed for their unusual interrogation hours. I hope the Royal Inquiry punishes them for this.


It is not that I am against the MACC. It is good to have an enforcement agency to check corruption and I feel comfortable about the principle. However they can be really neutral since they are appointed by the BN ? It is good that they investigate activities of the opposition - as this will make the opposition scared - and perhaps they can run their state govt in a more honest manner and do good things for the people. As for BN, I don't know if MACC will check with the same fervour and intensity.

7. Another issue I want to touch on is the ISA - although ISA is a good thing, it also shows the high-handedness of the BN leaders who think they are above the people because they think they can just arrest a citizen anytime, any place without any legal justification. I can see that the BN want to use a shortcut and immediate way to quell unrest bypassing the legal process (if it is used properly) but the reality is that the BN has shown that it has been irresponsible in using the ISA in some circumstances - such as the arrest of Teresa Wong, the Sin Chew Jit Poh reporter by Hamid Albar and also Lim Kit Siang's detention many years back. All this people are free now which demonstrates that their arrest were not justified. So I believe the ISA is being used as a political weapon by some unscrupulous BN leaders (a small minority) to make the opposition and the Malaysian citizen fearful of them and force to give their vote to the BN. This is why the public demonstrations are taking place. I don't believe the demos will happen with such ferocity if a court of law had handed judgement to jail Mr A or Mr B, since most people accept the courts as a place to dispense justice and so would not argue much about it..

These are among a few things which I am very dissatisfied with the current BN Govt (incl the BM-English issue) which shows that there are not enough bright leaders in the BN. It is all mostly Malays. The BN cannot take criticism. They think they are always right and force their decision upon the people (like the BM-English issue, they are not listening to the rakyat!). In the next GE, I will give my vote to the BA because I want a more balanced Govt and to check the power excess of the BN Federal Govt. However of course, I think the BN leaders are much better than the BA except a few good ones like Tan Sri Khalid, Lim Guan Eng.

8. Lastly, Tun could you write a blog about the H1N1 as you are a doctor and this is a very serious disease affecting Malaysians ? Many thanks!

ezanah

By hikmah  on [August 17, 2009 8:52 AM](#)

salam..

bg sy sbg seorang student yg tinggal di luar bandar yg tidak sempat utk belajar math & sains dlm BI,ia adalah 1 kerugian jika ia kembali kpd BM..sy yg sememangnya membesar dgn BM,tidak boleh lari,BM adalah akar umbi sy....tp sy tahu,BI adalah 1 nya bahasa antarabangsa yg perlu semua kuasai....dan bagi sy juga yg masih mentah ini,ini adalah permainan politik semata2..tolong jgn perjudikan masa depan anak2 kita dgn permainan politik.. bukan utk bias,org cina & india sudah mahir berbahasa inggeris,bagaimana pula dgn org melayu yg semakin layu???

why not take this oppurtunity as a challenge?? mereka boleh berbahasa 2 atau 3 bahasa sekaligus,tp melayu???boleh kah kita hanya berbangga hanya dgn 1 bahasa???cth yg paling dekat adalah uitm..100% adalah dlm BI kecuali subjek agama..kepada politician di luar sana,jgn gadaikan masa depan kami demi kesenangan anda.. terima kasih...

By kamal ahmad  on [August 17, 2009 8:04 AM](#)

Salam kasih dan salam hormat Ayahanda Tun. Minta izin ruang jika berkedapatan. T. Kasih Tun.

Jika Negara tidak aman, tidak lagi mampu ditadbir dibawah bidang kuasa tersedia ada maka pentadbiran tetap akan dijalankan. Tetapi cara pentadbiran akan berbeza sedikit daripada biasa. Sila klik pada link untuk menghargai keamanan anda di Malaysia hari ini.

Should a nation be plunge into pandemonium and the existing peaceful rule of law has been declared failed, then please be rest assured that any country would still be governed by rule, albeit a different set of rule minus law; the fittest shall rule. Before any of us take street demonstration as law, before any of us crusade an unfound cause, before any of us could say anything wishful, before any of us would again join a few desperados in dismantling something 52 years precious, please take note that the next phase of democracy is anarchy. At that stage, all your millions are useless if both of you are trapped in that failed system.


Please value your peace in Malaysia. Keep in mind at all times, fragile democracy is only a system of delicate representation – what ever any lawyer turned MP/politician may sing to you; democracy is not a total operating system of any nation that practices it – democracy is not a fix asset, like any investment, it may break under stress. Please don't forget that small detail the next time you intend to take things for a free yell on the streets.

Politicians are super rich people (who am I kidding? You know that already!); they could just leave on chartered jets on standby at nearest airfields at the next failed democracy for plush and comfortable asylums here or there. Like Thaksin maybe? Buy a UK football club here and there; live on a luxury vessel off Hong Kong/Japan, start a Top 40 rock band? With \$\$\$\$ , and while on earth – all possibility is theirs for the making.

But you – me, we have to live this through with our kids and generations. Think wisely above their immaturity, greed and madness. It's just a dream job for them, but it's your life that's at stake. Ponder over it and have a good day everyone.

Please click on the link below to safely and comfortably view the end result of failed democracy at your leisure.

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/global/article6741412.ece?slideshowPopup=true&articleId=6741412&nSlide=1&sectionName=WorldAsia>

By amin tan  on August 17, 2009 5:50 AM

Dear Tun,

The government is forced to switch back to Malay in the teaching of science and mathematics for political survival because the opposition has been watching and wanting to exploit on this issue. The merits or demerits of teaching science and mathematics in Malay or English is not important when the BN is fighting against incessant and continuous criticism on every issue. The voters are to be blamed for giving support to the opposition especially the non malays.

There is no doubt about it that teaching science and mathematics is better in english. The opposition says it should be in malay because rural malays would be at a disadvantage if it is in english. So selfish backward illogical and malicious reasoning. This means to say the town people have to slow down in order for the rural malays to catch up. But the world wont slow down for us.

Let us sympathise and support the government. It is still not too late to continue and maintain the teaching of science and mathematics in english like Tun has done. Continue to lobby, conduct survey and support the government whatever happens.

amin tan

By Judenrat  on August 17, 2009 4:14 AM

Salam Tun Dr. M,

Walaupun dalam banyak perkara saya menyokong dan mengkagumi Tun, tetapi tentu tidak dalam isu ini.

Semua hujah yang Tun berikan hanyalah “kemajuan ekonomi, kemajuan ekonomi dan kemajuan ekonomi...”

Tidak dapat dinafikan kemajuan ekonomi amat penting, tetapi ia bukanlah segala-galanya. Tun tidak mengambil kira faktor jati diri anak bangsa. Bukankah “Bahasa Jiwa Bangsa?” Tanpa bahasa Melayu maka kita bukan lagi orang Melayu atau Malaysia.

Kalau hanya kemajuan ekonomi yang kita inginkan, saya rasa tak perlulah Dato' Onn dan Tunku memerdekakan Negara kita, sebab British juga akan membawa kemajuan kepada kita. Jalan keretapi pertama pun dibina oleh British Tun. Dan kalau Komunis memerintah pun kita akan maju juga. Tengoklah Negara China yang diperintah oleh parti komunis pun maju ekonominya...

Saya yakin kita merdeka atas sebab yang lebih dari itu. Kita mahu jadi bangsa yang kuat dan dihormati. Bukan terus menjadi bangsa picisan yg tidak diketahui kewujudannya.

Memanglah sekarang bangsa kita ketinggalan, tetapi bukan bermakna kita hanya harus sekadar mengikut arus. Adalah menjadi tanggungjawab generasi hari ini dan generasi akan datang untuk membawa bangsa kita ke depan. Mungkin bukan dalam 20 tahun, mungkin lebih dari itu... yang penting kita berjuang.

BI memang penting untuk sains dan teknologi, tapi PPSMI tentu saja bukan cara yang betul. Dari kecil mengira dlm BI tak mengenal nombor dlm Bahasa Melayu. Huh... Saya membayangkan dlm 10 tahun akan dtg bila Ali dan Mamat bercakap akan jadi begini:

Ali: Eh, bila kau nak pergi pasar?

Mamat: Aku nak pergi pukul "twelve thirty", nak beli ikan


Ali : Kau nak beli banyak mana?

Mamat: Adala sikit, dalam "One and Half kilo"

Huh, kalau macam tu kita akan jadi bahan ketawa di dunia. Cakap BI tak betul, cakap Melayu pun tak tahu. Memalukan...jadi macam Singapura Negara tak beridentiti.

Bahasa untuk perpaduan? Tentu sahaja bahasa Melayu sebab ini Tanah Melayu. Kepada mereka yang tak boleh menerima bahasa Melayu sebagai bahasa perpaduan, bolehla berpindah ke England atau Zimbabwe kerana di sana BI adalah bahasa rasmi... Eh lupa nak cakap bukan semua Negara yang mahir berbahasa inggeris adalah Negara maju.

Hmm... maaflah Tun saya tak bersetuju. Apapun itu hanya pendapat saya seorang rakyat Marhain yang tak berapa pandai ni. Wassalam.

By rakkata  on [August 17, 2009 3:15 AM](#)

Salam Satu Malaysia kepada Tun,  
(menyahut seruan DSNTR)

Apa nak jadi dengan negara ni....kejap inggeris kejap melayu.....sedih bila mengenang nasib rakyat Malaysia...susah sangatkah nak belajar dalam bahasa Inggeris...senang sangatkah nak belajar dalam bahasa Melayu...Kalau ada kemahuan disitu ada jalan...Kalau ini keputusan Kerajaan,maka kita sebenarnya menuju ke belakang....kita ni nak manuju ke depan atau belakang...bukan main belakang..!!

Sampai bila ni....nak kata zaman 2009 ni susah...aku dulu sekolah berasrama penuh lagi tiada apa-apa...walkman itu pun haram..!!tapi hari ini aku bangga dengan kejayaan aku sekarang...7 air lautan dah aku minum...7 benua dah aku pijak...semuanya dengan belajar...DALAM BAHASA INGGERIS...

Keluarga aku asal dari kampung sahaja....Sungai Layar Hujung...dari jalan tanah merah sampai jalan berturap tar...takkan generasi sekarang ni susah nak belajar dalam bahasa Inggeris...dah memang subjek itu kena belajar dari bahasa asalnya...lagi pun cuma dua subjek saja dalam bahasa inggeris...kalau bahasa melayu pun dalam bahasa inggeris lain la...

Sedih..sedih..sudah terang lagi bersuluh....kepimpinan negara ni dah tua...idea pun dah tua...asyik nak turun ke anak jer...ni semua kena tukar...perlu muka-muka baru....muka-muka muda penuh dengan idea idea baru....idea-idea yang kalau diketengahkan memang kontroversi tapi itulah yang kita perlu...memang kalau tiada orang lama tiada orang baru...tapi kalau orang lama nak suruh pakai idea lama tak boleh la....orang baru nak naik tapi orang tua dah cantas...

Kesimpulannya...jangan la terlampau bagi muka kat orang orang kampung...orang orang yang malas berusaha...semua nak suap...lepas tu dah berjaya konon-konon nya dah global...padahal dekat kampung ja kecoh...samalah dengan sukan kat negara ni...contoh terbaik...

By pakbelalang  on August 17, 2009 2:33 AM

pakbelalang said... Envoy to US will continue to attend party matters here at own cost  
By PAUL GABRIEL

KUALA LUMPUR: Our new envoy to United States, Datuk Seri Dr Jamaluddin Jarjis, has promised to pay for his own flights home to attend to his constituency and party matters.

The 58-year-old former science, technology and innovation minister, whose appointment has been questioned, also assured his constituents that he would come back from the US every two months to attend Parliament meetings.

Jamaluddin, who is also the fifth term MP for Rompin, pledged that only his official government trips home would be funded by taxpayers.

When contacted, Foreign Minister Datuk Anifah Aman confirmed that Jamaluddin would pay the air fares for his trips to Kuala Lumpur from Washington.

“And I will be in constant touch from Washington. I will replicate the real world into the virtual world from there,” he said.

Speaking to reporters earlier in Rompin, Jamaluddin said he planned to convince US President Barack Obama to visit Malaysia in a move to further strengthen bilateral ties.

He said he would first arrange for a meeting between Najib and Obama at the White House.

comment:

JJ's appointment as an envoy to US seems to be questioned by a lot of people including me.

I wonder whether Najib made the right decision to select him or maybe he has no choice because dah "termakan budi". I thought it would be better to have a career diplomat rather a politician to be an envoy to US.

JJ is trying to get Obama to visit Malaysia and is also arranging for Najib to visit the White House.

I hope he is not engaging lobbyists in Washington to arrange for the vist of both leaders to Malaysia and the White House and later on claim credit for it.

If really he has to utilise lobbyists, I hope the bills to be paid to the lobbyists do cost a bomb.

By HOT ZOOM  on August 17, 2009 1:12 AM

PPSMI?

Masih bercerita lagi?

Sekarang ni apa akan terjadi kepada pelajar yang menjadi ujikaji tu?

Anak saya termasuk salah sorang.  
Mungkin otak dia kurang bagus dan agak lembab.  
Darjah 4 baru boleh membaca secara cekap.  
Dan kebetulan dia adalah salah sorang pelajar ujikaji kerana kebetulan dia masuk darjah 1 ,tahun tu lah PPSMI mula diperkenalkan.  
jadi anak saya n dah le lembab ,kena belajar dalam BI lagi tambah lembab.  
untunglah pada pelajar ujikaji yang bijak,boleh berbangga kerana dapat kuasai BI dalam semua bidang sains ,matematik dan english tu sendiri.  
anak saya malang sedikit le.  
jadi apa masalahnya sekarang pemimpin yg memang bijak BI kalau tidak tak jadi pemimpin le,dok asyik kata macam2.dah depa bijak buat camana pun tetap ok.

By pulau\_sibu  on [August 16, 2009 9:53 PM](#)

May I suggest to improve the naming scheme of Malay by keeping the family name? This will also be more international (like using English as teaching medium instead of Malay). Now, your father's name is considered as the family name in the western world. It would become Dr. Mohammad, instead of Dr. Mahathir

By roketbulan  on [August 16, 2009 9:24 PM](#)

Salam Tun,

Rupanya Education Minister kita pass Pengajian Melayu.

Patut la...

Anwar pun sama, pass gitu jugakk..

By LKC  on [August 16, 2009 9:13 PM](#)

The powers that are have decided to abolish PPSMI (the teaching of Science and Mathematics in English). Their arguments are as follow. They are painful to my ears! I am amazed!!

They said,

“We know now. Most teachers cannot teach Science and Mathematics in English. Most students cannot learn Science and Mathematics in English. So, we do what is left to be done. We abolish PPSMI. And, it is FINAL! We have to act like leaders who are steadfast, firm, determined and resolute lest we are accused of flip-flopping.

The decision to abolish the policy is based on research findings and established facts. We are rational and we are on solid ground. PPSMI had not delivered. It has to go. What? There is a difference between policy per se and its implementation strategies? You say that the PPSMI policy remains sound and valid; it is the implementation strategies that should have been reviewed. We have never thought of that. Now that you mention it and come to think of it, we can agree that Science and Mathematics in English should be more practical and be of greater economical value. It is the implementation strategies for PPSMI that have gone haywire. We should have reviewed the implementation strategies and leave the policy intact. Now, we see the difference. We have not seen the wood for the tree. Why didn't we think of this earlier? But, the decision is FINAL. Let's just bury PPSMI and move on!

It is PPSMBM now (teaching of Science and Mathematics in Bahasa Malaysia). We are on comfortable ground once again. Never mind about Mathematics and Science reading materials in English. We have the money to get them translated into BM. Haven't we already succeeded in

translating / coining more than a million English Science and Mathematics terms into BM? Admittedly, we have not been that successful in getting translated books out in the last thirty years when BM was the medium of instruction. But, this time around it will be different. We have a much bigger budget. Well, we will be able to seek out the translation experts (at least we think we can!). Anyway, we have enough standard BM text books and buku-buku ulangkaji (revision books) at UPSR, PMR and SPM levels. Students have been scoring As and achieved “excellence” just by regurgitating materials from these resources. So, what is the problem?

Lest we are accused of being complacent, we will now double or even treble our effort to getting our teachers and students to learn the English language. There will be more teaching periods and more qualified English teachers everywhere, both rural and urban. We will train more English teachers, even sending some to English speaking countries so that they can immerse themselves in a truly English-speaking cultural enclave. In addition, we will also bring in foreign teachers whose first language is English. We will introduce simplified versions of English literature even at primary schools. Yes, most certainly we will use IT; there will be English language labs all over the country. Not forgetting too that we still have those laptops and LCDs, legacy of PPSMI, in our schools. With all these hardware and software in place, surely we can promise you that our teachers will be able to teach English and our students will be able to learn English well.

What? You have heard all these before? You have not seen much of the results promised? Bear with us and give us another chance. Our messages, our promises are specifically for our young ones. We are giving them hope just like you were hopeful when you first heard of all these when you were much younger. But, this time around it will be different. We mean business this time, really. Just wish us well!”

And thus they argue. I CRY FOR OUR YOUNG ONES!

By drnurdin  on [August 16, 2009 9:08 PM](#)

Tun,

Penentangan PPSMI sengaja dicetuskan oleh pembangkang. Mereka memang tak akan undi BN walau apapun keputusannya. Pejuang bahasa pun mulalah tunjuk jaguh tumpang dua kaki. Mereka bedal kerajaan pun bercakap dalam Bahasa Inggeris. Anak mereka dah besar. Cucu mereka dah pun cair cakap orang putih. Mereka ini tak berapa kerat sangat. Bising aje yang lebih. Orang China dan India tak bisingpun kerana anak mereka dah cair cakap Inggeris hari-hari walaupun sekolah mereka dalam bahasa apapun. Orang Melayu di kampung tak bisingpun kerana mereka harap anak cucu mereka akan jadi profesional suatu hari nanti.

Kerajaan BN sibuk melatah. KPM pun buat kompromi win-win kononnya. Takut undi hilang. Mereka memang akan hilang undi kot mana pun. Pembangkang tak akan undi BN sampai bila pun. Tokoh bahasa tak puas hati kerana KPM cuma ubah PPSMI dua tahun lagi. Mereka nak serta merta. Jadi mereka pun tak akan sokong BN nanti walaupun mereka belum mati lagi. Ibubapa yang menyokong PPSMI pun marah Kerajaan kerana ubah PPSMI. Mereka pun tak akan sokong BN nanti. Jadinya BN tetap hilang undi lagi banyak. Kalau BN teruskan PPSMI, BN hanya hilang undi tokoh bahasa yang berapa kerat saja. Ibubapa yang menyokong PPSMI tetap beri undi kepada BN. Kalau BN batalkan PPSMI, tokoh bahasa dan ibubapa pula akan tak undi BN. Jadi lagilah banyak hilang undi. Pembangkang yang buat bising tetap undi pembangkang samada BN batal atau teruskan PPSMI.

Kaedah pengiraan ini saya buat kerana belajar matematik dalam bahasa Inggeris. Kalau belajar Matematik dalam Bahasa Melayu, jawapan nya mungkin lain. Sebab tu pemimpin BN kira dia akan dapat tambah undi BN kerana dia kira matematik dalam Bahasa Melayu agaknya. Akhirnya pemimpin BN semua cakap Melayu, pemimpin pembangkang terutama DAP semua cakap Inggeris. Orang putih pun lebih selesa jumpa DAP. Nampak macam DAP yang perintah Malaysia. Orang Melayu waima PAS, UMNO, ADIL hanya sesuai berurusan dengan pak arab sajalah. MCA dan Gerakan berurusan dengan Negara China. MIC dan PPP berurusan dengan Negara India. DAP lah pemenang kerana memperkudakan orang Cina, India dan Melayu.

Itupun pemimpin UMNO dan PAS tak boleh baca kah? Anda pemimpin Melayu telah bersetuju untuk memusnahkan anak cucu kita. Musnahkanlah anak cucu anda. Tapi janganlah musnahkan anak cucu orang lain. UMNO mengubah/batal PPSMI dan PAS menyokong PPSMI dibatalkan. Pesanan saya kepada pemimpin Melayu UMNO dan PAS, think forward for another 100 years and not only for GE13 two years from now. BENGONG BETUL LAH ANDA SEMUA. BODOH SANGAT KAH ORANG MELAYU SAMPAI TERPAKSA HENTI BELAJAR BAHASA INGGERIS. TUN M PUN SEORANG DOKTOR YANG BELAJAR DALAM BAHASA OMPUTIH. DIA JADI SANGAT CERDIK BERBANDING PEMIMPIN DUNIA YANG LAIN. SEBAB TU DAPAT BERTAHAN 22 TAHUN. PEMIMPIN ATAU MENTERI YANG TAK FASIH BAHASA INGGERIS, KITA TENGOK BERAPA LAMA DEPA PIMPIN NEGARA MEREKA. SEKADAR JAGUH KAMPUNG. NAK KELUAR NEGERI KENA BAWA JURUBAHASA DAN KENA TIPU PULAK DENGAN JURUBAHASA. MANAKAN TIDAK, JAWAPANNYA YANG DIBERI ADALAH PANJANG TAPI TREJEMAHANNYA PENDEK SANGAT. BOLEH PERCAYA KAH.?

By crazy diamond  on August 16, 2009 8:56 PM

Dear pakbelalang,

As citizen of Malaysia, Tun have every right to speak of his mind on current affairs. To asked him to stop from expressing his view would be undemocratic or against the freedom of speak. As a Malaysian every each of us including Tun and you have this right, nobody or even government cannot stop this. In fact, you also did express your view against current or previous government, and nobody stop you right?.

If you have any disagreement or different view about this issue, you should start expressing it in details over this blog or other method to let Tun or anyone else know about it. Then we can start discussing about your line of argument which may have a tangible reason to proof, which is Tun may overlooked. So don't asked Tun to stop expressing his view.

Furthermore, the opposition party seems failed in delivering their service to be a mirror to the government which I believe Tun knew about it. Therefore, due to opposition inactive as a good opposition, Tun may feel necessary to be a counter balance to government in order to avoid the past mistake from happen by current administration. In fact opposition party also have caught in same dilemma which you can see in Selangor and other states. They seems indulged in the same problem until they failed to be a good opposition party due to need in answering to the people on several accusations made on them.

So let the government evaluate this, whether they want to follow the majority view in Che Det poll or their own analysis or probably they have already conducted their own poll survey which I don't know.

By prof\_ridcully  on August 16, 2009 5:30 PM

Salam Tun,

*9. Malays do best at paddy planting and fishing with rods and net. They should be taught to do this, probably with new technology.*

Dengan hormatnya saya ingin tambah: Tetapi 'instructions' bagaimana mengguna teknologi baru ni kena dalam bahasa Melayu lah.

Saya bersetuju yang masalah dengan pengajaran Sains dan Matematik, ataupun bahasa Inggeris itu sendiri, ialah kelemahan para guru yang diamanahkan untuk mengajar anak-anak kita untuk menguasai bahasa Inggeris. Ini mungkin timbul oleh kerana kepincangan yang terdapat di dalam sistem yang mengeluarkan para guru atau kemalasan para guru untuk mendidik dan memperbaiki diri mereka sendiri. Saya kira faktor yang kedua lebih ketara di dalam hal ini.

Murid boleh diumpamakan span. Mereka boleh mempelajari dan menguasai dua atau tiga bahasa dengan tidak banyak masalah jika pengajar mampu mengajar mereka. Masalahnya para guru tidak bersedia, justeru tidak berminat, dan seterusnya tidak mampu. Tidak ramai guru yang bersedia untuk keluar dari zon keselesaan masing-masing untuk berusaha untuk menguasai bahasa Inggeris jika mereka tidak fasih, dan seterusnya mengajar murid-murid mereka dengan baik dan sempurna. Kemalasan inilah yang menyebabkan kebanyakan masa yang diperuntukkan untuk penggunaan bahasa Inggeris di dalam bilik darjah digunakan oleh guru di dalam bahasa Melayu. Hakikat penggunaan masa ini diperakui Kementerian Pelajaran.

Guru-guru sendiri malas untuk menguasai bahasa Inggeris. Inilah masalah asasnya. Tidak ada sebab seorang guru yang didedahkan kepada bahasa Inggeris secara formal selama 17 - 20 tahun (sekolah rendah hingga ke universiti) tidak boleh menguasai bahasa Inggeris.

Sudah tiba masanya ahli politik berhenti dari melindungi para guru (kita faham yang guru merupakan 'constituency' penting mereka, justeru kena dikendalikan dengan 'kid gloves' oleh orang politik) yang malas -- yang enggan memperbaiki diri sendiri dan anak murid di bawah jagaan mereka -- dan menyuruh ahli-ahli 'pendidikan' ini sendiri menjawab soalan mengapa mereka tidak boleh mengajar anak-anak Malaysia menguasai bahasa Inggeris.

Bak kata Napoleon, 'There are no bad soldiers, only bad officers.' Jika saya seorang guru, saya akan berasa malu kerana saya telah gagal di dalam aktiviti teras profesion saya -- mengajar.

By Khairul-Dean  on August 16, 2009 5:12 PM

YABHG TUN DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD

Salam Hormat dan Salam Kasih

Tun Doktor,

Perbincangan yang bagus menjelang pemilihan kecil DUN Permatang Pasir. Sambil menunggu kita minum-minum dahululah.

Persoalan doktor harus dijawab Muhyiddin Yassin, MP Paguh, Timbalan Presiden UMNO. Elok sekiranya kita lihat dan dengar Tan Sri menyangkal tomahan-tomahan ahli UMNO yang tidak sependapat dengannya, selain dari melihat dia kepopularitinya menjunam atau meningkat dalam usaha murninya memperindahkan lagi budaya UMNO memilih pemimpin; ataukah Muhyiddin Johor ini hangat-hangat taik ayam? Saperti Najib berak kapur dengan retorikanya?

Bilakah pulanya Tun Doktor akan mempertimbangkan akan keluar dari parti lagi? Dengar-dengar 'snap election akan diadakan tahun depan paling lewat?

Terima Kasih.

By normal citizen  on August 16, 2009 5:10 PM

Tun,

It is a sin for the government to make the next generation "BODOH".

The stupid government want to make the Malaysian stupid.

Do you agree with me that all the ministers will send their son and daughter to International School ???

By hurm00  on August 16, 2009 5:07 PM

salam tun.

when i was in primary school until secondary school, i learned in malay language. at home, we communicate in malay. my parents never speak in english with us. fortunately i grew up and lived until now in an urban area. where most of us speak in english, sometimes we do it in rojak ways. but still there's no barrier between who to who, whether u're malay or chinese etc. kids can still play together, if a friend spoke in english, still do no harm if his friend reply in malay. both understand each other. slowly, those who r weak in english, can seek for helps from others. it takes time. but worth it coz, surprisingly they can speak in english fluently. what i'm trying to imply is, language is not like learning math or biology. if we wanted to master one's language, speak. slowly u will get used to it. kids nowadays love to play games, listen to their favorite music..at the age of 7, we cant force them to learn bout grammars, vocab, etc formally.that's not fun. especially for those beginner whom never been exposed to other language besides their mother's tongue.

if i were a teacher, i will turn on the radio during english class, then give each of them a piece of paper. and ask them to jot down any words that they've heard from the song being played. rewind it. until most of them got it right and complete. then, ask them to sing together. it will be more fun if the teacher knows what's the current hits songs on the radio. then, give each of them the complete lyric.ask them to sing with the aid of lyric. it's a win- win situation. it sounds informal. but hey, who loves formality?

from there, we can see : they listen, they write it down, they speak / pronounce it, repeat the process so that it can be saved into their memory.

and oh, they learn grammar too, also enhance their vocabulary. not all songs are bad songs. slowly, they will get used to it. if we turned on hitz.fm as an example, dont be surprised if they

manage to understand what the djs' are saying.  
from there, they can build confidence and become interested to learn more.

remember, kids are naive. not all of them got the same opportunity. those who are weak or left far behind, we cant blame them for that. but we can help. they're still young. if we do it right, all of them can sit and stand on the same par.

By [Zulfadzli](#) on [August 16, 2009 4:38 PM](#)

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Tahap penguasaan sains dan matematik dinegara kita memang ditahap serius. Ya, student kita boleh score A dalam matapelajaran tersebut, tak kira la menggunakan bahasa apa. Tetapi yang sepatutnya kita runsingkan ialah adakah mereka faham apa yang mereka pelajari.

Sepanjang penglibatan saya dalam melatih pelajar2 universiti serta juga pensyarah, saya dapati tahap pemahaman mereka ditahap yang sangat menakutkan. Cuba minta mereka ceritakan dengan menggunakan bahasa pasar, berhubung perkara yang mereka pelajari...jawabannya amatlah mengecewakan. Sebabnya? kerana mereka hanya menghafal.

Oleh itu, saya amat menyeru, setiap guru yang mengajar, agar jangan terlalu mementingkan student mereka dapat A dengan menghafal. Jika sikap ini berterusan, maka saya tidak nampak negara kita bakal menjadi negara maju yang menjadi pengeluar produk pada satu masa nanti.

Berhubung PPSMI, saya nampak kewajarannya dalam meningkatkan prestasi bahasa inggeris pelajar2 kita. Memang dalam jangkamasa pendek, resultnya kurang memberangsangkan. Setiap dasar yang dibut, hasilnya hanya dapat dilihat dalam masa 20 tahun akan datang.

Lihat sahaja pada Proton, ciptaan Tun. Jika sekiranya Tun tunduk pada bangkangan rakyat masa mula2 dulu pelancarannya, maka kita tidak dapat merasai kejayaannya pada hari ini. Rakyat perlu bersabar. Kerajaan tahu apa yang dibuat. Biarlah kerajaan merangka dasar. Yang penting, mereka yang menjadi pelaksana haruslah menjalankan dasar tersebut dengan sepenuh hati. Dan rakyat memberi sokongan moral.

Percayalah, apabila PPSMI ini dibatalkan, rakyat kita khususnya orang melayu akan terus buta bahasa inggeris. Sebagaimana DEB yang dicipta untuk menentukan kejayaan melayu, begitu juga PPSMI, akan menentukan kejayaan org melayu dpt bertutur dalam bahasa inggeris satu hari nanti.

Ramai yang runsing kerana pelajar2 di kampung tidak dapat mendapat keputusan yang baik dalam matematik dan sains kerana penguasaan Bi mereka rendah. Kalau dah tahu penguasaan BI mereka rendah, mengapa tidak menyokong dasar PPSMI? Bukankah Dasar PPSMI mampu meningkatkan penguasaan bahasa inggeris mereka. Kegagalan mereka mendapat keputusan yang baik adalah kerana mereka tidak memahami apa yang dipelajari.

Orang yang cacat penglihatan dan pendengaran pun mampu memahami matematik dan sains serta mencapai keputusan yang baik tanpa menggunakan apa2 bahasa. Macamana mereka mencapainya? GURU yang mengajar merupakan jawabannya. Jadi, sepatutnya bukan PPSMI yang dibatalkan, tetapi kerajaan perlu melabur dalam peningkatan kecekapan guru2..melahirkan guru-guru yang berjiwa besar..Guru-guru yang mencintai anak murid..

Ramai yang berpendapat, 52 tahun merdeka sepatutnya menjadi umur yang matang. Bagi seorang manusia, ia, sememangnya menjadi matang. Tetapi bagi sesebuah negara mungkin memerlukan 100 tahun. Amerika hanya dapat melantik presiden berkulit hitam selepas 250 tahun. Bayangkan.

jadi, bagi membimbing negara yang belum matang, kerajaan perlu menentukan apa yang perlu dan apa yang tidak. yang melalak sekarang ini menentang dasar kerajaan, sebenarnya bolehlah kita analogikan sebagai remaja nakal.. memberontak hendakkan kebebasan. Kerajaan ini adalah ibubapa kita. Jadi kita perlu menjadi anak yang mendengar kata. Sepertimana ibubapa kita yang tahu mana baik dan buruknya utk anak2, begitu jugalah kerajaan kita.

Kesimpulannya, biarlah sesuatu dasar itu diberi peluang untuk menghasilkan buah. perlukan kesabaran. yang penting, apabila dasar telah digubal, golongan pelaksana perlulah memainkan peranan untuk memastikan matlamat dasar itu bakal dicapai.

saya percaya, sekiranya semua sekolah diwajibkan belajar matematik dalam bahasa mandarin, dan guru2 komited utk memastikan pelajarinya faham apa yang dipelajari, kita akan mencapai satu keputusan yang memuaskan dimasa hadapan.

sekali lagi, yang penting dalam pengajaran dan pembelajaran ialah MEMAHAMI APA YANG DIPELAJARI. Ini menjamin survival negara sekiranya ingin menjadi negara maju.

ikhlas,

<http://reformasimindaguru.blogspot.com>


By LKC  on August 16, 2009 4:23 PM

The Education Ministry's proposals for "soft-landings" in the immediate post-PPSMI (Teaching of Science and Mathematics in English) era are interesting. Students will be given the options to learn the subjects in English / Bahasa Malaysia (BM) or vernacular language in primary schools and in English or BM in secondary schools until 2016.

On paper, it is a move that shows consideration and even compassion. But, what is the reality on the ground? One of the main arguments put forth by the Education Ministry for the abolition of PPSMI is that the majority of teachers is not competent and therefore has not been teaching the subjects in English. Now, in another breath, the Education Ministry is telling us that these same teachers will be teaching the subjects in English for yet another six years (until 2016) so that the students can 'softly land'. This argument defies logic. It is hard to believe.

For all intents and purposes, the majority of the teachers will begin to teach Science and Mathematics in BM or vernacular language in primary schools and BM in secondary schools starting next year (2010). Would the teachers not then be going against the Ministry's directive? Well, haven't they done that before, during the PPSMI period? The Ministry had quoted reports that said more than 80 per cent of teachers were not teaching in English then. Why should it be different this time around? In fact, how will a teacher be wronged if he/she chooses to teach in a language he/she is more competent and confident in, more so if that language is BM, the national language?

Are we in a mess? The Education Ministry has been “soft” with our teachers. They have not learned to teach in English in spite of the incentives given. The teachers have not lived up to their part of the ‘contract’. They have not been held responsible. Instead, the Education Ministry has relented by abolishing the PPSMI policy altogether. Our “soft” approach to the teachers will not guarantee any “soft landing” for our students. That much is certain.

By goggie  on August 16, 2009 3:41 PM

Just fed-up with the govt. What do they get from Pas and PKR agenda? Nothing!

By Mohd Amin bin Hasim  on August 16, 2009 3:34 PM

Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh Tun..


Isu PPSMI ini sepatutnya sudah selesai. Tetapi, saya tidak bersetuju dengan pandangan Tun. Ini adalah isu pendidikan. Apabila ianya melibatkan pendidikan, sudah tentu ada kesan buruk dan baik.

Pada saya adalah wajar dengan apa yang diputuskan oleh kerajaan iaitu meneruskan pembelajaran Matematik dan Sains dalam bahasa Ibunda. Saya amat menyokong langkah tersebut.

Jika Tun merumuskan bahawa apa yang telah 'diundi' di blog ini adalah kemahuan rakyat, amatlah tidak wajar. Ini kerana, pada pandangan saya 75% pembaca blog Tun adalah mereka yang lebih pro-Tun sendiri. Tun sepatutnya membuat tinjauan sendiri di sekolah-sekolah. Dan Tun juga perlu menyemak purata pemarkahan subjek Bahasa Inggeris. Saya percaya, berdasarkan statistik, purata Cemerlang dalam subjek Bahasa Inggeris adalah 30% di seluruh negara.

Jadi, bagaimanakah nasib para pelajar? Sudahlah penguasaan Bahasa Inggeris yang lemah, inikan pula subjek Matematik dan Sains di ajar menggunakan Bahasa Inggeris. Ia kelihatan terlalu teknikal bagi pelajar. Adakah sebelum ini ada masalah dengan penggunaan Bahasa Ibunda dalam pembelajaran Matematik dan Sains?

Saya percaya dan bersetuju bahawa pelaksanaan PPSMI adalah kesilapan yang tidak boleh dipertikaikan. Dan ianya lebih banyak membawa keburukan dalam pendidikan itu sendiri.

By DSST  on August 16, 2009 3:28 PM

Tun,

You were hitting hard on those bad policies introduced and implemented by Pak Lah and not so hard on Najib Administration !

Are you biased and/or one sided in your selective criticism on those bad policies ?

I hope you hit again on those bad Policies introduced and implemented by the current administration !

By Bingo  on August 16, 2009 2:48 PM

Dear Tun and fellow bloggers,

We should be grateful to Tun because what Tun is trying to do is to check and balance the government. Government needs these people to be a mirror whereby opposition failed in this regard. The implementation of policy must be done in a precise manner, every factor must be taken into consideration although it was against it. Failed to do so would become a failed government in the eyes of the people which would eventually translate in the coming GE.

These are the key facts attributed to the downfall of Pak Lah, Najib can't afford to repeat the same mistake, there is why he needs to listen to every criticism against him, failed to do so would result in catastrophe to BN. I still remember what you wrote in your book where you said "once you become a top leader, people surround you tend to pass a good news to you, whereby a bad news which reflects the reality of the current situation is hard to come by". It happened to Pak Lah already where he was surrounded by these yes men.

Finally, we need Tun to be a mirror to the government in order to avoid them from becoming failed servants. Opposition is failed in this regard, shame on them.

By sujini  on August 16, 2009 1:27 PM

Tun Dr Mahathir,

Beginilah Tun, saya hendak memberi 2 senario disini dan sila bayangkan Tun berada didalam kedua-dua keadaan ini.

Tun menghadiri satu konvensyen antarabangsa yang membentangkan kertas kerja oleh beberapa peserta termasuk 2 peserta dari Malaysia. Topiknya berkaitan dengan bidang Matematik atau pun Sains.

Senario 1

Katakanlah peserta A dari Malaysia ini (tidak kira bangsanya), telah membentangkan kertas kerjanya dalam bahasa Melayu dengan jayanya.

Senario 2

Katah seorang lagi pembentang B, (tidak kira bangsanya) dari Malaysia, telah membentangkan kertas kerjanya dalam Bahasa Inggeris juga dengan baik.

Dikedua-dua senario ini kita tahu bahawa mana-mana konvensyen antarabangsa, seperti di United Nations, terdapat sistem penterjemah bahasa. Maka ini tidak menjadi masalah kepada para hadirin untuk mengikuti bahasa yang diguna oleh seorang pembentang. Kalau tiada sistem yang canggih pun mungkin kertas kerja pembentang itu boleh diperolehi dalam beberapa bahasa mengikut selera pembaca/hadirin.

Sekarang soalan saya;


Senario yang manakah Tun rasa bulu roma Tun akan kembang (goose bubbles) dengan perasaan penuh kagum, megah dan bangga tatkala mendengar kedua-dua peserta ini membentangkan kertas kerjanya masing-masing ?

1. Adakah kepada pembentang A ? atau

2. Adakah kepada pembentang B?

Kalau Tun boleh jawab dengan telus dan ikhlas kepada soalan saya , tidak kira apa jawapan Tun sekali pun, saya rasa Tun akan sedar sendiri matlamat perjuangan Tun selama ini.

Sekian, terima kasih.

By Dragyn  on August 16, 2009 1:01 PM

I still wont approve even teach Maths/Science in other language except English. People are just too stubborn and try to be clever by changing the important words. In English sample they din't even change any our asian words, sample:

Wasabi is still wasabi instead green mustard

Dim Sum is still dim sum

Rojak is still rojak

Satay is still satay

Nasi lemak is still nasi lemak not santan rice or more weirdest thing is translate as cholesterol rice.

They dint change our words. Anything that dint exist to English, they will use our word.

By K . E . Boy  on August 16, 2009 12:44 PM

Dear Sir,

English is a Language. Education is an industry. Hence, the educational market comprises students who are the direct customers and parents are one stakeholder group. Other stakeholders comprise the government (provider of national education curriculum), tax payors (sponsors of public education), employers (consumers of the educational process) and society at large.

I agree that English is an important international language today for science and technology and to a certain extent, for business. However, we can also argue that Arabic would be an important language to learn Islamic studies. In business we need more than just English. We should also learn Malay, Mandarin, Arabic, Japanese, French, etc. and other business languages, so that we could really conduct our businesses globally.

Based on the above, the government should provide the infrastructure & conducive environment to fullfill the various stakeholders' needs. Since there is a market demand for teaching of Science and Maths in English (at school level), the government should also serve this market. At the same time, there are also market segments who prefer Science and Math to be taught in their mother tongue. They will need corrective learning not different from the 'remove class' concept in the sixties and seventies, to orientate them into the English medium schooling prior to entry

into higher educational institutions. (This would be an attractive market niche to serve in the near future.)

For students with potential to master the profession and embark in the creation of science, technology and business disciplines at the frontiers of knowledge, then strong proficiency in English language becomes a pre-requisite. Therefore, for this market, an initiative should be made to provide the English medium schooling mode that prevailed in the sixties and seventies. For those who do not aspire to be academically-driven in their education, their needs for English language proficiency won't be as stringent (This constitutes another market segment - 'their mother-tongue stream' and require only 'conversational' English level).

Therefore, true democratization of education would prevail in this "tanah tumpahnya darahku". Politically, there is a vital need now to serve all these voter segments for a win-win-win solution. I rest my case.

K.E.Boy (+ his better half).

By [Iklan Malaysia](#) on August 16, 2009 11:51 AM

First and foremost, excuse me for not writing in a structured way. I wish to make reference and add to point #9. These poor farmers or fishermen would ALSO NEED to know English well if they are serious about improving/enhancing themselves with new technology. Say they were to conduct a search in Google about new farming technology, or they need to conduct an online chat with their counterpart in other parts of the world to exchange knowledge. It is in English. All these people need to comprehend the language from young. Take for another example, our PM and DPM. We can obviously see both of them speak fluent English. Where on earth did they learn the language and in which medium of instructions they were taught in their schools? How on earth the poor fellows in the kampungs are going to match their standard of English? These are good case studies. Any leader would never go far without such skills.

You see, this argument goes on and on and the rational thinking majority know the facts right and importance of English. What does it really take for the current leaders to accept the real facts and surveys? When will our leaders learn and wake up to the realities? By the time, the current governing coalition loses the election, it would be too late. By the time, other countries are far ahead of us in every field, it would be too late and too costly to mend the mistakes.


Please, I hope our next generation would not switch back to English in 2020. Let me convey my sincere call to all leaders of this great nation. A true leader should have wisdom, far-sightedness, unselfish agenda and truly serve for greater good of his people.

Regards,  
Alexander

By [Mr Benny](#) on August 16, 2009 11:30 AM

Tun,

best to abolish vernacular schools first... then we start thinking on the languages to be taught.

By arik  on August 16, 2009 10:50 AM

Tak tahu nak cakap apa . Cuma kali ini saya hanya boleh beri gambaran dan taksiran sahaja , melalui pandangan saya .

Setahu saya ibu bapa saya mmg pandai inggeris , mungkin faktor sekolah org dulu-dulu agaknya . Walau apa pun bahasa inggeris mmg penting kalau kita nak bersaing secara global , melainkan kita nak cipta ilmu tersendiri tanpa mengikut cara pemikiran barat atau pun kita mencuri ilmu mereka , dan lakukan dengan acuan tersendiri . Apapun hakikatnya negara kita mmg mengikut cara pemikiran barat , dari sudut apa pun .  
kalau tak betul minta maaflah.....he he

Ada org kata bangsa jepun pakai bahasa sendiri pun boleh maju , kenapa bangsa kita tidak . pada pandangan saya bezanya org jepun dengan org malaysia , mungkin org jepun rajin mencari ilmu , org dimalaysia suka cari kekayaan dan bergaya ( ada juga yang suka berdemonstrasi , berarak kesana kesini ) , tetapi tak semua bersikap begitu . Mungkin juga kerajaan yang sedia ada , yang membentuk pemikiran rakyat jadi begitu atau kerajaan kita nak cepat sangat berjaya dalam pemerintahannya

sehingga pergi kebulan pun nak kena tumpang org , nak masuk formula 1 pun asyik kalah , kemudahan sukan serba cukup pun tetap kalah juga bila main bola . Mungkin juga kerajaan sedia ada cuma ingin memberi pendedahan kepada rakyatnya dengan harapan , kita akan melahirkan satu generasi yang mampu bersaing walaupun kita belum layak sebenarnya , atau pemikiran bangsa kita cepat berputus asa serta sifat iri hati yang terlalu tinggi diantara satu sama lain sehingga memudaratkan negara dan bangsa atau bangsa kita mudah merasa puas dalam sesuatu bidang yg diceburi . Ialah sudah kaya jadi malas bak kata tok det melayu mudah lupa , ataupun kita layak bersaing dalam malaysia aje dan mungkin juga kerajaan yang memimpin kita selama ini tidak pandai menguruskan peningkatan pemikiran rakyat hakikat sebenarnya kerana terlalu byk sekatan


ialah itu tak boleh ini tak boleh . Pada pandangan saya kejayaan sesuatu bangsa bukan dari sudut pelajaran disekolah atau belajar sampai ke University atau kerana bahasa inggerisnya , Kejayaan sesuatu bangsa ialah dari sudut cara dia berfikir kepada sesuatu bidang yang diceburinya , mereka yang menceburi sesuatu bidang itu mestilah berilmu serta mencari pengalaman dalam bidangnya seberapa byk dan berfikir dengan cara yang betul untuk menguasai ilmu itu , dan pastikan ilmu itu disampaikan kepada bidang org yang menceburinya , dengan cara pengajaran yang betul serta bijak . apa pun bahasa inggeris tetap penting kalau ingin kan ilmu , bahasa arab pun penting juga kerana mereka lebih kaya dengan ilmu utk kerohanian manusia .

Taksiran saya tak salah kita belajar matematik atau sains dalam bahasa inggeris , kalau kita ingin kan perubahan generasi akan datang kerana dia dalam kategori ilmu pengetahuan yg mampu utk bersaing .

Dan kepada org yg tak faham bahasa inggeris tu , berubahlah demi diri sendiri atau utk masa depan anak anak mereka , jgn nanti menyesal di kemudian hari . Kerajaan yang sedia ada pula jgnlah takut kepada org yg menentang , mungkin mereka-mereka ini tak faham agaknya apa yg al quran diajarkan kepada mereka , bahawasanya ilmu itu penting malah tuhan turut menyuruh kita memperbanyakkan ilmu serta berdoa lah " ya tuhanku tambahkan ilmu ku utk kebaikan aku dan keluarga aku "

Org islam kena tahu org yang beriman itu adalah org yang berilmu serta mereka itu menolak kejahatan dengan cara yg direhdai oleh tuhan , disebabkan mereka berilmulah syaitan-syaitan tak dapat menyesatkan mereka sebab itu mereka golongan yang layak kesyurga Allah , kalau kita

hari-hari berdoa tapi tak berilmu serta tidak dapat menbezakan yang benar atau yg salah ,  
kelaknya kita juga yang akan susah dikemudian hari .

By HBT  on August 16, 2009 10:44 AM

Ayahanda,

After going through the comments by bloggers, some agreed, some disagreed, reverting PPSMI  
in Bahasa Malaysia.

As usual LAH, Malaysians, especially, those Melayu, Cina and Indians of, Pennisular Malaysia,  
still cannot accept "English" is the right way to face the era globilization and liberation. They  
prefer to believe that they are very comfortable to live in denial stage at this moment because of  
"Bahasa Siapakah Lebih KUKUH BESI"!!!! They resist to change, they do not want their  
children to learn English.....


BUT, they got so carried a way that they forgot that Dr Mahathir Mohamad is ONLY defending  
Science and Mathematic to be taught in English Sahaja, Bukan semua SUBJEK!!!! Jangan Lah  
salah faham!!!! And also, if Kampung folks prefer to learn PPSMI in BM, carry on with the  
policy because it can be taught in BM, not Bahasa Mandarin or Bahasa Tamil.

Jangan bodoh Lah kita, buka mata apakah BN nak untuk kita, nak DIVIDE Malaysians further  
by changing the MOE's policy???? Or nak jadikan MOE satu hak istimewa kepada Kaum  
Kerajaan Persekutuan (new term from Opposition Party), itu saja Tok Det nak bukakan mata  
kita.

Teachers, students, Sasterawan, Parents of the HUMANITARIAN stream are REFUSING to  
accept PPSMI policy because that have nothing to do with them. If Melayu teachers are no good,  
hire Malaysian's non-malay teachers with better "Gaji" because of DEMAND PASARAN. Kalau  
kaum Melayu selalu kata Hak Melayu lebih istimewa daripada kaum lain, andai sekalian adalah  
sama dengan stail Yahudi!!!!

Getting good grades do not guarantee you a better "gaji" now because we are landed in Art of  
War!!!!!! So, suka tak suka, kita kena terima dengan hati yang baik dan jujur, jangan Lah kita  
Putih Mata kerana kaum Cina, India, Bai, Kadazan, Filipino, Bugis, Jawa, Iban are better than  
kaum Melayu in Science & Mathematics.

Good day Ayahanda and Happy Puasa to pakbelalang.


By PonMan  on August 16, 2009 10:43 AM

Salam Tun,

Saya pernah suarakan pendapat saya mengenai isu PPSMI ini dalam blog Tun sebelum ini.  
Begitulah pendapat saya hingga sekarang. Kesal teramat sangat dengan langkah 'kebelakang'  
yang diambil oleh kerajaan sekarang. Tak dinafikan sejak bergelar TPM, Muhyidin Yassin

banyak membuat keputusan yang salah, dari isu pemansuhan PPSMI hinggalah ke isu wabak H1N1.

Kalau Tun dan anda semua yang lain sedari atau tidak, para penduduk Buah Pala pun hampir semuanya cakap Bahasa Inggeris, sampai nak beri komen atau bantah dalam TV pun guna Bahasa Inggeris. Kenapa? Mereka pun cuma penduduk kampung sahaja tapi 'cair' dalam guna Bahasa Inggeris, dan tak gunakan Bahasa Melayu pun. Jadi kalau setakat Kampung Buah Pala yang majoritinya adalah India pun boelh kuasai Bahasa Inggeris, kenapa tak dengan penduduk kampung majoritinya adalah Melayu?

By JJJ  on August 16, 2009 10:14 AM

salam Tun,

we must strive to change and not stay in our comfort zone. If this policy continues, we will find it hard to keep up with the rest of the world.

There will be no ground breaking discoveries in science and technology since many researchers will waste time trying to understand new scientific terms in Malay. And by the time those clever guys at DBP get round to translating, the technology and the word itself will be obsolete!

BTW...macha Ravi is a two tongue kaki belit! LOL!

Wassallam

Jeng3

By azran abdul aziz  on August 16, 2009 8:00 AM

Tun

sejujurnya saya lebih menyokong pembelajaran dalam bahasa english, xp people get affected not by the thing happen around them but their thought about the issiue

so.. kita akan ada banyak orang yang mempunyai pendapat yang berlainan.

saya ada berkesempatan untuk berdiskusi denggan beberapa orang cikgu dari pendalaman tapi majoriti merasakan lega kerana pembelajaran telah ditukar kembali kepada BM.

pada pendapat saya orang2 yang lebih dekat denggan anak2 kita semestinya mengetahui denggan lebih baik akan adakah PPSMI itu memberi keuntungan.

mereka adalah orang yang berhadapan denggan sistem itu dan mereka juga yang dapat lihat sejujurnya denggan mata mereka penerimaan dan pemahaman anak2 kita. jadi pendapat mereka tidak boleh diabaikan sepenuhnya.

saya mohon para pembaca blog tun dapat renungkan apa yang saya cuba sampaikan ini.

walaubagaimanapun keputusan sudah dibuat TQ


By KaM  on August 16, 2009 5:55 AM

Salam Tun

Hahahaha.... Just can't believe that what I've been telling the crowds around me on issue 'No. 10'.... Now you are saying the same. Therefore my judgement is almost spot-on....

In addition, all those people who opposed PPSMI thinks that grammar would be taught in Science and maths classes. Even Prof Ungku Aziz mentioned this in Utusan. All of them says that PPSMI won't improve the students English. Most review from scholars, politicians and those who oppose would reflect this. Despite realizing the broad matter...we are not teaching ENGLISH in SCIENCE or MATHS but we are teaching SCIENCE and MATHS in ENGLISH.(Hope those people out there could understand that)

I'm not talking about GRAMMAR but the technical terms that were use in any technical references. Talking from the point of an Engineer working in the UK/ British firm in London. I know, Malay language is important. I'm almost certain that the Malays are going back towards the pre-independence era. The current government felt like winning some votes with this issues. They jeopardize the Malay's and country's future. They gamble our fate for the sake of politics. Some fellow countrymen are clapping their hands and laughing their soul out as the Malay leaders sells our rights across the street of Chow Kit.

By haniza  on August 16, 2009 3:16 AM

salam Tun,

My mum now 65 years of age told me that she was selected from kampung malay school to pursue her studies at an english medium school in town. The malay school with 'Jawi' handwriting to 100% in English language. The teachers were foreigners, christians whom she and her friends called "mother", and "father". She told me that in the first few weeks she had a hard time to adjust to the new school and its environment. Worst still, during religious classes, the 'ustazah' sarcastically said that my mum and her fellow friends had extra mother and father.

But still she manage to finished her studies with flying colors, still a faithful muslim, still able to read and understand Quran, read and write Jawi, read, write, speak Malay Language as well as English. She shared with me of how amazing nowadays technologies, which, she could send/receive messages from her grandchildren in Perth, Australia, in a blink of an eye, while recalling her childhood days;when she had to write to my late grandfather in Jawi handwriting to tell him about her new school. Then, waiting for a few weeks to get his reply.

She shared with me that she just don't understand why this issue arise today. With only 3 subjects in English compared to her schooldays? And when most young children nowadays know how to surf the internet which is mostly in English when in her kampung, there's only one family had a tv, and once in a blue moon,she had to cycle along with her kampung friends just to reach that house to watch tv.

Last comment Tun, westerners used to learn Arabics just to understand Ibnu Sina's work. So... why can't we? Why those people sooo... worried about??

By ezrm  on August 16, 2009 2:24 AM


salam Y. Bhg. Tun,

I couldn't agree more...to me, the Gov is making a bad decision that heads us backward. Malay must be given the opportunity and support to be a better race and move forward in every field to be recognised at international level.

Golongan pelajar Melayu di kampung juga ada potensi dan mereka perlu dibimbing, bukan dijadikan alasan kepada dasar yang nyata mampu merubah masa depan generasi melayu untuk menjadi generasi yang disegani dan mampu bersaing di peringkat global.

kepada barisan Pemimpin, jadilah pemimpin yang bijaksana, yang mampu memberi keputusan yang mempunyai impak positif kepada negara. Buatlah keputusan yang bijak, jangan lah jadi 'flip-flop' seperti pemimpin terdahulu...Keputusan yang bijak akan menjadikan Pemimpin disegani dan dihormati oleh rakyat jelata...

Terima kasih Tun, kerana sentiasa berusaha membuka mata dan memberi panduan untuk anak bangsa berfikir ke hadapan dan menjadi bangsa yang berjaya.

By DANIEL  on [August 16, 2009 1:36 AM](#)

Dearest Tun,

I'm totally 100% fully agreed with you.As a parent,we of course hope that our child can do well in future and we had always knew that ENGLISH is the most important language in the world.If our children cannot master ENGLISH language,how can our children go far from here?

I think the government should really reconsider their decision on this matter as what decision they make now is going to define how far can our country goes in future.

May God Bless Tun & Family with good health...

By jong52yuara  on [August 16, 2009 1:32 AM](#)

Assalamalaikum Tun,

I ONLY HAVE ONE DEMAND from local government about this issues.. if Tun can, please make another blog post regarding this issue.

- I DEMAND GOV TO GIVE REASONABLE EXPLANATION why revert Science and Maths to Bahasa Malaysia is better for the children in the future, or for whatever reason?

Sincerely Yours.


By Peter98  on [August 16, 2009 1:09 AM](#)

Today We can See Great China and Great India grow very fast which we dont expected. 1990,Mr Lee Kuan Yew said might take 10 to 20 yrs to grow bigger. we see from another way if Malay,Chinese and Indian can write and talk well in Mothertongue, Malaysian able communicate well with Indonesia,China and India.

I can not said it helps directly to Malaysia economy but I believe it helps Malaysia economy indirectly.

This policy will bring advantages and disadvantages if we implement English education for Math and Science in Secondary School, I believe "Malaysian Boleh" handle challenges in future.

this is strictly personal opinions only.

By 2009  on August 16, 2009 12:32 AM

Tun,

Apa lagi yang Tun tak puas hati? Dah la tu....keputusan kerajaan dah ambil kira semua aspek...bukan macam keputusan Tun tergesa-gesa nak buat PPSMI...bukan soal orang bandar teringin anak jadi orang putih saja...

Tun dah mula cakap merepek, nampak tak professional langsung.

Poll yang utusan buat menyebelahi bahasa melayu, itu pun dikira yang undi kat poll utusan orang bandar, macamana kalau dicampur orang kampung yang tak undi. Orang yang sokong bahasa melayu lebih ramai...tapi takkan mereka nak jumpa Tun pasal hal ni...logik la sikit.

Kalau kita terus guna BI sampai bila pun BM takkan kemana. setakat jadi bahasa borak kosong. Kagum tengok jiran kita Indonesia & Thailand guna bahasa mereka dalam semua bidang, tapi kat Malaysia BM jadi bahasa longkang.

Tun akan dikenang dalam sejarah sebagai pengkhianat Bahasa Melayu...waktu tu BM dah digunakan 100% dalam semua bidang.

By antikmalaya  on August 15, 2009 11:42 PM

Dearest Tun,

- 1) National unity cannot be achieved if we continue with the vernacular school.
- 2) Majority of the Chinese refuse to attend the National School. Why? Obviously their standard of education is better than the National School. My concern is, for how long do we allow this segregation?
- 3) Teachers must be conversant in at least 2 languages. Bahasa Melayu and English Language. Since teachers are not conversant, they are partly to be blamed as to why the PPSMI is failing. Not only that, the National Education Policy has also failed to produce generations that are competitive in parallel to world standard. The Ministers may not have to go far in learning methods for improvisation. Singapore managed to uplift their education standard. The Johorean is sending their children to Singapore's school. Private schools in Malaysia is taking the Singapore's syllabus. Why can't we learnt from them?
- 4) In my view, the Ministers explanation to revert to the National School is a showcase of a complete failure on the Government to install quality education for the Rakyat. Please don't let us become the laughing stock of other nations. We are portraying that Malays are unable to perform on his job.
- 5) I'm not sure whether are we being realistic in addressing the English Language problem. Glaringly, the Malays are the majority victim to this flip-flop. The Malays seldom speaks English amongst friends which is affecting their proficiency at work. Unlike the Chinese and

Indian, English has become their mother-tongue. I pity the local Malay graduates as they are suffering hard to gain entry into the working world after graduation. So, in my view, it is alright to force through the learning of English Language.

6) English is important as it is the business language. It is also important for career achievement. It is also important for boosting the confidence as most gathering and meeting are held in English. English is needed in most negotiation. This explains why the Malays are shying away from most high profile jobs and associations.

7) How can our Ministers champion the cause for English when they are sending their children abroad for education? After 50 years of independence, we are still dabbling on the right policy for our children.

Finally, what is the point of achieving VISION 2020 when we are still behind in our Education Policy. And also, what is the point of achieving this vision if the Malays are still struggling to be on par even at the language level!

Please forgive for my language and Wassalam.

By Dess  on August 15, 2009 11:27 PM

Tun,

I'm frustrated too.. I have 5 children, 4 schooling at the moment. They are not that good in English, but being children, they are learning. And we being their parents are the ones who are responsible for their future. Luckily my first child is "Beijing bound". He has just completed his SPM last year and now is doing his foundation at INTEC, Shah Alam. He is a Petronas scholar and due to further his studies in Beijing next year. But, my last 3 kids will suffer...

Tun, as a parent and a teacher by profession, I found that your idea of teaching and learning Science and Mathematics in English is just great.. We are preparing our children for the coming generation so that "orang Melayu/orang Cina/orang India" is not left way back behind in terms of the global knowledge in Science and Mathematics. BUT, these "guys" now are more interested in "jaga orang kampung".


These so called "orang kampung" are not going anywhere. Just like you said, "tanam padi and pancing ikan."

By samar  on August 15, 2009 11:27 PM

Dear Tun,

I truly appreciate your continuing argument about teaching of Science and mathematic in English. If I understand your argument correctly, it is not to make every school children to be proficient in English. It is about them understanding English good enough for them to acquire knowledge in science and mathematic in the future as most references and journals are written in English. I think this part of the argument is lost in the whole debate. Most said that it is rather impossible students to be proficient in english by usingb the language in the two subjects. Well, the logic is not important, getting the votes is more important. Was the language issue the prime reason BN lost many votes? The answer is no. It is the BN and the way the wakil rakyat behave and make themselves rich that influence many to vote against BN. To the Chinese I was told

during the last 5 years no much business. At least in your days, business people really have business to do because so much development projects. Keep on fighting Tun.

By Pak Jalek  on August 15, 2009 11:20 PM

Salam Tun,

Tak ada juga masalah besar. Cuma maybe pengajar masih belum fasih bahasa inggeris untuk mengajar Math & Science. Ajarlah murid2x guna bahasa Melayu campur2x sikit guna bahasa inggeris kalau susah sangat nak mengajar. Buku panduan tetap dalam bahasa inggeris....

Yang penting murid paham apa yang di ajar. Like masa saya di IPTA dulu belajar Accouting...semua buku guna bahasa inggeris....pensyarah pun guna bahasa melayu campur inggeris....tak ada masalah dalam pembelajaran....we all dalam exam jawab dalam bahasa inggeris pun tak ada masalah...

By abdul khalim b zainal abidin  on August 15, 2009 10:25 PM


salam tun,

semoga tun dan keluarga dlm keadaan sihat, untuk pengetahuan tun,saya ada seorang anak yg diajar matematik dan sains dlm bahasa inggeris,dlm ujian upsr tahun 08 dia mendapat A di dalam kedua subjek

itu, kami dirumah tidak pernah berbahasa org putih pun, tapi shukur dia dapat menguasai pelajaran dia, sekolah anak saya hanya sekolah kampung,yang tidak jauh dari bandar kajang,

saya tak bersetuju langsung dengan keputusan kerajaan, tapi apa boleh buat, mesti ada sebab kerajaan mengambil keputusan seperti itu

wassallam

By hajime  on August 15, 2009 10:13 PM

assalamualaikum dan salam sejahtera..

semoga tun berdua sihat...  
sekali lagi isu PPSMI menjadi pilihan..  
saya ok je.. :)

di sini izinkan saya memberikan beberapa maklum balas

1. jika dikatakan perpaduan antara kaum tidak wujud.. tak betul..  
jadi saya kata tak capai taraf sepatutnya.. ingat seperti yg saya katakan dulu, bangsa Malaysia tak pernah wujud.. yg wujud hanyalah masyarakat Malaysia.. sebab itulah pemimpin canangkan slogan yg 'kaw-kaw' pnya... cth macam 1 malaysia, malaysian malaysia, dan macam2 lagi..  
sampaikan tema hari kemerdekaan ke 51 pun perpaduan teras kejayaan.. perpaduan itu nampak sangat sukar.. berbalik kaitannya dengan ppsmi, ya, memang betul dengan bahasa yang tak sama, susah nak berhubung.. tapi kenapa mesti bahasa Inggeris yang jadi pilihan? integrasi kaum hanya boleh wujud jika semua rakyat fasih dlm bahasa Inggeris ke?? tak saya rasa.. kita ada bahasa Melayu..atau sesetengahnya panggil bahasa Malaysia.. malah dalam Perlembagaan Persekutuan perkara 152 jugatelah menetapkan bahawa bahasa Melayu merupakan bahasa Kebangsaan... ingat.. bahasa jiwa bangsa... soal di sekolah cina ajar dalam bahasa cina (mandarin), sekolah tamil ngajar dalam bahasa tamil.. tu salah pemerintah.. kenapa pemerintah tak tetapkan atau

wajibkan sekolah2 jenis kebangsaan ini ajar dalam bahasa Melayu.. salah pemerintah.. berlembut dengan pihak2 tertentu..

2. undian itu, adakah melambangkan semua rakyat.? yg undi itu hanyalah mereka yang tahu blog ini ada buat kaji selidik.. malah tak ramai yang tahu tun ada buat blog dan bukan semua ada kemudahan internet serta berminat untuk membaca blog.. seolah-olah undian secara tertutup.. mungkin juga yang undi boleh undi berkali-kali dan penyokong pihak-pihak tertentu.. keputusan undian sebenarnya tak melambangkan apa pun.. itu adat biasa kalau buat kaji selidik kerana kebolehpercayaan boleh pertikai.. sedangkan keputusan pilihan raya pun boleh dipertikai.. inikan pula undian di alam maya..

3. sebenarnya, kerajaan telah memalukan diri sendiri.. dulu, dengan megah kata keputusan untuk subjek matematik, sains, bahasa inggeris untuk kesemua peperiksaan awam meningkat.. memberangsangkan.. penipu besar!! menteri pelajaran yg baru sendiri kata sebaliknya.. siapa ada bukti tentang kemerosotan pencapaian pelajar.. nampak sangat menteri pelajaran dulu nak tutup kelemahan.. jika pelajar itu mendapat A, adakah betul2 pelajar berkenaan mendapat 80 markah ke atas? atau graf terpaksa diturunkan.. graf kelulusan terpaksa diturunkan sebab teruk sangat.. boleh jadi 60 dah A.. klawu biasa, 60 tu dah gred B4.. sipi-sipi nak gred C5.. saya baru tahu rupanya yang dalam peperiksaan awam sebenar, markah A lebih rendah daripada biasa...

4. ikhlas saya cakap.. sepanjang peperiksaan PPSMI, ramai pelajar menderita.. tak faham.. jawab pun dalam BM.. itu pun tak tahu apa.. belajar dalam bahasa Melayu pun tak faham dan tak boleh dapat markah tinggi, inikan pula belajar dalam bahasa asing... sepanjang PPSMI, ramai pelajar yang sangkut dalam subjek berkaitan matematik dan sains...

5. maaf nak cakap.. adakah PPSMI ini juga agenda tersirat? contoh macam pembekalan bahan-bahan mengajar, interaktif, buku, CD, peralatan komputer? sebab boleh nampak siapa yang monopoli.. seolah-olah dasar ini ada udang di sebalik batu.. untungkan orang tertentu..

6. tapi percayalah, undian terhadap pemerintah sepatutnya bergantung kepada integriti dan sikap dia.. bukan sebab keputusan popular dia buat dan boleh tunjukkan yang dia hero... malah, kerajaan telah membuka pekung di dada tentang kegagalan PPSMI.. lagilah boleh menimbulkan kebencian rakyat.. tengok dulu sebelum pilihan raya ke 12.. dgn berani naikkkan harga minyak sampai rm 2.70 seliter.. kerajaan berlagak dengan kata "RAKYAT FAHAM DAN AKAN MENYOKONG KITA".. apa jadi lepas itu? tak ke berlaku tsunami?? lagi satu, dulu ada pemimpin kata "SELANGOR ITU TAK ADA ISU YANG BOLEH DIBANGKITKAN PEMBANGKANG, KITA PERINTAH DENGAN BAGUS".. apa jadi?? pemimpin yang bongkak dan berlagak akhirnya terima padah.. bukan sahaja kalah.. malah disiasat pula sebab ada kes rasuah semasa pemerintahan dia dulu... patutnya pemimpin ni cermin dulu muka.. terbaru ada menantu seorang bekas pemimpin ini, cakap suruh ahli pemimpin pembangkang mempunyai semangat berani untuk menegur pemimpin diorang.. tapi si menantu ni, ada berani ke nak tegur

pemimpin satu geng dengan dia?? kalau geng sendiri wat silap, tutup mata.. dia sendiri pun tak betul.. isu dia beli undi masa pemilihan untuk jadi ketua satu pergerakan ini pun tak selesai.. sudahlah, pandai membodek, ingat dialah wira penyelamat... boleh blahlah.. dulu masa pilihanraya kecil kat kelantan aritu, undi kat pemerintah kurang sebab dia datang kat situ.. orang menyampah dengan dia..

sekian..

P/S: tun, apa kata tun ulas tentang pilihan raya kecil permatang pasir?? boleh kita beramai-ramai bincang.. ini cadangan sahaja..harap dapat perhatian..

By [rarunasalam](#) on August 15, 2009 9:51 PM

Tun

I am annoyed, perturbed, unhappy that the about turn on English as medium for Science, Maths. And what makes me believe this has not been well thought through is right after the announcement on the full reversal, the DPM/Ed. Minister then made amendments that for those who started with English as medium of instruction, could retain English as preference to answer exams etc.

Sir, the Govt. that is meant to be elected for the people, by the people chooses not to listen to the people. I suggested that the Govt so to not receive unbiased views should run a referendum on the subject. That was never considered.

I hear all the positives in your language about this subject but I am also annoyed with the part that you played in putting us in such a state.

Sir, you as Ed. Minister in your time, and then as PM in your time put us in the situation we are now in.

Possibly due to politics, or even your lack of experience, you did not see the long term disadvantages Malaysians would have when competing against the world.

Yes, in your twilight years as PM, you saw the disadvantage of not teaching core technical subjects in English, and made those amendments.

But it was not implemented with the right approach and strategy.

You as PM was more concerned about announcing it to be your brainchild, but did not ensure that the Edu. Ministry would spend the effort and time in establishing a strategy.

Else, if they did, question beckons - would they have decided to reverse it?

The excuses we receive today is valid - the concerns are largely the rural education establishments where English education is probably very basic.

Again, in your quest to build bigger buildings, airports, a race track amongst the many industrialisation visions you had, you ignored basic tenets to make the country truly industrialised

- having one education system and using one yardstick to measure, not the smorgasbord we have today

- ensuring education is mandatory not only to the student population, but teachers and educators as well - today, the complaints we receive is there are not enough highly skilled English teachers. Well, who created that problem in first place?

- rather than encourage students to work hard and excel on the basis of their hard work, certain demographics were allowed to progress without showing high results. Today, the country pays the price for mediocrity

So sir - while I appreciate you taking the Govt to task...I would appreciate if you could also take some of the blame for the part you have played in putting us in this situation.

(Ravi)

By Ms Maria  on August 15, 2009 9:45 PM

Salam Tun,

I am angry and frustrated with the government's move to switch the teaching of science and mathematics in english back to malay. All of my students expressed their disappointment with the decision as well. I don't understand how such an unwise decision was made. There are groups of people who most probably think that they are more patriotic by fighting for the use of Malay in the teaching of these subjects. I guess that they are also very sure and confident that the Malay students especially in kampung, are stupid and will never do well if science and maths are continuously taught in English...We have already moved forward and now backward again...

As a teacher I think we should let the education institutions free from political interference. Some of the decisions made by the government were not for the benefits of the students or country but merely to gain political popularity and achieve hidden political agenda. It will be nice to have an Education Minister who is not a politician but an academician who is wise, forward-thinking, knowledgeable about the education system in our country and capable of generating ideas which will benefit the students, society and country.

By CoolNation  on August 15, 2009 9:26 PM

Deat Tun,

I've been a huge disspointment in a way government taking he desicion in handling this issue.It seems that government is more concern on getting back voters in the next election. As for this issue,my personal view would be it more on populist decision rather than nation developement. I believe sometimes, deciosion made can't never satisfy everbody. But as government, the nation would be the priority before everything even it will hurt some peoples.

By matmadmax  on August 15, 2009 8:40 PM

Assalamualaikum,

Saya amat berterima kasih kepada Tun jika Tun dapat memberikan jalan penyelesaian masalah PPSMI! Adalah lebih afdal jika Tun dapat memberikan cadangan kepada kerajaan agar kita semua mendapat manfaatnya! Cadangan saya agar kerajaan dapat mewujudkan dua aliran yakni

Sains dan Matematik diajar pada 2 bahasa. Kepada murid2 yang berhasrat belajar dalam bahasa Inggeris bolehlah memilih aliran Inggeris dan begitulah sebaliknya. Dengan ini kita menanam asas demokrasi di kalangan murid2! Saya juga ingin meminta Tun supaya memujuk kerajaan agar Silat Melayu dijadikan sebagai silibus kokurikulum di sekolah2! Hanya mereka yang belajar ilmu silat barulah pejuang Melayu. Kerana silat merupakan warisan bangsa Melayu. Selamat menyambut Ramadhan Al-Mubarak dan semoga Tun dapat memanfaatkan bulan yang mulia ini.

By [Tuanku](#) on August 15, 2009 8:20 PM

Hi! Tun M,

I totally agreed with your comment. Yes, Dr Chua Jui Mei or Dato' Zahid Ibrahim claimed that he could not afford to send his grandchildren abroad as some who advocate Malay as the medium had been doing. In fact, many rich Malays, UMNO politicians and BN Ministers are sending their children and grandchildren to local international schools and overseas to learn and read in English. They don't even trust their own Malay education system and prefer their offspring children to be educated in English medium.

The sudden flip flop education policies to change the English medium of Science and Mathematics to Bahasa Malaysia indeed a big mistake to BN govt. This is because many Malays are denied to improve and upgrade their command in English in future. As a result, Malays are unable to compete in the globalised markets in many Science and Technology fields in their pursuit to improve themselves if UMNO politicians are too selfish, corrupt and greedy to use Malay issue agenda for their own political gains at the expense of their own Malay race. Whereas Chinese and Indian communities have no problems in respect of learning English because they can afford to send their children for additional tuition classes in English, Science and Technology as well as also speak English to them at home.

Malaysians read with disgusting and disgraceful remarks from the editorial of UMNO controlled Utusan Malaysia media for calling Malay is coward, Malay PAS is traitor and the weaknesses of Malays to face other non-Malay and also playing racist and religion to incite hatred among Malaysians. Such articles will damage the reputation of Malays in the eyes of the world. Recalled Dr M said that Malays still depend on NEP as their 'tongkat ali' contracts from UMNO/BN ruling. But the demolition of English medium in Science and Maths will eventually cause Malaysian Malaysia especially the Malays to go backward and suffer more if they are unable to further their tertiary educations in overseas.

The DPM cum Minister of Education accused Anwar is a Malay traitor but he failed to realise that he has ceased and prevented the Malays from learning a better Science and Technology in English. In long term we can see many Malays are handicapped in English and they cannot progress their careers in a modern world today.

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By [hazrin](#) on August 15, 2009 7:50 PM

Tun,

Pembelajaran dan Pengajaran Sains dan Matematik dalam Bahasa Inggeris banyak di perkatakan sekarang, pendebatan PPSMI samaada menyokong atau tidak menyokong keduanya bertujuan baik iaitu untuk menyediakan generasi Malaysia supaya lebih bersedia

menghadapi cabaran pada masa akan datang. Saya berasa kesal kedua-dua pihak penyokong dan yang anti PPSMI lebih cenderung memperkatakan tentang patut/tak patutnya pelajar yang berkebolehan dalam mathematic dan sains menguasai Bahasa Inggeris untuk membolehkan mereka menguasai hal-hal teknikal pada peringkat Universiti kelak.

Bukankah penentu pembangunan sesebuah Negara bergantung kepada rakyat, massa masyarakat ialah Pembina sesebuah Negara, golongan massa ini yang perlu di bimbing supaya mereka tidak buta huruf, boleh menulis dan mengira. Pengetahuan mengira yang diperlukan oleh massa ialah untuk menguruskan kehidupan harian mereka, membeli, mengatur masa dan berniaga. Sementara pengetahuan sains yang diperlukan oleh mereka pula akan ialah untuk pengetahuan am mereka dalam mengisi ilmu yang perlu dalam kemahiran hidup harian sahaja. Pengetahuan asas ini tidak ada kena mengena dengan Journal, majalah sains, penemuan sains terbaru dan mengira kira-kira yang sofisticated. Rakyat massa yang tidak dapat dibimbing dengan asas mathematic dan pengetahuan sains yang perlu akan sukar dipimpin. Cerdik pandai yang hanya terdiri dari 5% dari populasi sesebuah negara perlukan rakyat massa yang boleh dipercayai, ada kemahiran asas, logik asas supaya golongan bijak pandai yang ada bergulung-gulung ijazah ini membimbing masyarakat massa dalam bidang masing-masing.

Masyarakat massa ini bukan sahaja budak kampung, mereka mungkin menimba ilmu di Bandar-bandar, seperkara yang menarik, menguasai bahasa Inggeris, tidak memberi kelebihan kepada seseorang pelajar dalam memahami mathematic dan sains. Hanya kepala otak sains dan matematik sahaja yang boleh memahaminya. Sebagai contoh ; tahukah Tun, teknologi IT yang dibangunkan di US sendiri bukan dibangunkan oleh orang Amerika yang menguasai bahasa Inggeris, saya telah menemui beberapa pakar IT dan instrumentation dari Amerika, kebanyakan expert yang saya jumpa adalah orang dari India ( di gelar "Angels") yang masih pekat lorat Indianya, China dan Vietnam.


Penguasaan bahasa Inggeris yang baik untuk orang yang bukan kepala otak mathematic dan sains hanya dapat menafaatkan dengan bersebang kosong sahaja, mereka tidak dapat mengaitkan secara langsung perkara-perkara yang berkaitan. Contohnya orang politik yang nak tunjuk tahu serba serbi, asalkan boleh menunjukkan perkataan-perkataan teknologi dapat di sebut, jadilah, aku tidak ketinggalan. Sehingga di Amerika terutamanya, memperkatakan " Celebrity CEO, who is at fault" CEO yang berimejkan celebrity, pandai bercakap sudah pasti dalam bahasa inggeris, jaga imej, mementingkan persepri daripada menyelesaikan masalah sebenar, selalunya gagal dan akan menjadi bebanan untuk sesebuah organisasi.

Saya berharap, Tun janganlah "Generalizekan" semua masalah, kira nak bagi paracetamol untuk semua penyakit, semasa Tun memperkenalkan PPSMI pada 2003 lepas, berdasarkan sentimen orang yang disekeliling Tun, tanpa kajian ilmiah dan tanpa penggunaan petunjuk mathematic yang betul, tanpa penggunaan Hypothesis ilmiah yang menyeluruh, Tun yang pandai sembang terus memberi arahan "Copy and Paste" untuk menyelesaikan kesemua masalah berbangkit. Tun harus sedar, Tun yang berimej selebriti, akan menyukarkan penjawat kerajaan yang ingin berkhidmat untuk memberikan maklum balas. Kata-kata Tun dengar sedap sahaja, macam senang saja nak buat, ini lagi bahaya, susah orang nak bangkang. Akibatnya jelas, kita tidak membimbing masyarakat massa kita sendiri.

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By Jamal  on August 15, 2009 7:08 PM

Salam Tun,

Keputusan sudah di buat, takkan boleh ia nya di tarik balik. Melainkan jatuh air muka Najib dan Kerajaan Malaysia.

Yang pasti, keputusan ini di buat atas desakan akar umbi UMNO - tak tau yang kesemua nya ke hanya segelintir yang ada agenda2 sendiri.

Seperti mana mereka membantah saranan untuk mengubah cara UMNO memilih wakil supaya politik wang dapat di hapuskan. Mereka punya agenda sendiri...hendak mempertahankan status quo...status quo yang akan menghancurkan UMNO sendiri.

Maka al maklum banyak cerita kita dengar orang2 baru nak masuk menjadi ahli UMNO mendapati amat sukar untuk memasuki UMNO.

Dalam pandangan saya...NAJIB haru teruskan rancangan untuk mengubah cara UMNO di uruskan. Kalau penyangak2 ini tak suka - maka UMNO tak perluakn mereka.

Memang BANYAK lagi orang2 yang berkaliber nak masuk UMNO dan berbakti kepada Nusa dan Bangsa melalui UMNO.

Buang aja penyangak2 tu dan ambil ahli2 baru. Permudahkan kemasukan orang ramai untuk menjadi ahli. Mereka yang ikhlas nak berbakti.

Bukan peminta peminta yang nak kan projek dan macam2 lagi dari kerajaan. Nak ke perhimpunan Agong pun nak meminta minta.

Datang lah dengan ikhlas dengan duit sendiri...bukan dengan duit pemberian KJ atau dari Calon2 mana ke...

By mytwocents  on August 15, 2009 7:07 PM

Hi Tun,

We can do better by using Mother tongues to learn Mathematics and Science. Why the change? Tun is worried about the mastering of English which is totally a different thing. We can master Science technology using English with the knowledge of Science and mathematics. Tun, in your trips with the ill-speaking delegates could nt speak English seem ed to cast your mind on using English to teach Maths and Science. I think you are wrong to associate your event with the expected outcome. The businessmen with you then should go for English courses to communicate. And the businessmen or technocrats that followed you should be good at both that is English communication which should include mastering the technological terms. Your good intention flawed as you create neither good English speakers and English-speaking technocrats. I think id know how you fell originally that Tun almost wanted subjects to be taught in English which was zeroed in on Math and Science after much political persuasions.

Tun is an intellectual and that Tun is exposed to English Education but can Tun understand that there are thousands of technocrats that are raised up in their respective mother tongue.

I hope Tun would not put Malaysian in UK or US contexts aiming to be industrialized and developed. Tun please be more open and more so, for Malaysian multiracial society. Don't put Malaysian into Singapore context too. And do not put all Malaysian into overseas elite schools like many of other betters today.

many of us are not simplistic but simple enough to love our roots and thus our mother tongues or the lingua franca at home. We count ourselves absolutely blessed to learn more languages and shine in Maths and Science.

At the rate we go, we are on the right track. Teach more serious English and be more professional in the teaching of Science and maths.

For Chinese or Indians, i think they can do very well mastering their mother tongues and mastering the Mathematical and Scientific knowledge in English. Many including Malays and other indigenous groups groups in Malaysia are already venturing into learning Math and Science using English especially in the post-secondary stage of learning.

We cannot change of identities, can we if we are Chinese, then we are but we are proud Malaysians.

If the non-Malays lost their identities, we will lose our Malaysian identity as well.

God has designed and destined us this way and so long we love one another, we will move together to Tun's dream too.

I hope Tun, turn around and give true Mm Malaysians some help to make using English to learn math and Science as the end but also to help the Mother-tongue learners to flourish to effect true Malaysian society.

We love Tun not for your unproductive policy but we love you more for your sensitivities and sensibility. I know Tun has both.


cheers.

Mytwocents

By jaznigani  on [August 15, 2009 6:49 PM](#)

dear dr. M

if that is the case why not the government allow the urban school to carry on with PPSMI and let the rural school stick to Bahasa Melayu

By Dashing  on [August 15, 2009 6:08 PM](#)


Actually the Malays the rural ones can do well just like the other races. It is a matter of mind set. Their mind has been set to receive goodies from the BN government for the past half a century now, in the name of special privileges accorded by the constitution. This has made them dependant. They must be trained to stand on their own feet which will boost self confidence. Basically with self confidence one can achieve a great deal, both in business and in English. Merit system must be abolished so that the Malays can be proud of their achievement. Competing on the same platform as others will again boost their self concept.

By zj  on [August 15, 2009 5:58 PM](#)

Salam Tun,

Benar sekali Tun, saya buat kerja kampung dan tinggal dikampung. Anak2 saya sudah biasa dengan sains & Matematik dalam bahasa inggeris, tapi kerjaan tukar pulak kpd aliran BM, anak2 saya jadi keliru dan binggung. Saya sudah pasti akan mengundi parti lawan BN dalam pilihan raya akan datang. Sudah jemu dan perangai puak2 yg memerintah kerana mereka kurang yakin

apa yg diputuskan, cuma nak jaga periok nasi mereka saja. Salam dan terima kasih Tun kerana tetap memperjuangkan Sains & Matematik dlm bahasa Inggeris.

By Hajar  on August 15, 2009 5:52 PM

Salam YAB dan Di Kasih Tun,

1. Saya AMAT SETUJU dengan pandangan Tun tentang PPSMI (walaupun akan digelar "pembodek" & "blind supporter" oleh "blind detractor" Tun ; hakikatnya Tun mungkin tak kenal saya; jadi saya tiada kepentingan peribadi dalam hal ini – tidak perlu untuk membodek Tun).

2. Kelakar/sinis betul ayat Tun dalam poin 8. Saya rasa, belajar pun bukan mudah, jadi elok juga mereka (Melayu yang tak faham BI) yang susah sangat nak belajar dalam BI berhenti dari belajar. Bila belajar dalam BM pun masih boleh gagal..buat rugi duit saja. Setiap tahun saya bayar banyak cukai pendapatan...

3. Saya sertakan *petikan pandangan TS Muhyiddin* dalam Utusan minggu lepas:

*// "3j murid rugi jika teruskan PPSMI*

*Menurut Muhyiddin, beliau menyedari keputusan memansuhkan PPSMI itu bukan tindakan popular.*

*"Namun, kita kena fikirkan masa depan 500,000 pelajar. Kalau dalam setahun, sebahagian tidak faham langsung, maka dalam tempoh enam tahun sahaja, jumlahnya mencapai tiga juta murid.*

*"Kalau hendak diteruskan juga, anda boleh bayangkan akan hasilnya dan ia tentu beri kesan buruk kepada Malaysia."*

*//*

Ternyata TS Muhyiddin tidak faham tentang satu perkara PENTING. Tidak semua pelajar/orang ada "KEBOLEHAN" untuk memahami sains dan matematik dengan baik walaupun ianya di ajar dalam BM; memang akan ada pelajar yang sentiasa "BLUR" dan tidak faham langsung tentang sains & matematik, kerana memang tiada kebolehan, walaupun diajar berulang-kali..

Namun demikian, jika S & M diajar dalam BI, mereka yang BERKEBOLEHAN akan ada LALUAN MUDAH/EFISIEN UNTUK MENGUASAI TERUS SUBJEK-SUBJEK YANG BERKAITAN SAINS, MATEMATIK & TEKNOLOGI di peringkat lebih tinggi kerana rata-rata dalam zaman "sains & teknologi" ini rujukan terdapat dengan meluas dalam BI. Mengapa kerajaan hendak risaukan mereka yang cuma mahu belajar sains & matematik setakat tingkatan 5 (dengan cara mudah) sahaja kerana bukan mereka ini yang akan bergelar pakar & menyumbang dalam bidang-bidang penting tersebut.

Saya rasa TS Muhyiddin ingat tahap pemikiran beliau setanding Tun Mahathir (maaf kepada TSMY) untuk mengambil langkah tidak popular ini. "Good luck to him and the government!" Mereka sedang melakukan KESILAPAN yang sama dengan kerajaan pimpinan Tun Lah..

\*\* Semoga Tun sekeluarga dirahmati Allah SWT \*\*

By narinder  on August 15, 2009 5:10 PM

Dear Tun,


This is another flip flop policy looking similar like many other decisions before. It is high time the education system have a reliable leader. With the latest change, many parents and children alike are left wondering what else is in store in the coming weeks or months.

Similarly in the health ministry, the policy handling the H1N1 issue keep changing. Suddenly many are becoming epidemiologists, virologists and even experts on how to prescribe drugs.

Why is there no blue print outlined for drug treatment? I am sure we can have more than one expert in the country?

Looks like we practice the concept of symptomatic management to the core in all issues but not really treating the "disease" itself.

When are we going to learn? Or are they really interested to even learn. Millions being spent hurriedly in changing policies overnight. It is the tax payors that are feeling the pinch.

By Saliz Ali  on August 15, 2009 4:19 PM

Salam Tun,

Saya amat memahami apa yang Tun gusarkan. Memang Sains dan Matematik adalah penting untuk diajar dalam Bahasa Inggeris. Saya akui bila kita masuk ke peringkat universiti, PPSMI akan banyak membantu. Tapi, kerajaan harus menguatkan dulu Bahasa Inggeris bukan sahaja kepada murid2 malahan guru2 Sains dan Matematik tersebut. Dengan cara ini, barulah, pada pendapat saya, murid2 terutama di kampung2 dapat menerima Sains dan Matematik dalam Bahasa Inggeris.

Dan, kepada semua pihak, tolonglah ikhlaskan hati anda dalam kes PPSMI ini. Fikirkanlah tentang masa depan murid2 ini. Jangan jadikan ia isu untuk kepentingan diri masing2.

Salam...

By Planetaman  on August 15, 2009 4:18 PM

Salam Tun

Maaf Tun kalau pendapat saya menyimpang sedikit sebabnya saya tiada maklumat penuh bagaimana program ini dijalankan...

1. Pada pendapat saya pelajar sekolah rendah mestilah diajar dalam bahasa ibunda masing-masing kerana pada peringkat ini konsep asas ilmu sedang diterap dalam minda pelajar. Contohnya konsep (+ - \* /) dalam mata pelajaran matematik haruslah diajar dalam bahasa ibunda supaya senang pelajar memahaminya.

2. Pada peringkat sekolah menengah bolehlah keduanya diajar dalam bahasa Inggeris kerana pada peringkat ini konsep asas sudah pun difahami (harapnya).

3. Masalah ini menjadi kusut kerana ianya telah dipolitikkan oleh si penyokong dan si pembantah yang tidak menggunakan akal rasional.

Off Topic...

Kan bagus kalau setiap universiti di Malaysia buat begini...klik link dibawah..

<http://ocw.mit.edu/OcwWeb/web/home/home/index.htm>

MIT membuat pengajian online secara percuma

By cek  on August 15, 2009 4:01 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun & Family,

WE ARE VERY CURIOUS TO KNOW HOW THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT  
REACTED TO

YOU WHEN YOU HIGHLIGHTED THE POLL RESULT TO THEM.

GLAD TO SEE YOU VERY ACTIVE THESE DAYS, BUT YOU NEED REST SOMETIMES.

Tun, Please take good care of yourself and Tun Hasmah....

By zahar  on August 15, 2009 4:00 PM

Dear Tun, when can we learn?

By HBT  on August 15, 2009 3:03 PM

Ayahanda,

According Wikipedia - English, there is a quote from our "Saya Pun Melayu" ....

//Many commentators are critical of Mahathir's perceived corruption, particularly because of his penchant for megaprojects and his policies aimed at creating a class of Malay capitalists. However, former de facto Law Minister Zaid Ibrahim writes in his memoirs: "In my heart, I cannot accept allegations that Dr Mahathir personally was a corrupt man. Corrupt people are never brave enough to speak as loudly as Dr Mahathir. Wealth is not a major motivation for him. He only craves power." [69]//

Power, aiyo..yo..

There is no "Power" in Economics, there is only Authority, as per our RM, not Power lah, Mr Zaid Ibrahim, to complement (not compliment)sarcicity (BM: Kekurangan lah)! Lu ingat economics is politik lawyer ke?

By captain cook  on August 15, 2009 3:01 PM

Salam Sejahtera Tun,


Saya tidak setuju pengajaran subjek itu di tukar balik ke Bahasa Malaysia. Ini akan membuat pelajar yang sambung belajar ke peringkat universiti/college dan ke luar negara berhadapan

kesukaran untuk membuat fahaman dan yang penting berkomunikasi dengan bangsa lain di kalangan mereka dalam English. Kita sekarang kena bersaing maju dengan negara2 lain di rantau ini dan bukan lagi di takuk lama dan jadi jaguh di negara sendiri sahaja.

Kalau orang pendalaman/kampung susah nak faham subjek ini dalam english, kerajaan boleh adakan extra kelas/korikulum untuk mereka belajar dan faham english. Saya fikir tidak ada alasan untuk buat sesuatu kalau nak majukan bangsa and negara kita ini.

Ada orang dari kampung yang boleh belajar english sampai cakap dialeg british/american dan ada yang berjaya dalam kerja/berniaga. Kalau nak kata mereka ni susah nak belajar, susah nak cakap, itu adalah alasan kerana kenapa bangsa lain boleh belajar kita tidak boleh? (kalau nak seribu daya, tak nak seribu dalih).

Wassalam,

By azmanis  on August 15, 2009 2:52 PM

Salam..Semoga Tun sekeluarga sihat dan sejahtera selalu. Saya juga amat tidak bersetuju dengan keputusan kerajaan. Saya percaya ini amat marugikan malayu dimasa akan hadapan.

By penghuni desa  on August 15, 2009 2:40 PM

YAB dan dikasihi Tun;

Rata-rata saya bertanya kepada kawan-kawan saya yang berbangsa cina dan india waima driver kereta sewa sekali pun mereka amat meyesali dengan sikap kerajaan terutamanya MY yang nampaknya begitu prihatin nak ambil hati pembangkang dan dua pendekar tua. Apakah beliau tidak takut dengan rakyat yang bila hilang sabar akan bangun memberontak membantah ketidakcerdikan kerajaan dalam mengambil sebarang keputusan. Harap mesej ini akan sampai kepada pihak kerajaan!... .

Tun, saya tidak tahu sama ada Tun tengok atau tidak dalam "isu semasa" terbitan RTM1 beberapa minggu lalu ada perbincangan mengenai isu PPSMI, antara ahli panelnya ialah Zainal Keling dan dua orang lagi yang saya sudah lupa siapa. Begitu angkuh sekali Zainal Keling itu berhujah termasuklah dia menceritakan yang Tun menangis semasa beliau pergi jumpa Tun mambantah pasal PPSMI dulu, siapa itu Zainal Keling? kalau nak dibandingkan dengan Tun! begitulah manusia bila dia merasakan dia lebih cerdik dari orang lain, meyampah betul saya. Tetapi walau bagaimana pun saya teruja dan begitu besemangat bila mendengar hujah balas daripada pembahas/jemputan yang begitu besemangat mempertahankan PPSMI, syabas kepada para pembahas keberanian dan ketegasan anda semua amat dikagumi, ayuh mari kita semua membantah sampai keakhirnya keputusan kerajaan kembali mengajar sains dan metematik dalam bahasa malayu sehingga kerajaan sedar bahawa keputusan yang dibuat oleh kerajaan adalah satu keputusan yang bodoh dan tidak masuk akal.

Salam Tun semoga sentiasa sihat sejahtera.

By imtiyaz4fun  on August 15, 2009 2:11 PM

I feel sadly and partially truly...that somehow....muslims are destined to be backward by Allah for next few centuries....no matter what mahathir did in past !


Achievment of past few decades can be overturned in few days and legislation...pooh pooh...so called democracy !

may be even malaysia cant offer future hope of muslim renaissance...because mullahs(or so called democratic nationalist...vote grabbers) are likely to wreck the boat of prosperity by their resilient comeback with vengence against worldly "ILM"...knowledge.

I think malaysian decay will be sooner and faster (may god forbid that).

therefore only conclusion is that....Mustafa kamal ataturk (Turkey) was right in completely turning towards secularism and worldly knowledge....let turkey achieve material knowledge for few centuries...before the spiritual heritage of islam..makes its presence felt again....and we muslim gain sufficient exposure of material world reality...and then can make proper re-interpretation of islam and quran again...

may be this is what i forse...ofcourse Allah knows best...the beholder of un-seen !

By ruzimi  on August 15, 2009 1:59 PM

Assalamualaikum.

Ni first time saya sign in dan bg komen walaupun dah mengikuti blog Tun ini dah lama dah. Saya pembaca setia blog Tun bg mendapatkan info alternatif untuk sesuatu perkara.

Akhbar ada mengatakan bahawa 3 juta pelajar tercicir dalam isu ini dan Tun mengatakan bahawa poll yang dikendalikan disini menyokong usaha ppsmi tersebut.


Kita tidak boleh kata bahawa dengan mengundi di poll ini, rakyat jelas menyatakan mereka menyokong diteruskan usaha ini sedangkan data 3 juta itu juga adalah dari hasil kajian kementerian. Tambahan pula, kebanyakan yang mengundi boleh dikatakan penyokong Tun, maka sudah tentu mereka akan mengundi 'tidak'.

Kita boleh meningkatkan penguasaan bahasa inggeris tapi dengan cara menambah waktu belajar subjek tersebut. Cikgu yang mengajar subjek inggeris juga mestilah mahir, ini tak, cikgu ambil exam MUET pun dapat band 2 @ 3 je.

Menggunakan sepenuhnya jadual bahasa inggeris yang ditambah waktunya adalah amat sesuai. Dengan cara ini, tiada pihak yang rugi pun, bahasa melayu masih terjamin dan inggeris dipertingkatkan.

Untuk isu keamanan, saya menyokong penuh usaha Tun dalam menangani keganasan Israel. Dah byk benda Tun lakukan untuk membela nasib rakyat Palestin. Terima kasih dan tahniah diucapkan.

Sekian.

By obama2  on August 15, 2009 1:25 PM

Dear Tun,

I am wondering if such is in line with the current promoting of 1Malaysia ? Most of the time, the voices of the government tend to confuse than to assist. Even the majority preference of teaching maths and science in English in your blog seem to fall of deaf EARS.

Look like changes in a lot of things will bring about REALITY!

By [Mohd Arshad Syahali](#) on August 15, 2009 12:26 PM

Salam Tun,

I am on your side against the switching of English to Malay as the medium of learning both Science and Math. I find it hard to fathom why the future of posterity should be held at risk. If we can't compete now, we will never be able to succeed later on. Everybody knows, I guess, the importance of English in Science and Math, but these mere politically-driven quarters of people are just trying to hide the truth. We want our children to be of world-class professionals, not just 'hero kampung'. I also find it ridiculous when people are trying to take France or Japan or even Germany as example of countries who have succeeded with their own languages as medium of instruction in science and math. We must remember that we are almost 70 years back in the field of science and math in comparison to these countries. Plus, our attitude I believe is not even 30 percent at par with the attitudes of these French, Germans and Japanese, in terms of the thirst for knowledge and diligence.

Success comes with hard work. There is no easy way out.

Wsalam.

By [detguaq](#) on August 15, 2009 12:25 PM

Salam Ayahnda Tun.

I was at KISMEC yesterday, attending Dato' Mukhriz's meeting with Kedah's entrepreneurs organized by FMM/KISMEC. I felt so shame with the level of conversation between participant and panels. Maybe you can ask from DMM too.

For an example, when we should address ourselves as a **manufacturer** but our lips easily said **manufacturing!!!**

\*\*Maybe next time the organizer should prepare the script to the participant that they are choose to deliver speech, question, opinion or suggestion. What say you?

By [akip](#) on August 15, 2009 12:20 PM

Saya antara rakyat yang berasa kecewa kerana mata pelajaran Sains dan Matematik tidak lagi diajar di sekolah. Saya melihat kegagalan para guru mengajar subjek di dalam Bahasa Inggeris tidak patut dijadikan sebab ia terus diberhentikan terus. Saya pasti tentu ada teknik mengajar yang boleh menarik minat murid2 bagi subjek2 ini. Ini amat mengecewakan para ibu bapa yang menaruh harapan tinggi kepada mereka untuk membentuk anak2. Sekurang2nya, pengajaran Bahasa Inggeris ini dimulakan dari peringkat awal contohnya tadika dan sekolah rendah kemudian secara perlahan2 diserapkan ke murid2 sekolah rendah dan menengah. Memang satu kejutan bagi murid2 jika pelajaran terus diajar ke dalam Bahasa Inggeris jadi kerajaan mesti membuat perancangan teliti berkenaan hal ini sebelum menukar sistem pembelajaran di sekolah2. Kelemahan kerajaan adalah sentiasa menukar sistem pembelajaran yang memeningkan bukan saja para guru tapi juga ibu bapa.

Tidak benar orang2 kampung tidak memahami Bahasa Inggeris. Pada peringkat awal mungkin ada sedikit kekeliruan dan kepayahan kerana selama ini ia diajar di dalam bahasa ibunda yang senang difahami. Tetapi saya melihat lama kelamaan, orang2 kampung juga mula memahami bahasa tersebut malah dapat bertutur! Tiada yang akan berubah dalam satu malam... Saya melihat satu perubahan dalam hidup anak2 dan membayangkan mereka dapat menghadapi dunia luar bila sama2 dapat bertutur dalam Bahasa Inggeris lebih2 lagi peluang2 pekerjaan sekarang

memerlukan kelebihan dan bertutur dalam Bahasa Inggeris sudah menjadi satu kemestian. Bila mereka membaca buku2 Inggeris yang mudah, tidak perlu lagi terjemahkan isi kandung buku2 tersebut dan memudahkan kerja dan masa saya. Jadi, saya amat kecewa usaha kerajaan hanya sekerat jalan.

Tidak akan terhapus Bahasa Melayu jika matapelajaran diajar di dalam Bahasa Inggeris. Bahasa Melayu masih menjadi bahasa perantaraan di rumah. Saya cuma salah seorang yang ingin melihat perubahan di dalam hidup anak2 generasi akan datang. Terutama bagi anak2 Melayu, jika mereka tidak terpaksa, jarang mereka mahu mempelajari sesuatu. Mereka lebih suka sikap menerima apa yang ada dan jarang mahu menerima perubahan. Itu sikap semulajadi mereka. Kini, bagi anak2 orang kampung, kebanyakan mereka hanya tahu satu bahasa iaitu Bahasa Ibunda sedangkan bangsa2 lain, telah maju ke depan disebabkan kelebihan yang mereka ada.

By kamal ahmad  on [August 15, 2009 11:48 AM](#)

Ayahanda Tun, Tolong jaga kesihatan Tun. Gunakan penutup mulut dan hidung di tempat awam, tak payah kisah apa sentimen media panik ke tidak hujungnyanya, penting sekali kesihatan kita adalah tanggungjawab kita semua. Alhamdulillah kita sihat, maka kita perlu menghargai dengan menjaganya. Negara dan kami semua sangat memerlukan kempimpinan Tun lagi. Kalau Tun tak pakai juga lagi tutup mulut dan hidung, sebagai sentimen simbolik kasih sayang dan hormat kami kepada Tun, kami akan hantar sekotak disposable mask untuk kegunaan Ayahanda Tun.

By Dukun  on [August 15, 2009 11:47 AM](#)

Tun Yang dihormati,

Bagi Melayu, mereka telah menyerahkan perkara ini kepada kerajaan yang ditadbir oleh melayu,terpulanglah kepada melayu yang mewakili melayu itu,Kalau mereka berkehendakkan, melayu sedemikian maka sedemikian lah melayu jadinya, Sebab

1. Suara suara melayu kini tidak berguna. Mengapa?
2. Kerajaan mesti mewakili semua bangsa. Mengapa ?
3. Yang elok pun nak dihapuskan inikan pula nak memulakan yang Baru. Mengapa?
4. Melayu duduk makan gaji, siapa memerintah pun tak mengapa. Mengapa ?
5. Bangsa asing berniaga, siapa memerintah pun tidak mengapa. Mengapa ?
6. Kalau orang kafir menghina ISLAM pun orang melayu kata tidak mengapa sebab mereka tidak tahu islam. Mengapa ?
7. Kalau ada orang Melayu kata " PERGI JAHANAM U\*\*\*\*" ORANG ASING KATA TAK mengapa sebab ia Parti Melayu. Mengapa ?
9. Orang melayu nak hapuskan ISA, bangsa asing kata BAGUS sebab yang banyak kena tahan ia lah Melayu. Mengapa ?
10. Kami melayu sebenarnya tidak perlu pertolongan boleh maju dengan sendiri tapi berilah kami persaingan yang saksama dan adil
11. Kami Melayu tidak perlu makan gaji, sahaja kami boleh berniaga
12. Kami Melayu tidak perlu disusu sebab kami bukan kera dan ini negeri kami
13. Kami melayu boleh maju sekiranya pembahagian kek ekonomi sampai kepada kami
14. Jangan memperlekehkan Melayu ini- sebab melalu ini penyokong kuat UMNO
15. IA.. Hidup Melayu Hidup UMNO

TUN, Semuaga Panjang Umur dan kesihatan yang sentiasa Baik

By kamal ahmad  on August 15, 2009 11:36 AM

Salam kasih dan salam hormat Ayahanda Tun. Minta laluan sedikit ruang Tun, T.Kasih.

Saya berharap PM tidak akan membenarkan para Menteri beliau bercakap kosong sebegini lagi dalam media. Baik tak payah bercakap kalau hanya sekadar nak minta ikhsan kosong daripada sebuah sistem ekonomi "greed economic sentiment". Baik tak payah cakap kalau macam ni. LEMAH!

Pembekal diminta tidak naikkan harga topeng muka  
15/08/2009 10:20am

PUTRAJAYA 15 Ogos — Menteri Dalam Negeri, Koperasi dan Kepenggunaan (KPDNKK), Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob berharap pembekal dan peniaga tidak mengambil kesempatan daripada penularan wabak Influenza A (H1N1) sekarang dengan menaikkan harga topeng muka.


Sambil menjelaskan bahawa kementeriannya tidak mempunyai kuasa untuk mengawal harga topeng muka kerana ia bukan merupakan barang kawalan, beliau berkata pembekal topeng muka perlu bersimpati dengan rakyat negara ini yang kini sedang menghadapi wabak itu, dengan tidak mengambil kesempatan menaikkan harga topeng muka.

“Saya bersimpati kepada pengguna yang perlu gunakan topeng itu kerana kalau harga terlalu tinggi memang akan menyusahkan. Kalau tidak guna topeng muka, nanti bahaya pula.

“Peniaga perlu beretika dalam waktu ini. Ada masa untuk untung dan ada masa untuk punyai etika tinggi dan ini patut dianggap sebagai satu tanggungjawab,” katanya kepada Bernama.

Dilaporkan bahawa harga topeng muka dinaikkan di sesetengah tempat dan sukar diperolehi kerana kebanyakan farmasi kehabisan stok akibat permintaan yang tinggi dan mendadak. - Bernama

[http://www.utusan.com.my/utusan/info.asp?y=2009&dt=0815&pub=Utusan\\_Malaysia&sec=Terkini&pg=bt\\_03.htm](http://www.utusan.com.my/utusan/info.asp?y=2009&dt=0815&pub=Utusan_Malaysia&sec=Terkini&pg=bt_03.htm)

By Gravity  on August 15, 2009 11:35 AM

YABHG TUN'

THIS ISSUE WOULD BE ARGUED CONTINUOUSLY TILL THE GOVT AGREED TO AN EXTEND OF ALLOWING TWO STREAM OF SCHOOL THAT WOULD BE A FAIR CHOICE AFTER WHAT THOSE PARENTS HAD GONE ANTICIPATED FOR THE PAST 6 YEARS !

God bless Tun and family.

By Rimba Emas  on August 15, 2009 11:34 AM

Salam buat Tun berdua moga dirahmati Allah s.w.t.

- 1) Tidak kira bangsa apa pun kalau seseorang mempraktik percakapan bahasa Inggeris dalam komuniti maka mereka pasti akan menguasainya.
- 2) Kalau seseorang mendisiplinkan dirinya sehari-hari untuk bercakap bahasa Inggeris pasti akan menguasai Bahasa Inggeris.
- 3) Contohnya seorang ibu yang mengamalkan percakapan Bahasa Inggeris kepada anaknya dan mendisiplinkan diri anak itu sentiasa Berbahasa Inggeris setiap hari setiap masa akhirnya akan terkesan juga keatas anak itu.
- 4) Masalahnya sekarang kalau kita hendak mendaftarkan bahasa Malaysia dalam semua bidang maka semua sekali harus mengamalkan Bahasa Malaysia.
- 5) Mulai sekarang Institut Terjemahan perlu ditingkatkan sistem penterjemahannya dengan mencipta software yang dapat mengalih Bahasa Inggeris ke Bahasa Malaysia dengan cepat. Terutama buku-buku ilmiah penting yang digunakan Jurutera pengilangan kita.
- 6) Boleh dibuatkah dalam masa terdekat ini? sebab kita tidak pernah mengadakan 'REVOLUSI TERJEMAHAN' yang ada pun 'reformasi' melawan pemerintahan sekarang.
- 7) Dasar-dasar penggunaan Bahasa Malaysia dalam urusan komunikasi antara bos dan pekerja tak pernah dengar pun.. yang ada 'PUNCH Card'.
- 8) Semua itu hanyalah janji dalam menyenangkan hati-hati pengundi memilih mereka. Bila dah pilih habuk pun tara...sibuk pastikan wang masuk 'Bajek Ahli Kabinet' dan program pembangunan tidak berjasad.
- 9) Sebab itulah ada segelintir "Koporat" ini yang menggunakan Bahasa Inggeris ini sebagai peluang untuk memegang jawatan yang tinggi. Ialah tidak ramai yang fasih Berbahasa Inggeris kurangnya saingannya.
- 10) Contohnya kalau nak halang sesuatu kaum dari memonopoli terutama jawatan yang tinggi dalam sesuatu Syarikat letakkanlah syarat mesti fasih membaca dan menulis dalam Bahasa Inggeris dan Kantonis.. emm faham-fahamlah golongan itu.
- 11) Perniagaan untuk mendekati diri kepada Allah s.w.t lebih mudah dari dasar-dasar binaan manusia yang bernaftu ini.

WALLAHU'LAM

By [Sylarius](#) on [August 15, 2009 11:34 AM](#)

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Sekadar ingin menceritakan pengalaman saya ketika peringkat awal dasar PPSMI dilaksanakan. Saya adalah salah seorang pelajar Melayu yang mengambil ujian STPM yang pertama kalinya di buat di dalam dwi bahasa pada tahun 2004. Aliran yang saya ambil adalah aliran sains dan saya gagal dalam ketiga - tiga kertas sains yang saya ambil ketika itu, Physics, Chemistry dan Mathematics T. Hanya kertas Pengajian Am sahaja yang saya lulus, kerana ia satu - satunya kertas yang di ajar di dalam bahasa Melayu.

Tiada apa yang saya harapkan dari keputusan STPM saya itu. Lagipun penguasaan saya dalam bahasa inggeris ketika itu amat lemah.

Ketika itu kebanyakan pelajar Melayu yang memilih Tingkatan 6, tidak berminat untuk memasuki aliran sains. Mereka kata susah.

Walaupun saya telah gagal di dalam percubaan saya untuk mempelajari Physics, Chemistry dan Mathematics di dalam sains, ini tidak bermakna saya gagal keseluruhannya. Saya telah dapat memahirkan diri sendiri di dalam menguasai bahasa inggeris untuk memudahkan saya pemahaman saya di dalam ilmu – ilmu sains dan matematik.

Saya hanyalah orang kampung yang biasa – biasa sahaja, selepas gagal, saya bekerja sebagai pencuci tandas. Dari gaji yang saya terima setiap bulan, saya dapat membeli sebuah PC, dan melanggan internet. Melalui internet, saya dapat mempelajari pelbagai perkara melalui bahasa inggeris, setiap hari saya akan mempelajari perkara baru.

Lama – lama kelamaan, saya dapat memahirkan diri di dalam bidang IT. Sehingga saat ini, saya akan terus belajar walaupun saya sudah mendapat pekerjaan yang lebih baik berbanding sebelumnya.

Saya tidak fikir Melayu adalah kaum yang gagal, cuma mentaliti kebanyakan dari kita yang sering memikirkan yang kita akan gagal jika bertindak lebih daripada kemampuan sendiri.

<http://tukangkomputersekolah.wordpress.com>

By azanhk  on August 15, 2009 11:22 AM

Salam Tun,

Ckp pon wat kering tekak jek. x paham2x jugak..  
sedih sgt sy sbg rakyat yg takder "kuasa" nih.  
Dh bagus2x nk bina semula BN, tup2x, tambah menjunam  
aderlah. Ikutkn sgt dakyah pembangkang tuh. takot hilang undi.  
PRU13 nih konpom lg banyak undi ROSAK!!!!!!

undi ROSAK menandakan kami sokong TUN tapi x sokong BN n apatah lagi pembangkang..

Semoga Tun sekeluarga sehat sejahtera..

By Tahir Jumat  on August 15, 2009 11:02 AM

Dear Sir Tun,

I am very certain that majority of the Chinese will still be sending their children to learn English privately. Thus making them better off than the malays in terms of education as they are able to speak write and read english too besides malay and their mother tounge. This has been the case all this while. They are at the advantage. I do hope those malay nationalist who fought for those subject to be taught in malay realise this as we are at the losing end in term of education. Please wake up, in fact its already too late.

Please listen to TUN Dr Mahathir. Tun is a visionary. If you dont want to listen to Tun who do you want to listen to??? How long more do you want to be katak bawa tempurong. You cannot compare yourself to the Japanese. They are way way ahead of us and the rest of the world.

Dont belittle your own race. Lots of malays from rural district all over Malaysia are now successful because they have shown they can stand tall together with others in any field. Please realise one more thing before I end my comment, that is Malays is a Minority Race and a young one too, no need to be ashamed of having to learn other language which ultimately is going to benefit the malays.

May Allah Bless You TUN and family.

By ZINNZAIN  on August 15, 2009 10:45 AM

YAB Tun,

Assalamualaikum, Selamat Sejahtera and a very good morning.

You said it loud and clear and if those in power could not hear or understand or heed your advise, then they are going to pay the consequences.


Selamat menyambut Ramadhan Al-Mubarak YAB Tun dan Tun Siti Hasmah.

By etp2020  on August 15, 2009 10:41 AM

English Language is very important in the Buisness sector, since it helps u to communicate well through ur coustomers and in your buisness works, for instance you reiceved an e-mail and you must answer it. First you should have to undrestand the mail anyalise it and then ansvere it, suppose you lack the english language your e-mail or letter would appear weak and you will loose your buisness in cooperating with the other business.

So why not to learn more than 1 language/

<http://milysa.webs.com>

By din h  on August 15, 2009 10:27 AM

Dear Tun,

As a student and product of 1st batch of PPSMI, seriously I felt very sad and a bit anger with the government decision to eliminate the PPSMI. There are no doubt that only PPSMI can triggered our nation to become knowledge center. English is just a communication language, not the killer. I dare to say by eliminating PPSMI, our country will step back and would never become 1st world country by 2020. Your vision is great sir. I adore that. All of your idea will prosperous our nation in long term. Yes, we may have loss in short term but in future, who know. It just like business game. Long term profits will generate more benefits rather in short term. English is not taught to burden but it is teach to open your mind and allow us to socialize with other people in the world. The only one think that English is a burden because they are lazy ass and only await government to spoon feed them and some day, they will know how far the sky could be before they can reach it.

for Tun, I would say thank you very much.

By RA  on August 15, 2009 10:18 AM

SALAM HORMAT YG BHG TUN,  
IZINKAN SAYA MENYAMPAIKAN KOMEN DALAM BAHASA MELAYU/MALAYSIA  
TERHADAP ISU PPSMI YANG TUN UTARAKAN.

PPSMI DIMANSUHKAN SEPENUHNYA OLEH KERAJAAN (KEMENTERIAN PELAJARAN MALAYSIA) DENGAN ALASAN PELAJAR-PELAJAR MELAYU DI LUAR BANDAR AKAN LEBIH JAUH KETINGGALAN KERANA TIDAK BERKAMPUAN MENGIKUTI PELAJARAN SAINS DAN MATEMATIK YANG DIAJAR DALAM BAHASA INGGERIS. INI DISEBABKAN PELAJAR LUAR BANDAR DIKATAKAN LEMAH PENGUASAAN DALAM BAHASA INGGERIS DAN KEKURANGAN GURU YANG MENGAJAR. FAKTA SEDEMIKIAN MUNGKIN ADA KEBENARANNYA MENGIKUTI STATISTIK REKOD PENCAPAIAN PELAJAR MELAYU LUAR BANDAR DALAM MATA PELAJARAN SAINS DAN MATEMATIK. MAKA KERAJAAN MENGAMBIL KEPUTUSAN BERPATAH BALIK PPSMI DIAJAR DALAM BAHASA MALAYSIA DI SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN, BAHASA CHINA DI SRJK CHINA DAN TAMIL DI SRJK TAMIL. MAKANYA SAYA BERSETUJU PANDANGAN TUN PERSOALAN BAGAIMANA DENGAN USAHA KERAJAAN HENDAK MEMARTABTKAN BAHASA MALAYSIA JIKA DARI PERINGKAT AWAL PERSEKOLAHAN LAGI BAHASA MALAYSIA TIDAK MENJADI SATU MEKANISMA SEPENUHNYA UNTUK DIPERKUKUHKAN DAN INTEGRASI NASIONAL TIDAK DIPUPUK DARI PERINGKAT SEKOLAH LAGI.

DISAMPING ITU RAMAI KALANGAN IBU BAPA DAN PELAJAR KHUSUSNYA DI KAWASAN BANDAR YANG BERMINAT MENGIKUTI PENGAJARAN DAN PEMBELAJARAN SAINS DAN MATEMATIK DALAM BAHASA INGGERIS. DENGAN PEMANSUHAN PPSMI MAKA TERBANTUTLAH MINAT IBU BAPA DAN PELAJAR DARI GOLONGAN YANG MEMINATI PPSMI. USAHA MEMARTABTKAN BAHASA MALAYSIA AMATLAH DIALUKAN, NAMUN DEMIKIAN MENYEDARI HAKIKAT BAHAWA SAINS DAN MATEMATIK DIKENALPASTI BIDANG ILMU YANG SANGAT BERGUNA BAGI PEMBANGUNAN NEGARA DAN SUMBER ILMUNYA JUGA MASIH TERDAPAT BANYAK DALAM BAHASA INGGERIS KERAJAAN TIDAK SEWAJARNYA MEMANSUHKAN SEPENUHNYA PPSMI. BERILAH PELUANG BAGI ANAK BANGSA KITA TERUS MENIKMATI KAEDAH PENGAJARAN DAN PEMBELAJARAN YANG MEREKA MINATI. DENGAN KATA LAIN PPSMI HARUS DIKEKALKAN SEBAGAI ALTERNATIF ATAU YANG BOLEH DIBUAT PILIHAN OLEH PELAJAR. YANG KURANG BERKEMAMPUAN BOLEH BELAJAR DALAM BAHASA MELAYU. KEADILAN BAGI SEMUA DAPAT TERJANA DAN TERBINA.

SEKIAN, TERIMA KASIH.

SALAM SEJAHTERA TUN.

By ahh  on August 15, 2009 9:50 AM

Salam ayahanda,

PPSMI adalah hanya satu kaedah untuk memperkasakan penguasaan bahasa Inggeris di dalam sains dan matematik. Bagi pendapat saya apabila sesuatu kaedah yang diketengahkan tidak mencapai sasaran adalah lebih baik kita mencari kaedah yang lain untuk memperbaikinya.

Tiada sesiapa pun yang mengatakan mempelajari Bahasa Inggeris tidak penting untuk pembangunan pembelajaran negara tetapi yang menjadi kekuatiran adalah pemahaman didalam pembelajaran tersebut. Apa gunanya kita mempelajari sesuatu perkara didalam apa bahasa sekalipun tetapi ianya tidak difahami dengan lebih mendalam. Melayu tidak mampu untuk

memahami pembelajaran sains dan matematik di peringkat awal pembelajaran sekiranya ianya diajarkan didalam Bahasa Inggeris tetapi sebaliknya apabila mencapai peringkat yang lebih tinggi. Satu lagi kekuatiran adalah kita selalu mencuba untuk memperkasakan bahasa lain untuk kemajuan negara kita tetapi tiada usaha untuk mencari kaedah memantapkan bahasa ibunda kita sendiri. Apakah bahasa ibunda kita tidak lagi dianggap mampu untuk menterjemah ilmu seperti sains dan matematik? Jika demikian bermakna kita telah mengeneipkan bahasa ibunda untuk dibangunkan sejajar dengan era globalisasi.

Bagi pendapat saya Melayu pada satu ketika sebelum wujudnya pelaksanaan PPSMI juga masih mampu untuk mencipta sejarah dipersada dunia. Melayu ketika itu juga mampu untuk bersaing dan akhirnya tercipta masyarakat yang secara tidak langsung dapat memahami dengan lebih mendalam dalam setiap aspek.

Kaedah yang lain perlu dicari untuk penguasaan Bahasa Inggeris sekiranya ianya dianggap penting dan bukannya terhad untuk mata pelajaran sains dan matematik sahaja supaya apa yang dipelajari dapat difahami dan dipraktikkan dan akhirnya menjadi aset penting negara. Di waktu yang sama Bahasa Melayu juga perlu dibangunkan untuk kepentingan masa depan Bahasa itu sendiri.

Mungkin pendapat saya ini berbeza sedikit dengan ayahanda tetapi ia hanyalah sebuah pendapat sahaja.

By Redhuan D. Oon  on August 15, 2009 9:46 AM

Tun,

Memperakui kelemahan pelajar luar bandar atau dari kalangan berbangsa Melayu dalam menguasai pelajaran aliran bahasa Inggeris memang nampak sebagai satu perakuan yang memalukan bangsa itu sendiri. Ini sudah disahkan selepas satu kajian dijalankan oleh kerajaan itu sendiri betapa payahnya ramai pelajar tersebut dalam menunjukkan prestasi memuaskan dalam pendidikan kedua-dua mata-pelajaran ilmu sains dan matematik.

Sepatutnya satu strategi siri tindakan dibuat untuk mempertingkatkan dasar yang sudah lalu supaya lebih berjaya. Ini menunjukkan peranan kerajaan begitu lemah dan terhad dalam pentadbirannya. Tidak berfungsi melainkan sebagai pengutip markah semata-mata.

Menguasai sesuatu bahasa mengambil masa yang amat lama dan memerlukan keadaan yang tertentu. Percakapan harian haruslah menggandungi peluang bertukar kata-kata dalam bahasa Inggeris. Sekiranya tiada mata-pelajaran selain dari satu subjek bahasa Inggeris sahaja, maka peluang berbuat demikian adalah tipis. Bila agaknya pelajar yang lemah itu dapat berpeluang bertutur atau berlatih dalam bahasa Inggeris.

Kita juga sedar pelajar yang lemah akan merasa malu untuk cuba bercakap dalam bahasa asing di depan khalayak ramai dan maka semangat untuk menguasai bahasa asing itu akan semakin lemah.


Secara purata penguasaan yang sudah lemah sepertimana terbukti oleh kajian kerajaan tersebut akan semakin menurun dan tidak sekali-kali akan bertambah baik. Kehebatan negara dalam banyak sudut yang lain akan semakin menurun dan akhirnya kita menjadi satu bangsa dan negara yang tidak pandai bertutur dalam bahasa antarabangsa dan makin tidak bersuara dalam percaturan siasah dunia. Keadaan itu akan menyebabkan rakyat sendiri semakin tertekan dan

tidak akan membawa pulangan undi yang diharapkan nanti.

Jelaslah dasar yang terlalu sempit dalam cuba memupuk semangat kebangsaan adalah tidak baik. Kita seharusnya mengamalkan dasar yang lebih luas dan cerdik yang boleh menyatukan rakyat disamping tidak ketinggalan dalam mengejar kemajuan dunia.

Redhuan D. Oon


Pendatang Dengan Izin

By Jaquar  on August 15, 2009 9:37 AM

Malaysia should have maintain mandatory bilingual education in all schools. This is nothing new as a lot of countries has bilingual teachings in school. Through this way, all Malaysian could have identified themselves as able to speak and write the National language Bahasa Malaysia as well as another language they choose, be it English, Chinese or Tamil.

Yes, it's true that Malaysia is getting more and more polarized with Malays wanting school subjects taught in Bahasa, Chinese in Mandarin and Indians in Tamil. As you said, it is really sad that after more than 50 years of independence, the people are still not integrated and getting even further apart. If there is no common language that all Malaysians can communicate efficiently with each other, things will just get worse with distrust.

Communication is the key to all problems.

By Liew  on August 15, 2009 9:32 AM

Tun,

This is your best comment and you are 100% right. Support you

By osh  on August 15, 2009 9:21 AM

Dear sir

I was born and raise in a small remote kampung with small chinese population with majorities malay communities lives harmony. I am a chinese person, educated in english medium since my 1st day at school and have never study mandarin at all. I only now how to writes my chinese name and cannot reads chinese newspaper. Why ? Because my parent cannot understand English at all and wish me study in English medium so that they will not be bully by others educated person in our society in the future. Being a very poor family, my parent strongly believes that the only tools to success in their life is to put their childrens to study English. They believes their believes my success in english education it is a window of opportunity for them to gains respects from society and elevated their standard of living instead of continuing living in poverty in the future. TRUE. Their decisions is DEFINATELY CORRECT and today all my brothers and sisters is successful in our own life. Its great overleap achievements with education brought changes to our entire family from a poor family, non respectable family to a prosperous and successfully educated family. This policy was created by the previous PM and this makes me a better educated, confident speaking with all level domestically and internationally. Being fluent speaking and writing in English makes me a respectable person in Oversea and many foreigners have good impression to believe in Malaysia that our beloved country education policy is definately in a correct path to the future. Indeed, most of foreigners surprises that we Malaysian speaking English surpass other nationality and wants to know more of it what makes us to be English fluent speaking population. Most of foreigners especially the western countries thinks that we cannot converse in English well and thinking that we are stupid person. I proves them wrong. Today, I

am one the "PRODUCT" crated to study English policy and a living example that i can excel in my areas because of my ENGLISH profiency and knowledge. Without the Goverment policy back then and my parent foresight English education priorty, today all our brothers and sisters would continuing to live in poverty, probably still staying at the remote kampung working harvestng palm oil fruits, rubber tappers, or become odd job labourer. Just imagine how English educated policy brings the entires Malaysian populations to a greater overleap achievements in next generation. If it changed our entires family to brings us out of poverty suffering, non respectable family to a successful educated family to be well respectable in the society. I STRONGLY believes it change the entire populations thinking and reduces poverty drastically in the future generation. I strongly continue to believes Educaton in English is a tools of window of opportunities to erase poverty and knowledge that makes us on par with the rest of the world and a respectable Malaysian.

May God Bless you. Have a nice day.

Thank you.

By osh  on August 15, 2009 9:19 AM


Dear sir

I was born and raise in a small remote kampung with small chinese population with majorities malay communities lives harmony. I am a chinese person, educated in english medium since my 1st day at school and have never study mandarin at all. I only now how to writes my chinese name and cannot reads chinese newspaper. Why ? Because my parent cannot understand English at all and wish me study in English medium so that they will not be bully by others educated person in our society in the future. Being a very poor family, my parent strongly believes that the only tools to success in their life is to put their childrens to study English. They believes their believes my success in english education it is a window of opportunity for them to gains respects from society and elevated their standard of living instead of continuing living in poverty in the future. TRUE. Their decisions is DEFINATELY CORRECT and today all my brothers and sisters is successful in our own life. Its great overleap achivements with education brought changes to our entire family from a poor family, non respectable family to a prosperous and successfully educated family. This policy was created by the previous PM and this makes me a better educated, confident speaking with all level domestically and internationally. Being fluent speaking and writing in English makes me a respectable person in Oversea and many foreigners have good impression to believe in Malaysia that our beloved country education policy is definately in a correct path to the future. Indeed, most of foreigners surprises that we Malaysian speaking Eglish surpass other nationality and wants to know more of it what makes us to be English fluent speaking population. Most of foreigners especially the western countries thinks that we cannot converse in English well and thinking that we are stupid person. I proves them wrong. Today, I am one the "PRODUCT" crated to study English policy and a living example that i can excel in my areas because of my ENGLISH profiency and knowledge. Without the Goverment policy back then and my parent foresight English education priorty, today all our brothers and sisters would continuing to live in poverty, probably still staying at the remote kampung working harvestng palm oil fruits, rubber tappers, or become odd job labourer. Just imagine how English educated policy brings the entires Malaysian populations to a greater overleap achievements in next generation. If it changed our entires family to brings us out of poverty suffering, non respectable family to a successful educated family to be well respectable in the society. I

STRONGLY believes it change the entire populations thinking and reduces poverty drastically in the future generation. I strongly continue to believes Educaton in English is a tools of window of opportunities to erase poverty and knowledge that makes us on par with the rest of the world and a respectable Malaysian.

May God Bless you. Have a nice day.

Thank you.

By Mapax  on August 15, 2009 9:02 AM

I guess one of the problems is that there has not been any significant improvement the use of English yet. Understandably, a transition like this will take a lot of time, probably decades to fully adapt to the use of English. That's why we need to start NOW!

One of the reasons for this delay is the quality of the teachers. Many English teachers do not speak proper English, how can we expect teachers who teach Science and Mathematics to teach in English?

I am currently studying in a local university. My university does not even have an English name! People from the outside world almost always get the university's name wrong! But the funniest part is the lecturers, they use English teaching material, but they teach in Malay, and then the exams are conducted in English. Some of them would even give assignments and require the answers in to be written in Malay, claiming that it will prevent students from simply "copy and paste". I do not know, maybe their right, but I think it is probably something else.

Do not get me wrong, my stand is to start teaching in English now. But if the government is to continue the use of Malay, Chinese, and Tamil in the teaching of science and mathematics, they should at least start intensively upgrading the existing teachers and producing teachers who are more fluent in English. When the time comes, revert to using English, and I am sure we will see results this time, but the students who didn't get to learn in English would be sacrificed.

By asuhasuta  on August 15, 2009 8:49 AM


A'kum Y.A.Bhg Tun,

I beg to differ you Tun..,

I could still remember very well...Tun once wrote..more or less like this..if a leader of the opponent team support our very leader..we have to know that there must be something which has gone wrong.. and when Tun say in this writing that .." At least one senior non-Malay politician had left a Barisan Nasional component party and joined the opposition because of the switch back to Malay, Tamil and Chinese.".. then I would be very happy in supporting the decision of the government to revert back to the old teaching policy where Science and Math will be taught in Bahasa Melayu..

Referring to Tun's poll..I doubt.. if many of those who supporting PPSMI were Malays who supporting DAP/PKR. They support because of their ill-will and an ulterior motive..take n ajis as an example. What more if they were non-Malays.

I pray to Allah that Tun and Tun Hasmah have a good long life and happy always..ameen..wassalam.

By Nora  on August 15, 2009 8:24 AM

Assalamualaikum wbt & "salam 1Malaysia" Dear Tun and all bloggers and readers... Politicians with their own 'sandiwara politik' really make me sick and fed up. Either government or opposition, they are similar just their platform are different.

By S.Karunagaran  on August 15, 2009 7:42 AM

Dear father,

I agree with you & many others that "English" should be emphasized in school, but I think this is not the proper way, a better way I think is to teach "English" everyday. This method could actually force the students to master "English" indirectly, the effect would be like our old education system which were taught in "English Medium". Thank you.

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By HBT  on August 15, 2009 7:11 AM

Selamat pagi Ayahanda,

Now the Maxis broadband line is very slow, Streamyz fix line is fast. I think DS Rais Yatim is on the right track by making sure that Telekom is the "major" market in Malaysia because Telekom is the country asset belong to Malaysians.

DS Rais Yatim said in the launching of 52 years Merdeka in RTM 1, he invited PM, with no name attached, and TPM, our Tan Sri Myuhiddin Yassin to give the opening speech.

It's time Malaysia needs to re-born by making sure that Kerajaan Malaysia is the function of "check and balance" for the country. I sincerely hope that Malaysia will not be the capitalist country.

In Malaysia,

1. Monarchy authority is equivalent to authority of "The People of Republic China", it is not a Communist system, it is a Centralized Authority whereby the authority is placed on the TOP of the Communist Party members to prevent unfairness in wealth distribution. However, this authority can be abused if the Elected Leaders are corrupted. In Malaysia, Agong is the authority to the People, States Sultans are the sub-monarchy authority to Agong. This monarchy system is the most unique in the world, and Malaysia must retain it at any cost!

2. Kerajaan Malaysia is equivalent to Socialism model to prevent social unrest due to our multi-racial society, and Canada is doing that and it has been very succesful all these years!!!!

3. Malaysia allows "FREE MARKET", not Capitalism. If Malaysia adapts Capitalism, many2 company owners will have to pay corporate tax, then Kerajaan Malaysia can dump money in upgrading the Tax Collection department if Rakyat wants it that right under PK!!!!

By the way, Education is Rakyat's right, not a privilege to PK, I hope that our Rakyat sees that!!!!

Good day Ayahanda.

By The Company  on August 15, 2009 2:51 AM

Assalamualaikum wbt Tun,

I strongly disagree with the recent move by our Government.

I studied for more than 5 years for my bachelor's degree which the medium language was English and yet it does not in any way lesson my identity of origin or weaken my command of my mother tongue.

In fact I am now a better person and the proficiency in using the English language has helped me to widen my opportunities to explore and interact with a larger group of people and hence it opens up so many doors in my life!

The Government should have introduced a bilingual teaching system instead of monolingual way.

It can be in a form of either language to be the main one, be it Malay, Chinese, Tamil or English, to be printed on textbooks and to be used during classroom learning by teachers, but on the page of the textbooks there's some sort of smaller font and/or different colour of the alternative / secondary to the main language written concurrent or underneath the main language.

For practical purposes I suggest that maximum 2 languages to be used in textbooks, though perhaps it can be more than that, subject to the design of the page layout.

I humbly believe that is a better way rather than totally disregard the use of English language in the teaching of math and science.

In the end of the day, it's about what is best for the long run and in order to ensure that we must carefully choose our step and strike a balance, for a greater good.

Thanks and peace Tun. Salam.

By crazy diamond  on August 15, 2009 2:01 AM

Dear Tun,

I did asked PM Dato' Najib to conduct survey on reversing the PPSMI through his blog 1Malaysia. Unfortunately, he never answer to that even thought there are many of his commenter's against the reversal of PPSMI.


I assumed he afraid to do it because already know that there are a lot of people out there against this reversal.

To me, it seems he digging his own grave.

By rfcf  on [August 15, 2009 12:51 AM](#)


Hai tun,

I think the poll will be baised to you when the poll is open at your side. Can you did agian the survey which the survey will conduct by nutral side people and compare the result with your poll. In that poll only one vote accepted. Mean no repeat vote allowed(mean no repeat ip or user name use to vote its)

By JaneTI  on [August 15, 2009 12:38 AM](#)

Dear Tun,

1. Apparently the leaders think by having separate everything is good for integration. I said leaders because both sides seems to agree on this issue. Before the ppsmi scrapping announcement was made, DSAI made a strong statement critising ppsmi. Someone suggests the children should mingle during other times. Which other times? Nobody is doing anything seriously about this. I pity Koh Tsu Koon. He faces a stumbling block.
2. Of all the research they did, they did not survey what were the teachers perception teaching maths and science in English. Were they reluctant? Why were they reluctant? Which group of teachers were reluctant? Was it because of their reluctance to improve themselves causes the failure to teach in English?
3. I totally agree with you. They want the malay to continue to be wage earners not businessmen. May be they follow the thinking that a lot of businessmen involves in bad dealing so let other people do it. Or may be the malays can continue to be chairman here and chairman there, easier to take comission only, no need to think, easy.
4. Apparently by reverting the decision, the malay spm leavers especially will be very good in technology.
5. It is anybody guess who will win the next election. Either the marriage of convenience or those who share pillows with different dreams. Well Tun, they say sometimes marriage of convenience can work. We will wait and see.
6. If I were to base my vote in the next election on this issue then I cannot vote because both sides champions segregation. This happens because each individual party unit is either majority malay or majority chinese or majority indian. This unity thing is awfully elusive.
7. I cannot yet read Mandarin newspaper because I am just a beginner in Mandarin but yes I agree, they will take the ang pow, thank you very much but I wont vote for you.
8. At least now they allow my children to choose either to answer in English or Bahasa Malaysia. I dont have to send them to Singapore. I can still contribute to this beloved nation.
9. May ALLah bless you.

By azienmat  on [August 15, 2009 12:36 AM](#)

Jadikan pendidikan didalam satu sekolah sebagai pendidikan wajib untuk semua rakyat Malaysia. Dan kelulusan dari sekolah ini diutamakan dalam mengiktiraf kelayakan ke Universiti

tempatan dan luar negara. Begitu juga temuduga pekerjaan mesti sekurang2nya lulus dari sekolah ini, lepasan peserta PLKN jika ada lebih baik.

Ini tidak, sampaikan terdesak sangat mencari pekerja tanpa mempedulikan warga sendiri atau asing, apatah lagi kelulusan akademik langsung tidak dipedulikan. Hatta cleaner dari Indonesia seharusnya mempunyai kelulusan tinggi akademik dari negara mereka untuk bekerja dinegara ini, itu pendapat saya.

Kalau pekerja Myanmar ditempatkan saya mempunyai degree sanggup bekerja full day sebagai juruwang atau pembantu jualan, maka sepatutnya kriteria pengambilan pekerja tempatan mahupun pekerja asing dapat dinilai keutamaannya. Barulah hasil yang dapat setimpal dengan kelulusan dan pengalaman mereka.

p/s: Dan mungkin dapat mengurangkan masalah pembantu rumah yang di dera, lari dan kurang ajar.

By [lampusuluh](#) on August 15, 2009 12:34 AM

bravo Tun....very good argument!

By [pakbelalang](#) on August 15, 2009 12:30 AM

I totally DISAGREE with Tun M's line of argument. What the government is doing now is right. Make no mistake about it. His policy was A FAILURE and now he is adamant to more or less insist that maths and science be thought in English and keep on "pressuring" the public to support his view.

Yes, initially I was in favour of his policy but unfortunately after analyzing all the facts I think Tun M is totally wrong on this issue.

Reverting maths and science to be thought in Bahasa Malaysia is the right decision. The focus now should be more on the teaching of English language and make our school children really competent in the language - spoken and written.

Tun Mahathir should stop harping on this issue anymore by trying to influence the public. Cukuplah tu. Don't confuse the rakyat lah !! We have to move on. He seems to be "threatening" the BN govt. that the rakyat will not vote for BN if the govt. still stick to change "his" policy. Come on. Enough of it, please !!!

I have high respect for Tun M but certainly on this issue I have to go against his wish.

By [fadzil mohd talib](#) on August 15, 2009 12:26 AM

Salam Tun sekeluarga juga pembaca blog,

Secara umumnya kita ini suka menjadi juara di kampung sendiri. Bila kita sudah menjadi juara, kita akan berpuas hati dan kita tidak akan berusaha untuk memajukan diri kita untuk bersaing di luar kelompok/kampung kita. Kita akan merasa hebat dan kita akan tenggelam di alam kita sendiri.

Apabila kita terpaksa bersaing diluar dari kelompok/kampung kita, kita baru tersedar yang kehandalan/kehebatan kita ni tidak seberapa pun dan masa itu baru tersentak dari lamunan. Di masa itu semuanya sudah terlambat kerana kita telah tewas dan menanggung kerugian.

Senario di atas telah berulang acap kali, terlampau banyak sangat sehingga kita tidak mengambil tauladan. Dalam apa juga keadaan/perkara kita hendaklah pro aktif bukan menunggu kita di suap/diberi maklumat atau mengharap maklumat datang kepada kita dengan sendiri.

Semasa saya di alam persekolahan menengah dulu zaman 80an, peluang untuk kita untuk belajar keluar negara dengan tajaan JPA, Kementerian Pendidikan, MARA, Petronas, Sime Darby dll amatlah mudah selagi kita mencapai kelulusan SPM agereget 10 kebawah dengan syarat lulus dengan cemerlang dalam Bahasa Malaysia. Semasa itu dalam kelas saya apabila waktu pelajaran Bahasa English, sebilangan kecil pelajar akan keluar kelas kerana menganggap bahasa English tu tidak penting, dan pelajar-pelajar tersebut boleh di gulungkan dalam pelajar cemerlang. Untuk memendekkan cerita, apabila keputusan SPM di umumkan, pelajar-pelajar tersebut mendapat keputusan yg bagus/cemerlang tetapi matapelajaran bahasa English mereka mendapat C6, P7, P8 dan ada juga yang mendapat F.

Mereka akhirnya menyambung pelajaran mereka di universiti tempatan cuma kerana keputusan peperiksaan dalam bahasa english tidak memuaskan. Perkara lari/ponteng kelas bahasa English ini berterusan kerana dianggap pelajaran itu tidak pentng. Apabila kerajaan memutuskan untuk mengajar Matematik dan Sains dalam bahasa English, berlakulah kejutan budaya. Barulah kita mula hendak mendalami bahasa itu, dimana sudah terlambat kerana asasnya pun kita tidak ada.

Disini kita mula ketinggalan daripada bahasa English ditambah ke Matematik dan Sains. Maka setelah 5 tahun pelaksanaan PPSMI, pelajar kita masih mengalami masalah dengan bahasa English akibat "chain reaction" akibat pengajar yang mengajar bakal pendidik bermasalah, pendidik bermasalah, pelajar bermasalah.

Saya tidak nampak kejayaan pihak yang menentang PPSMI tempuh hari berjaya kerana penyampaian pelajaran Matematik dan Sains di ajar dalam bahasa ibunda masing masing. Jadi siapa rugi? Semua rugi. Perjuangan untuk memertabatkan Bahasa Melayu tinggal begitu saja bak kata bahasa English, Back to square one. Bangsa selain dari melayu masih tidak fasih berbahasa melayu, bangsa melayu berbahasa melayu pasar. Adakah pihak yang menentang membuat "post mortem" hasil dari perarakan dan penentangan mereka? Seperti biasa mereka sudah berpuas hati kerana menganggap usaha mereka telah berhasil.

Oleh itu kemanakah arah kita ini? Kehadapan tidak, kebelakang pun tidak...."in limbo". Yang menjadi mangsa pelajat-pelajar kita yang masih di bangku sekolah.

Yang mampu dikatakan.....kesian....kesian.

By [Minda Bistari](#) on [August 15, 2009 12:09 AM](#)

Dear Tun,  
until now I still can't speak English smoothly because (maybe) I'm from Malay Medium from Standard 1 till Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. My friend was in English Medium speaking more better than me. So, my opinion still the same that the Government should teach all the subjects whether in Malays or in English. So the public are giving a choice to choose either to send his/her children to scool of English or Malay. I bet that English Medium more popular than Malay Medium.

By [Hulubalang 2020](#) on [August 15, 2009 12:00 AM](#)

Assalamualaikum,

Actually, I don't agree with government decision to teach S&M in Bahasa Melayu. The decision was made. As a citizen of Malaysia I have to accept the decision. To be fair to our children (and also parents who pro and con) the text book for S&M should be written in Bahasa Melayu and English. By doing this way, Bahasa Melayu can be respected as an official language and English words and terms used in S&M can be exposed to our children from the early ages.. Hmm, nak berbahasa Melayu la pulak.. Kepada semua orang Melayu dan Muslim, Allah tidak akan mengubah nasib kita melainkan kita sendiri yang berusaha untuk mengubahnya. Kita adalah ummah yang terbaik selagi kita berpegang kepada "menyuruh melakukan kebaikan dan mencegah melakukan kemungkaran". Kesimpulannya apa sahaja yang BAIK diTERIMA dan apa sahaja yang BURUK diTOLAK. Wallahua'lam..

By ashburnadam  on August 14, 2009 11:41 PM

Assalamualaikum wrt

I am second last generation to learn Maths and Science in Bahasa Melayu. I do like Science and Maths since I'm a child. Alhamdulillah, I got 8As in SPM. Basically, most people think I'm good and they thought that I would be able to pass with colorful results in Matriculation program. But, they are wrong. I failed to pass because it is too hard for me to learn Maths and Science in English, at that time in the program. Later on, I entered to Diploma program and I was taught again in English for Maths and Science. This time, I get used to it and I would be able to explain things which previously I can't because there are many Science and Maths things that only English can explain them properly compare to Bahasa Melayu. Now, I am able to read, listen, speak and write in English. It's not like I learn English by sticking myself to thousands pages dictionary, it's not like I learn because I had professional teachers to teach me English, but it's because I get used to English when I learn Maths and Science in English. Here, what I am trying to say is, when students learn Maths and Science in English, I believe, indirectly they will be able to improve English without they realized it.

When we talk about students' performance in exam for these related subjects, I agreed that students are not perform well. What reasons do they have to explain this? Medium of teaching? NO, I DON'T THINK SO. Is it because of students too weak in English? Again, I'D SAID NO TO THIS. Is it because the subjects are too hard? NOPE. It's because of the education system had failed to support PPSMI. Teachers are **not well trained** and **lacks with communication skills**, the way they teach these subjects are **not very interesting** and **too many subjects** for students to cover for final exam. It's not just the system. **Parents also need to give the courages, supports and their faiths** to their children.

1) Teachers are not well trained.

That's because teachers also graduated in the period in which Bahasa Melayu is used as medium for teaching in Maths and Science. Furthermore, most of them poor adeptness in explain Maths and Science things.

2) Teachers are lacking in communication skills.

Communications skills are the most crucial requirement for teachers whatever subjects they teach for their beloved students. Most teachers are giving their only attention to top ten students in the class, but failed to pay attention to weak students in the same class. Why? Most of them

answer this: It's no joy to teach students who are hard to understand what they teach compare to these top students.

3) The way they teach these subjects are not very interesting.

Teachers always do rely on the textbooks which only outline the syllabus (except for History subject which they have to do so). No power points slide shows, without interesting graphics and pop-ups pictures that supposed to help students to memorize things easily. And also, videos also might be handful tools for the process going smoothly.

4) Too many subjects for students to cover for final exams.

I think the current progress to limit the subjects for SPM is good. The question is how the Ministry of Education to make this become reality. I suggest that language subjects like Bahasa Malaysia, English, and any other languages might be pulled out from final exam (I will explain this in the next paragraphs).

5) Parents need to give the courages, supports and faiths to their children.

For myself, who will become father someday, and for the others; please give your full supports, outrages courages and trust to children for our own good reasons, for this blessed country. Try to create a conducive environment for our children to study.

The following lines are about pulling out language-like subjects from final exam. Maybe, it is a radical suggestion but when I think and think again, this is the best way to reduce the number of subjects for students to cover. Before that, I would like to note down about the situation of current the system. As we know, language-like subjects are compulsory for students to take in examination. Nobody would be able to run from this, including myself. And, the system itself, I think, is not best to reflects the true capability of students to speak, write, listen and to read in these languages. For example, there are numerous cases where many Malaysian Chinese who passed Bahasa Malaysia subject with A1 but in reality, they are unable to speak Malay language fluently and smoothly. They do 'memorizing' compositions which they target possible to be out in the exam, unfair percentage for listening and speaking markings as well as not so consistent in literature evaluation. Same goes for Malays student. They passed Bahasa Inggeris subject with good grades, but in actual they do not good in English. Apparently, this is the result of how inefficient the evaluation methods the teachers applied.

Language subjects are not abide to certain syllabus, they are very subjective to evaluate as long as it is done within grammar and literature boundary. And, I think, people do learn languages not in the certain period of time. People learn languages continuously everyday with a positive progress even a little. Same goes for students, they learn their respective mother tongue language since the day they were born. They begin to learn other language(s) perhaps in school or maybe since a child. Therefore, i think the current system need to be adjusted in a little way so that it match with the nature of learning languages. The ministry should remove languages subject such as English, Bahasa Melayu, Arab, Mandarin, Tamil and other languages from final exam. This is friggng ridiculous! By removing them from final exam, how do we know the students capability in these languages? Of course, you guys maybe ask this question. The removal of these language-like subjects doesn't mean that the students don't need to be evaluated in these respective languages. They still need to, but in different way. How? Apply continuous evaluation as applied in universities level and give the marks just like Malaysian Universities English Test (MUET) exam system.

MUET exam composed all the elements of current system such as reading comprehension, writing, listening and speaking except literature component. MUET is very strict with marking and grading process and so far, I believe, it is the best to reflect the individual capability in English. MUET never lowering the grade to pass because it used band system which describes the true capability of a person in English. Lembaga Peperiksaan Malaysia (LPM) should evaluate students in language-like subjects by copying MUET evaluation methods and add literature component into the evaluation process.

The tests may be conducted by school teachers in monthly tests every year (school conducted tests) but must be conducted by LPM examiners in mid-semester exam during Form 5 (can be said as SPM). And those tests must be evaluated according to LPM way that is same as MUET way evaluation. When it comes to benchmark that might be use in order to apply further studies in tertiary education level, universities or UPU may filter the application according to applicants results in mid-semester exam (which conducted by LPM examiners).

Languages' teachers only helps students in improving their knowledges and skills in languages by correcting their grammatical mistakes, giving advises on literature view as well as teach them how to listen, write, and speak wisely and properly. They also do continuous evaluation so that students know in what level their capability in these languages.

There are many advantages on this method (which I proposed here). First of all, for the sake of students, they can focus on non-language subjects such as Maths, Science and any related to it, History and other subjects during their SPM examination weeks which will be held in Form 5. Second, the grading and marking system would reflect true capability of students in languages. And many others advantages off my thoughts.

Previously, our Minister of Education had proposed that passing in English subject might be compulsory to pass SPM. I do not agree with him at all. Why? Just think about it yourself...

Have you watch a Japanese drama "Dragonzakura"? The drama tells about how the students strive in their examination in order to enter Tokyo University in very non-conducive environment school. It emphasizes the secrets of learning which does not taught by teachers in school. I think, it resembles Malaysia situation a little bit, in which teachers are not compulsory to teach students how to study effectively. Therefore, I would like to suggest that councilors in each school should do extra works by showing and teaching our beloved students on how to study effectively such as building mind maps, forming group studies, the way to answer the questions correctly and precisely and any other skills required by students in order to pass the exam.

Sincerely,

ashburnadam

UiTM Jengka Student


By mohd\_uda  on August 14, 2009 11:25 PM

you are my idol! I'm so thankful for what you've done to this country but I think I have to make my voice heard about this matter.

I am a Malay kampung and totally agree with the present government decision of reverting back

to Malay. I also couldn't vote in your poll since the time given to vote is too short.  
if we are going to integrate Malaysia by using a single language in all school, why not let it be Malay?

I don't think it's a political decision. it's a matter of our language survival and future generation's success. I agree that we need to master English, but not that way.  
and we need to translate more books to keep up with latest technology.

By wong  on August 14, 2009 11:18 PM

Tun Dr Mahathir,

1. Kebanyakan masyarakat cina inginkan anak-anak mereka boleh membaca dan menulis dalam bahasa cina. Bahasa cina pada tahap ini boleh dipelajari di peringkat sekolah rendah atau menengah rendah. Mereka tidak berharap hendak menjadi "pakar" bahasa cina. Penguasaan setakat ini memadai untuk mereka berhubung atau berniaga dengan ahli-ahli perniagaan dari Cina atau Taiwan.

2. Bahasa Inggeris ( BI ) dititikberatkan pada peringkat menengah walaupun di sekolah menengah persendirian bahasa cina. Dunia luar menuntut anak-anak kita mesti mahir bahasa kedua - iaitu BI.

3. Saya tidak berpeluang mendapat pendidikan awal dalam BI. Saya belajar dalam aliran Bahasa Melayu sepenuhnya sehingga ke peringkat Universiti. Tetapi saya tetap menyokong PPSMI dikembalikan.

Mutu BI di kalangan murid-murid sekolah sangat teruk.

4. Guru-guru kita tidak dapat mengajar dan menguasai BI khususnya di luar bandar adalah kerana mereka tidak pernah mendapat latihan yang sewajarnya untuk mengajar dalam BI. Mata pelajaran BI semasa mereka sebagai anak murid tidak dititikberatkan langsung. BI sudah jauh dipinggirkan.

5. Mempelajari bahasa asing ( BI ) dalam suasana tempatan khususnya diluar bandar bukanlah senang. Enam tahun untuk menilai keberkesanan adalah terlalu singkat.

6. Apa gunanya kita mendapat peratus kelulusan yang tinggi dalam sesetengah matapelajaran tetapi lemah dalam matapelajaran sains, teknologi dan perubatan?

7. BI sebagai bahasa ilmu zaman sekarang adalah satu hakikat. BI terus menguasai sistem komputer dan internet, Sekiranya kita terus untuk mengasingkan anak-anak kita dari BI, bangsa kita akan terus ketinggalan.

8. Kerajaan adalah pilihan rakyat. Dasar atau polisi kerajaan yang digubal mestilah mengikut kehendak rakyat. Majoriti rakyat mahu PPSMI dikembalikan dan kerajaan bertindak sebaliknya.

Apakah kita perlu berdemonstrasi untuk menyampaikan kehendak rakyat ? Atau kita memilih suatu kerajaan alternatif yang hendak mendengar dan menerima kehendak rakyat jelata,

9.Saya kurang faham dengan pejuang anti-PPSMI. Apa ruginya terhadap bahasa melayu apabila PPSMI dilangsungkan dan Bahasa Melayu terus menjadi bahasa rasmi negara, bahasa melayu terus diajar kepada murid-murid dan kedudukannya terus dipelihara.

10.Saya sangat berharap kepada Tun Dr Mahathir sebagai bekas PM yang dihormati melakukanlah sesuatu yang positif demi masa depan anak-anak.

Terima Kasih

By MALAYSIADREAM on August 14, 2009 11:16 PM

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Sebagai anak Malaysia,selalu dan tidak pernah tidak menyokong pihak kerajaan kerana kita anak-anak Malaysia amat yakin masa depan anak-anak Malaysia yang bertuah di bumi ini atas pimpinan seorang ketua negarawan yang berwibawa bijak yakin tegas dengan segala keputusan demi Masa Depan Negara dan Bangsa selama 22 tahun walaupun berdepan dengan rakan-sejawatan yang amat lantang kuat berceramah berlainan berbeza bermacam-macam minda akal nya tapi tak ada satu pun Tegur masa dulu yang segala macam-macam....!

Kini semua nampaknya tak betul..tak yakin ..kadang-kala tak tahu apa boleh buat...cuma pandai siasat ini siasat itu..reput ini reput itu...saman ini saman itu..walau dah berpuluh-puluh tahun lepasnya sampai anak-anak Malaysia terpilu setiap hari setiap masa macam menonton drama hidup realiti bersiri-episod yang memaparkan segala macam watak perwatakan insan yang berhormat mulia yang cuma ingin dendam-balas-mendendam sesama diri..sehingga Negara tercintaku macam segala serba salah..tak betul...tak adil ..tak tenang fikiran setiap pagi setiap malam.....!kami berdoalah cuma mampu berdoa..doa selalu agar Negara tercintaku Malaysia gagah perkasa bersatu hati mencapai BAHAGIA UNTUK SEMUA...Yang lemah dibantu Yang kuat diberi peluang Yang miskin dididik Yang kurang ditambah Yang bijak didukung Yang kaya kasi Ang-Pow masa raya Yang memberi BAHAGIA UNTUK SEMUA

disanjung tinggi sepanjang hayat....demi Bangsa dan Negara..kerana  
Satu Harapan..Satu Impian..Satu Malaysia .Satu jiwa kami berdoa  
senantiasaa..Malaysia Pasti Akan Mencapai..."BAHAGIA UNTUK SEMUA"  
!Count On Us...My..Homeland...Malaysia tercintaku...!Inshaallah..!

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By Ahmad Syafiq  on August 14, 2009 11:11 PM

Salam,

Learning to speak english or any other language is not only about school subjects. If my parents had not spoke to me and my siblings in english most of the time I am very sure it would be difficult for me to coverse in english. It does help in thee schools as well but its just not enough.

By Penyumenagis  on August 14, 2009 10:31 PM

Assalamualaikum  
Yang Berbahagia Tun Dr. Mahathir,

I support PPSMI fully. I was one of those many who welcome your Govt. decision in 2003 to teach science and maths in English. And I am unhappy for the reversal policy announced recently. I am still supporting you.

However, after many discussion at various levels, including talking to many learned academicians, scientists and students, I change my mind slightly.

The current problem I understand, arises due to the poor implementations of PPSMI in the rural areas. And this is largely due to incompetent teachers not in their subjects, but their own command of English language. Remember these teachers learnt science before in Malay. It is unreasonable to expect them to teach science subject in BI.

I propose a compromising solution. Let science and mathematic be taught in Malay at the primary level (standard 1-6), lower secondary level (form 1-3), for general science at higher secondary level.

While those at form 4-5 levels, striving to do science (science medium), the subjects Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Advanced Mathematics should be taught in English.

The PPSMI policy benefit for those aspiring to do science and continue probably to do science at much higher levels. For most people (i.e. the average majority) whose command in English is poor teaching science and maths in this foreign language is not helping them at all.

I support PPSMI fully, but if the Govt insists please offer this compromised solution.

Thanks and wassalam.

By daniel noor  on August 14, 2009 10:18 PM

Assalam mualaikum Tun.

Saya sekeluarga mendoakan Tun dan sekeluarga sentiasa sehat walafiat.

I am a Kampong Baru boy . Those days u can consider Kg Baru as 'kampong ' even it is part of KL. We still have padi fields, coconut trees and when it flooded we all ride in boats.

In 1956, my late father sent me to Batu Road English school. He was present only on the first day just to register me into the school. After that I was left on my own with all kind of races especially Chinese and Indians. On the second day, classes were ALL conducted in ENGLISH. Just imagine, me that knows not a single word of English , not even ' thank you ' was thrown into the pit where the teachers were all speaking and teaching in English. For your info Tun, nearly 90 percent of my class too does not have an English speaking background Gradually ALL of us were able to speak, write and understand what ever was spoken in English.

All brothers and sisters were either sent to Batu Road school or Convent Bukit Nanas. As i said, no one of us in the family has ever sepak English until were sent to an English school.

So to say the Malays will be left behind if classes are conducted in English does not make sense at all. Even those from the rural areas, I doubt they will be left behind id they truly want to study. Be it English , German or French. I think its all about willpower and the ambition to be better than the others Tun. No excuse to say that those from the rural areas will be the losers. The late Tun Razak was a Kampong boy. Same with Hussein Onn and You. Generally ALL Malays come from the Kampong. Yet there are many of us that speak and write English well.

My children are able to speak and write English well. Even though during their time a lot of subjects were already being conducted in Bahasa Malaysia. As a matter of fact their English are good to excellence since they started working in the private sectors. Maybe if they join the Government, they can only know Michael Jackson, MU, MacDonald, Pizza Hut,etc.

The Government is making a grave and big mistake by reverting to Malay as the medium language in school. If its all about trying to get more votes, then I am sorry to say that is a stupid decision and wrong move.

I keep maintaining that in order to see a real harmonious Malaysians, the key is education. Have two type of schools. One in Malay and another in English. let the parents choose for the good of their children. DO AWAY WITH VERNACULAR SCHOOLS ! No Government in the World subsidize nor fund vernacular schools of the minority EXCEPT Malaysia !! Why ???

Even countries with homogenous society like Japan, China, Vietnam, Russia, France to that extend has realized that English being the global language need to be taught in schools. But Malaysia decided to join the ' Back to the Future ' group !!!

I feel sorry for our grandchildren.

Take care Tun

By fee3  on August 14, 2009 10:08 PM

Salam Tun

I fully agree with Tun's view in this matter. I've been working in engineering design field and 99% is overseas market- All over the world including Japan, Korea etc. I mentioned Japan, Korea and other far east because still, english is the major communication in this business.

I can't imagine those future malays graduates to work and meet people all over the world. If we just good in malay, our market could be only in Malaysia or maybe Indonesia the most. Oh yeah, sorry, it could be no market at all because the fact is most of good knowledge sources is in english. So without knowledge, we can't even compete in our own country. So most probably no market. No market means no income. No income means - malay will still remain behind in economy from other races.

Just because a small bunch of so called "pejuang bahasa", government has sacrifices all our children future. I have no idea how this "pejuang bahasa" plan to ensure a bright future of our children with just malay language. Maybe they think by reading a novel "Salina" or whatever will make our children success hah?

One thing for sure, I know they've plans to do what ever it takes to demolished Maths and Science in english - but do they also planned and drafted for our government, on how to use malay as a medium in those subject and be succesful in new business world?

Tun, have any idea about those sastera boy's next plan? Maybe in future they will ask to use jawi alphabet instead of roman. Who knows? We talking about all artist, creative aren't they?

By [penghuni desa](#) on August 14, 2009 10:06 PM


Salam YAB Tun;

Bagi saya sama ada dulu,sekarang dan selamanya tetap menyokong penuh PPSMI, dan menolak sekeras-kerasnya mata pelajaran sains da metamatik kembali diajar dalam bahasa melayu.Saya benar-benar tidak faham mengapa kepinpinan sekarang begitu lemah dan tuduk kepada segelintir manusia (yang boleh dikira tidak begitu cerdik) serta pembangkang.Tidakkah Kementerian Pelajaran khususnya MY merasa berdosa kepada anak-anak dan rakyat Malaysia yang sebilangan besarnya tidak bersetuju dengan perubahan bodoh yang telah dibuat.Oleh itu saya sebagai seorang rakyat Malaysia dengan rasa rendah hati merayu kepada KEMENTERIAN PELAJARAN DAN MENTERI PELAJARAN SEMOGA BERFIKIR SEJUTA KALI LAGI KELUHAN RAKYAT YANG BANYAK.Inilah baru betul dikatakan "rakyat didahulukan pencapaian diutamakan".Semoga rakyat Malaysia khususnya anak-anak kita menjadi rakyat yang disegani bukan dihina kerana kebodohan pemimpin!.... .

Sekian, selamat malam Tun.

By [azamima](#) on August 14, 2009 9:57 PM

Saya merasakan cara yang efektif dalam mempelajari bahasa Inggeris atau subjek lain adalah dengan menggunakan MP3 player. Penggunaan MP3 adalah lebih mobil dan mudah jika dibandingkan dengan pemberian laptop atau komputer riba kepada pelajar sekolah.Pelajar dapat mendengarnya ketika bermain, ketika menunggu bas mahupun ketika di dalam tandas atau dimana-mana saja malah ianya ringan dan file nya boleh di download menerusi internet dan ianya boleh diulang-ulang dan lebih menjimatkan kos.Sebagai contoh pembelajaran bahasa cina menerusi internet <http://www.clearchinese.com/mp3-lessons/newbie/index.htm> tutorial yang diajar sangat menarik dan tidak membosankan.

By azmany  on [August 14, 2009 9:29 PM](#)

Adakah nasi sudah menjadi bubur? Kalau sudah, mungkin boleh ditanak semula - lama-lama bubur itu akan menjadi kering juga tapi sudah tentu rasanya tidak seelok nasi yang dimasak dengan lebih prihatin.

Sebenarnya, kalau hendak dirombak semula dasar pendidikan kita, yang paling patut ialah kita adakan pendidikan 1Malaysia. Satu Malaysia, satu bangsa, satu bahasa. Dan tentunya satu sistem persekolahan sahaja. Tidak patut ada sekolah Tamil, sekolah Cina, sekolah Arab, sekolah Inggeris (tak lama lagi mungkin sekolah Indonesia, sekolah Urdu, sekolah Iban, sekolah Afrika, sekolah Korea kerana penduduk bangsa-bangsa ini juga bertambah dan mereka juga (kalau diberi peluang) ingin belajar dalam bahasa ibunda mereka).

Saya lihat banyak orang disini yang 'selfish' atau dalam bahasa Melayu - mementingkan diri sendiri. Mereka cuma ingin apa yang menguntungkan mereka - have the cake and eat it as well.

Kalau benar ingin memajukan pendidikan negara - hapuskan sistem pendidikan yang memecah-belahkan bangsa Malaysia ini dan adakan satu sekolah untuk semua. Bahasa ibunda untuk kaum minoriti mesti dibenarkan diajar dalam kelas khas - mungkin bangsa lain juga ingin masuk belajar.

Saya yakin semua tahu bahawa ini adalah langkah yang terbaik tapi tak siapa yang ada kekuatan politik untuk melaksanakannya. Saya yakin aktivis-aktivis jalanan juga tidak ada telur untuk memperjuangkan saranan yang tak 'cool' ini.

By samuraimelayu  on [August 14, 2009 9:29 PM](#)

SALAM AYAHANDA RAKYAT TUN  
IZINKAN,

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10. By switching back to Malay, we can expect them to vote for the Government party at the next election. Similarly we can expect at least some who believe their children's future has been blighted by this decision to think again about voting for the BN.

WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO BUT TO SEE WHETHER UMNO/BN CAN WEATHER ANOTHER 'TSUNAMI' COMES PRU 13..

LET THE 'MUTTALS' RIDE...ECHOED MR. RAVI... OUR 'NOBLE' MACHA

TO THE DUMPS...VISION OF 1 MALAYSIA???

ALFATIHAH, AMIN.

By sailormoon  on [August 14, 2009 8:53 PM](#)

nak pandai dalam busines, bukan bahasa inggeris jadi penentu.

ramai je yang dah maju dalam business tak pandai bahasa inggeris.

By Myra  on [August 14, 2009 8:36 PM](#)

Greetings, Tun.

Thank you for bringing this subject up.

Quite frankly, I'm disappointed. Having just finished my SPM last year, I know how it feels as a student being played and tested around like a puppet. It takes MORE than a year or two for us to get used to any changes, by all means. I learned Mathematics and Science in Bahasa back in Primary. Of course, I had difficulties when they changed those two subjects in English when I was in Form 1. But - that was only because back then, I wasn't good enough in English. I mean, we only had one subject taught in English for 6 long years, and well, that was English itself. Needless to say, that time, I had a lot of catching up to do. However, after awhile, unsurprisingly, I began to love learning Science especially, in English. Everything made more sense, because frankly speaking, no matter how much we love our own language, we just CAN'T force any ridiculous translations or make up random terms for Science. It just doesn't work that way. Many of terms have been established and used worldwide before we were even born!

We already have Bahasa Melayu, Geografi, Sejarah, Pendidikan Moral, Seni, Agama, Kesihatan and other subjects in our language. It SHOULD be good enough, but apparently, it's not for those groups of narrow-minded, so-called lovers of Bahasa Melayu. Hah, easy for them to say. They aren't the ones who actually HAVE to go through years of what we went through. What they, and the Government failed to realise is how drastic this decision will affect the future of our country. I wonder if they would ever stop living in denials and start accepting that, yes, indeed, English IS extremely important just about - oh, everywhere in this world.

And as for the Government's pitiful excuse that the "Kampung Malays" just couldn't cope with the language, I really don't have anything else to say, because Tun has stated everything for me. I can, however, give them one method which they should have used and looked up to long time ago. And that is to send teachers who are legit, and actually CAPABLE of teaching in English, unlike some teachers we have these days. Honestly, I've had a few teachers who were NOT helping at all. How can they teach, when one of them didn't even know what "Pecahan" is called in English? It was beyond ridiculous. My friends and I had to go to other teachers, or other students for help.

I'd say, thank god, because I've finished my school years. But I feel sad for those primary students who have learned Science and Mathematics in English for years, only having to learn everything from A-Z again after this. If trying to translate Science terms from BM back to their original terms in English was hard enough (based from my experience, so to speak), imagine the other way round. And, don't stop there. After they finish their Form 5, they will mostly further their studies at some colleges and universities, which are mostly taught in English. Another big U-turn there. Good luck, that's all I can say.

And to the Government, who can't even acknowledge the majority voice of your Rakyat. With your complete sets of blind eyes, deaf ears and thick heads, well... good luck trying to remain on the same chair you're sitting on now in the years to come.

By [Furydose](#) on August 14, 2009 8:30 PM

Ouch. Haha I understand what you want to say. The Malays always don't want to change themselves, we want things to change according to us. Always 'lowering the bar'. Please read this article titled . ['Malay Supremacy'.Click Here](#)

Also, this is my take on PPSMI.Click here

By [Langkawimark](#) on August 14, 2009 8:23 PM

Dear Dr. Mahathir

I understand your comments very well. What a loss for so many children - not to be thoroughly connected and made familiar with the English language. All children are born as spiritual beings with the same abilities. That 'Malays do best at paddy planting' - is indeed a very bad joke.

I am Swiss and living since 7 years on your beloved Langkawi. I have put up a Website as a communication tool for the locals and the tourists. I have listed over 1000 Companies on Langkawi in a business directory (a database with full search function), so we finally have something to look up who is here, phone numbers and addresses etc.

The fact is: the Expats here love it, the big resorts etc. use it, but the locals, including the government and LADA-People seem not to use it because they do not speak english well enoug...

Congratulations to your blog (I just discovered it). I like the very clear style!

Mark

By [anis sarisurya](#) on August 14, 2009 8:19 PM

Assalamulaikum Tun,

Isn't it about time, the government makes it compulsory for teachers to take up English classes rather than focusing on the children alone? Why not make it compulsory for teachers to sit for English oral tests as part of their job assessment? I have had the opportunity to observe pre-school teaching at a rural area once, and heard the teacher pronounced elephant as "e-lay-fern". Oh dear!

I find it very selfish for teachers to complain that their jobs are not just about teaching only.. It's a general knowledge that every employee in Malaysia is expected to multitask, and teachers, I believe are not excluded. The government has many times reviewed salary scale for teachers - even a fresh graduate who opted to be guru sandaran takes home RM2200++ a month, but why oh why productivity is still less than expected?

I am a parent and studying for a Diploma in Early Childhood Education at UM. The lecturers mostly conduct their classes in English with a little mix of BM (for the benefit of those who are unable to communicate in English fluently). Nevertheless, notes for additional references and research papers we refer to in the Internet are mostly in English.

At the beginning of the course, most of my coursemates (60% are pre-school teachers from private and state-run kindies) depended on BM totally to communicate. But as the course progresses, more and more are trying their best to use English in class presentations and

discussions. I find this very encouraging because at the end of the day, it is the children who would benefit from their teachers' learning.

Here, we see a group of young teachers who forked out their own money (RM8300 exactly = to pay for the course's fee), wanting to improve on one side and UM's former VC Royal Prof Ungku Aziz's stand that the English language policy as "a mistake" on another side. The chap is seriously unbelievable! Shucks!

By [Chin Sook LIng](#) on [August 14, 2009 8:12 PM](#)

Good Day, Tun.

I am sorry to say that " a person who under a shield is always short sighting".

Regards,  
Sook Ling

By [Ataturk](#) on [August 14, 2009 8:08 PM](#)

Dear Tun,

Couldn't agree with you more.

Malay progress has been impeded simply because of unvisionary leadership.

Malays are being shackled so badly notably by race and religious issues of late.

Until and unless they get rid of unenlightened leaders and ulamaks I do not foresee their making much headway in the next 100 years to come.

The day might come when Malaysian women especially Malays might have to work as maids in Indonesia because of all the myopic policies of our leaders who really do not have their interest at heart.

Meantime, I can only pray for this beloved nation.

Best Regards

Ataturk

By [sarjan hassan](#) on [August 14, 2009 8:04 PM](#)

ASSALAMUALAIKUM TUN,  
RASANYA KAMI BOLEH KOT BUAT SIKIT SIKIT DALAM B.I.MUNGKIN ADA ORANG  
KITA TAKUT MELAYU JADI PANDAI DAN BIJAK BISTARI.  
TARAF BAHASA MELAYU PUN TIDAK DAPAT AJAR DENGAN SEBENAR  
BENARNYA.SETAKAT CUKUP MAKAN,BANYAK PERKATAAN KITA DAH TAK  
PAKAI...PUPUS SENDIRI.KITA PERBAIKI DULU PENGGUNAAN BAHASA  
KITA,BARULAH BUAT KEPUTUSAN SESUAI ATAU TIDAK UNTUK DIGUNAKAN  
DALAM PENGAJARAN SAINS DAN ILMU HISAB.  
BAHASA INGERIS ITU SATU ILMU,BELAJARLAH,GUNAKAN SEHINGGA MENJADI

KELEBIHAN KEPADA KITA.NANTI BILA SAMPAI MASA,MUNGKIN BAHASA ARAB KE BAHASA INDIA KE BAHASA CINA KE AKAN JADI BAHASA PERANTARAAN MASYARAKAT ANTARABANGSA.KITA BELAJAR PULA SAINS DAN ILMU HISAB DALAM BAHASA SEMASA TAPI JANGAN LUPA ASAL USUL.BAHASA MALAYSIA TETAP BAHASA IBUNDA.TETAP DISANJUNG.

ORANG MELAYU DARI DULU SAMPAI SEKARANG TAK PANDAI PANDAI.ZAMAN DULU TDAK ADA SESIAPA BERANI BINCANG MENGENAI ISLAM KECUALI AHLI...SEKARANG SEMUA ORANG LEBIH ARIF DARI KITA.PASAL KITA BUKA PEKUNG SENDIRI.KITA SAMA KITA BERENTAP,ORANG LAIN MENANG.SEKARANG BAHASA MALAYSIA PULA JADI CAGARAN.

TERLALU BANYAK FAKTA(ASAL USUL PERKATAAN "FACTS")MENUNJUKKAN KELEBIHAN BELAJAR SAINS(ASAL USUL"SCIENCE")DAN ILMU HISAB(KINI DI KENALI SEBAGAI MATAMATIK)DALAM BAHASA INGERRIS.KITA BELAJARLAH DAN AJARLAH DALAM BAHASA INGGERIS.TAKUT ANAK MELAYU TIDAK DAPAT IKUT PERKEMBANGAN.KITA ADAKAN DASAR YANG MEMBERI KELEBIHAN KEPADA ANAK MELAYU.SIAPA NAK MARAH.TANAH MELAYU,RAJA MELAYU,PEMERINTAH MASIH MELAYU...ADJUST IT TILL IT FITS.

IF WE ALLOW EVERYTHING TO BE DICTATED BY OTHERS,MIGHT AS WELL THROW IN THE TOWEL NOW.WASSALM

By Sahabat dari Chicago  on August 14, 2009 7:51 PM

Dear Tun: I agree with you. Lets go back to the pre-independence day whereby the Malays work in the Kampong, Indian in the estate and the Chinese control the businesses and national economy.

Regards,

By SyahrilSaid  on August 14, 2009 7:48 PM

Salam.

You're brilliant Ayahanda Tun...;-)

By burn\_ash  on August 14, 2009 7:25 PM

assalamualiakum Tun,

i don't know why The government still with the decision, eventhough that there are lots of request for math and science to be teach back in english and to be review. They said they had conducted a carefull study,and there are lots of things and implication be taken into account during and before the decision been made. eventually it give the sad result.ask the Malaysian childrens,whether they want math and science to be teach in Bahasa Malaysia or English..?Malay that life in kampung had been used as "scape goat" for the decision had that been made.what a simple answer..Sometimes, we have a "bad conotation" about Malay that live at the suburban and village area,that their english is poor. The truth is, our students in local university is also facing that problem, that is ENGLISH.In UiTM,Malay University, i can say that 90% of our lecture in english. yes, i admit there are numbers of student facing the problem with

english,including me during my first year in UiTM. but i eager and passionate to learn and speak in english, as i know,how vital english in doing my diploma and degree.dissertation,thesis,assignment,lecture, everything in english.how i want to survive if i don't know what are lecturer talking about in front there.and now i still in improving my english Tun .In construction world, there are lots of term that are rare hear by me previously during my school day in technical school,where Pengajian Kejuruteraan Awam course are teaching in Bahasa Malaysia. soil bearing capacity (keupayaan galas tanah), bending moment(momen lentur), concrete slump test (ujian ricih konkrit) and many more. In university, then i realized that it was same meaning when i was in school day,but when i was doing my practical in construction firm last time,NO..i haven't heard that such of term in Bahasa Malaysia been use in formal conversation. The application outside there in construction industry is in English, and i believe it not just only in construction, but including all the others industry.Actually that is why the morale of the student is going down, their are being underestimate,...by the Government."Budak Kampung tak pandai cakap omputih".. the level of field can be adjust and be make better,if we have the willingness, courage and effort. Don't they see who brought MAS achieve until this level,from zero to hero, Idris Jala is kampung boy from Sarawak, he is a Orang Ulu ethnics, that always related with their unmodernize life,sometimes with cawat and "tinggal atas pokok" by those who have "stupid imagination", and as a Sarawakian Malay, i feel very proud of him.His English is very good,in command and writing. He have a confident during Qustion and Answer session with reporters, we can see it in Television. And what is the most important things,he become a hero during MAS hard time.Who say that kampung boy can't make it?Tun also was a kampung boy last time, and you make it happen,and we are proud of your achievement and contribution for Malaysia,Malay, Muslim world and and International organization. i on behalf of my generation in early age of 20's are admiring your vision, you are thinking what will happen 30 years from now, you are thinking about how to compete in globalization world. The question is,whether we want or not..that simple.dimana ada kemahuan ,disitu ada jalan.of course we cannot see the tree fruitfull now,but if we are patient, commit and do our best, it will gve us a good fruit in the future .Tun,sorry if this hurt u,u should introduce teaching math and science in english during your rule last time,perhaps in early 80's,not during your last minute retirement. Sayangkan Bangsa adalah lebih besar ertinya dari sayangkan bahasa Tun,Assalamualiakum, may Allah bless you and family.Satok kampung boy

By HBT  on [August 14, 2009 7:22 PM](#)

Ayahanda,

//1. The Government has decided that the teaching of science and mathematics would revert to Malay in the Government school, with Chinese in Chinese schools and Tamil in Tamil schools. How this is going to help integrate Malaysians I do not know.//

This reason given by BN is mainly to support their Healthcare Boy, Keayves, the PPP President. Why????

I am sure parents who send their children to schools are asked to buy RM10 Personal Accident insurance for their children at RM10/student/per year. Parents need to sign up forms for AIA or Prudential. I have stopped this insurance scheme 2 years back because I think our MOE is harrasing our right using a Communist healthcare system.

Why should I pay? When there is an accident, I have to send my child to clinic myself and I have to pay. I am sure if the case is serious, the teachers will call Government Hospital of that particular area, not AIA or Prudential. The medical cost is absorbed by the Kerajaan Malaysia, not AIA or Prudential. Where did the money goes????

Ask Keayves or T. Murugiah, I am sure they will be able to answer!!!! By the way, who are their boss, Hisham @ all the kepala 2 BN componets lo.....

//6. The reason that has been given is that Malays, particularly kampung Malays just could not do well when the two subjects were taught in English. If we follow this kind of argument we should also stop trying to get Malays to do business because they really cannot do well in that field. They are best at working as wage-earners, particularly in Government service. We should encourage them not to try to go into business.//


The Bumiputras entrepreneur funds were cancelled early this year.

//9. Malays do best at paddy planting and fishing with rods and net. They should be taught to do this, probably with new technology.//

New technology???? Tangan @ kaki technology???? Duit dah dihanguskan by ajib & geng lah, ada duit ke nak naikkan semangat kaum Melayu!!!!

Ayahanda, you think S..Tan and Ravi are so kind to lecture us in chedet, no, no, no, they just want to know how Ayahanda and melayu react so that they can plan for their aftermath to BLUR US. Mereka ingat mereka lebih bijak then God!!!!

Good night Ayahanda.

By che khadijah abdul  on August 14, 2009 7:05 PM

I am a widow with schoolgoing kids. Financially not in the position to send them for extra classes, may it be those conducted in their own schools or private (time, fees, extra workbooks, transportation).

When they were merely 5yrs old, I taught them English Reading, with the help of the many Free sites available on the Net. Took them only 3weeks, with all the on-line exercises (the likes of Starfall/Fun Fonixs/Cando/PrimaryResources/Between the Lions etc). Once they became independent readers, the rest is history.

For BI, we can get complete video/powerpoint/workbooks/on-line with instant answers/story-books, many of which are downloadable FOC.. (Phonics/Grammars/daily English Conversations).

The same goes for Mathematics and Science.. SO MANY complete free homeschooling sites with detailed tutorials/tips and shortcuts.

For instance, I take only 15minutes to teach my kids to be good with their multiplication tables just by following closely the videos using finger methods.

Salam

By Hookamania  on August 14, 2009 7:04 PM

Salam sejahtera YAB Tun,

Saya amat tidak bersetuju dengan pandangan Orang Kampung tidak setuju dengan cara pembelajaran PPSMI.. Ini kerana kebanyakan daripada mereka amat bersetuju bahawa mereka perlu diajar dalam Bahasa Inggeris cuma pencapaian mereka agak ketinggalan dan tidak memberangsangkan. Dan ini adalah benar.

Sekiranya isu teknologi moden tidak dipupuk dari awal maka kita akan kekurangan orang Melayu, Cina dan India di dalam bidang tersebut kerana kebanyakan daripada mereka tidak mempelajari dan teladani berikutan tiada siapa yang belajar teknologi semasa. Dan, kita terpaksa mengimport tenaga dan teknologi luar bagi membangunkan negara kita disamping dapat menambahkan orang dari luar menjadi majikan di Malaysia. Itu agaknya yang kebanyakan orang politik ini ingin perjuangkan.

Diharapkan sudah-sudahlah mereka ini membuat demonstrasi kerana sudah muak saya melihat adegan yang ingin sangat kita tidak mahu lihat. Orang-orang seperti inilah yang harus belajar PPSMI kerana diharapkan mereka dapat mempertahankan nasib keseluruhan kaum di Malaysia ekoran tindakan mereka yang bodoh diikuti Kerajaan yang perlu melaksanakan satu modul baru yang perlu kepada penambahan peruntukan.

Cuma, saya teringin mencadangkan agar sesiapa yang mempunyai talian telefon tetap di rumah dapat diberi subsidi untuk pemasangan internet secara percuma agar dengan cara ini pengetahuan mereka menjadi luas dengan bayaran yang amat patut. Ini sekaligus dapat mengelakkan buta IT di kalangan penduduk Malaysia di samping orang Malaysia dapat mempelajari teknologi baru di dalam Bahasa Inggeris. Selepas daripada cadangan pembelian komputer melalui KWSP, saya berharap agar tindakan ini dapat mendatangkan manfaat kepada mereka yang ingin berjaya dengan program yang mudah. Pemasangan telefon tetap dapat melayari internet sekiranya memiliki kemudahan komputer di dalam satu bayaran yang mudah dan murah secara automatik tanpa perlu mendaftar lagi adalah saya rasakan mampu mengembalikan kegemilangan Malaysia.

By hati.malaysia  on August 14, 2009 6:59 PM

Dear Tun,

1. I hate when the government wanted to teach Math. and Science in Malay.
2. I have 4-kid's, and surely I can not sent them to oversea or international/private school.
3. I know a lot of rich Malays/Chinese sent their kids to international/private school because they do not believe our edu. system is good for their kids.
4. This decision was made before by-election, I am sure the gov. biased in their survey, like in many thing.
5. Our leaders wanted to see Malaysia as developed nation in 2020, but how is our children going to communicate with other part of world if they can not master English.
6. I need to double check what our leaders mean by developed nation by 2020.

7. My question to TUN, HOW I AS A GENERAL PUBLIC can do now, I have sent memo to PTA. They have sent memo to Ministry. Wait for GE13, will be too late. I think we need to take it to street 'again'. But can not get permit and I hate tear-gas....

8. Can you suggest what are the option we have, to 'force' this gov. to implement a strategies that 86% of population wanted.

By AbdulHamidSalleh  on August 14, 2009 6:44 PM

Dear Tun,

Sometimes I think the current government takes a very simplistic approach to solving problems. However, I do remember that when DS Najib took over the Ministry of Education way back in 1995 he did say something about a systemic approach to solving problems or improving education in Malaysia. The decision to discontinue the teaching of maths and science in English (PPSMI) does not reflect a systemic approach at all; rather, it is a patchwork approach or what some people would call applying "band aid" to stem the "bleeding".

To say that Malay students in the rural areas have suffered because of PPSMI is to admit that the PPSMI programme as implemented did not take into consideration other inputs, if factored in, would have helped to make the programme a success. The identification, selection, continuous training of teachers was not done seriously. As is the norm in the MoE, there was a lot of talk, many many announcements but little serious action. I have the feeling policy implementers didn't quite understand what it was all about. If a serious evaluation of the implementation process was ever done, then I believe many things that have so far not been brought up will reveal weaknesses in programme implementation. One of the things I would have done would be to replace school principals who were not serious about the programme and put in their place those who would have been more committed.

The talk about not having enough teachers competent in the English language who could also teach maths and science also showed how those who could have been recruited to give impetus to the programme were ignored. I know of many such teachers who were never considered for a strategic role in the programme; many of these teachers had retired in the 90s but could still be gainfully employed to teach, train and lead.

These are just two examples of what contributed to the "failure" of PPSMI in rural schools. There are many other reasons but that would take a lot of time and space to list and discuss meaningfully in this 'comments' section. I somehow wish someone in authority would have the courage to say "let's continue with this in some selected rural schools which we can turn into schools like those in the urban areas that have been successful in implementing PPSMI". Why not? After all Malaysia Boleh, right?

By major (r)hj.anuar abd hamid  on August 14, 2009 6:41 PM

Dear Tun,

The Poll result on PPSMI in your blog is a clear manifestation of the majority of the RAKYAT who are against the teaching of MATHS and SCIENCE in Bahasa Malaysia.

The RAKYAT are very angry and upset with the Government decision to scrap PPSMI, most of them are under the impression that the current Government are interested only in getting the

votes in next General Election. By scrapping PPSMI they believe that the rural Malays, the Chinese extremist and Hindu Rights Action Force will support the Government, the Government is WRONG. And worst still the Urban Rakyat who are PRO PPSMI out of their anger will vote for the OPPOSITION.

Tun, the Rakyat especially the urban MALAYS are fast losing their faith on both Najib and Mahyuddin. Don't blame the RAKYAT if they do not vote for BN, blame yourself! NAJIB & MAHYUDDIN! Both of you failed to understand the feelings and aspirations of the RAKYAT.

By gourouch  on [August 14, 2009 6:33 PM](#)

Dear Tun,

Well said! Since when UMNO turned into opposition? Tactically, UMNO seems to be duplicating the Pakatan people (prior to 2008 election) who are trying to give sweets and candies to lure vote. Could these tactics be counterproductive? I got the feeling that while we are winning votes in the rural areas, we are losing lots of votes in the major city with English speaking or you would call it the learned individuals?

Short term wise, the above prediction could perhaps be sustaining in the short terms to fish for vote, but I do think the rural areas people are starting to get aware on the importance of English in math and science. Perhaps by the next election, it would be too late? People could have realized and it would be too late to reverse this policy?

There are many people who on the short term choose to ignore ISA issues, corruption, crime and others issues etc. But to many parents, this issue of education, we hold it truly in our heart. Take that away, I promise you repercussions.

To elaborate further, a friend was contemplating migrating to Australia for many years. This friend was trying to weigh all the pros and cons. He was undecided until Muhyiddin made that announcement. He is willing to start his career all over again for the sake of his children. For a guy at the age of 40, it takes a lot of courage to start all over again in a foreign land. You have my word, he is not the only one.

Muhyiddin can do all the good things and I promise that Malaysians will not be grateful if you take this single thing away from the people. Take away this and you will face the blunt in the next election.

By [mr. mahid](#)  on [August 14, 2009 6:29 PM](#)

Assalamualaikum Tun,

1) I am also confused how the teaching of Science and Math in the students' so-called mother-tongues could promote a united Malaysia.


2) And I totally agree with you with "send [their children] grandchildren abroad as some who advocate Malay as the medium had been doing." This is hypocrisy in its truest sense. SHAME.

By [mrs](#)  on [August 14, 2009 6:27 PM](#)

dear Tun,

in today's political scenario, it is very hard for Barisan Nasional to gain back the majority. They have

to be wise on each and every decision that they make. they also have to be very2 caution of their words during their speech. But come back to the PPSMI issue, i think the government should continued it. this is because if u speak more english doesnt mean that u will become less chinese, malay, indian, kadazan, iban, kayan and so on. so with learning english. on the other hand, the malays which stays in villege must come out from their comfort zone. they must change to the needs of government and not vice-versa. yes, bahasa malaysia is indeed the mother tongue of malaysia. but why not the Malaysia government enrich the current bahasa malaysia level in SPM level? they should include a special chapter on BM linguistic. things like why the pronunciation of "e"mak and "e"nak are different among each other and it is wrong to use "di kalangan" but instead "dalam kalangan". even though these things might look simple, but it should be taught in school. in a nut shell, i would prefer the teaching of science and math to be in english as malaysia is lack of manpower in medic and engineer. we need those ppl in order to do R&D. hence, 1 fine day, we will see malaysia producing our own anti-viral, medical machines, nuclear lab test and so much more. no point to politic this type of issue just for a party or two benefit. we must look far ahead of us and what are the challenges that we going to face. till then, take good care of yourself and stay healthy...

By Nothing but wind  on August 14, 2009 6:26 PM

Dear Tun Dr M,

The non-bumi students don't complain about having to study 2 other languages apart from their mother tongue. The bumi students should be ashamed to complain for having to study 1 other language apart from their mother tongue.

This is a result of caring too much (pampering) for certain students. They complain virtually about anything without thinking about the positive side of it.

All Malaysian students should realize the fact that nothing comes easy in this world today, they have to sacrifice for it.

They should bear in their mind that short cut is normally a risky option. They should further comprehend that short cut in education is akin "digging your own grave".

Just ask your self as to why the Government is sending the cream of SPM graduate to overseas institutions and study there in English medium.

The current 'status quo' in the Malaysian Education Policy would result in English handicapped supply of work force. They might be absorbed into the public sector (well, they must. Don't they) and for sure shunned by the private sector (Especially by the multinational concerns for obvious reasons).

I hope no one would complain of the choice made now in years to come (I feel it would be too difficult not to do so).

By jimmi  on August 14, 2009 6:17 PM

Dear Tun,


I can feel the frustration and disappointment with this issue because the stakes are very high with regards to the future of our children . In 15-20 yrs time, Malaysia competitiveness will be

effected and the ability of our future citizens to compete in the globalized world will be at a disadvantage.

From Tun's blog survey, 14% of the people had dragged down 84% wish to educate their children to be bilingual. Yet, these same parents are impressed when their relatives children from KL or Singapore come to visit them to find they can speak good English compare to their children. Honestly, parents who voted against use of English...Do you really want your children to master only one language or as many as they can?

Parents must understand that every child born has the capacity to learn and master as many languages their parents want. All they need is opportunity and guidance. Scientists have studied Early Child Development and were amazed with their abilities and capacity to absorb. We muslim ought not to be amazed because Islam has guidelines in educating our children. We have hafizs at the age of 6-12 yrs old. Can you imagine other races we consider great can't even memorized their own Holy book, yet we are able to train our little children so. In short, I only want to highlight to give as much chance or opportunity to our children as possible. Do not see it as a burden.

I share Tun's disappointment and as a visionary, you must have been worried for Malaysians, especially the Bumiputras.

By Budi kita  on August 14, 2009 6:08 PM

Assalamualaikum

Dear Tun, may Allah reward you with good health

Just put it this way, if BN won big in the last general election, would there be any review on teaching science and math in english. I can confidently say no. These all are political factors. Malays to some extent have been swayed towards PAS on language issue. Please accept the fact that not all voters are clever and a vote of a school leaver has the same weightage with the vote of a PhD holder. If you got majority even by 1 vote you are the winner. If non bumis prefer teaching science and maths in English, a BN agenda, why they did not vote for BN in the last general election. Chinese swing was 30 % and Indian swing was 40 %. You think BN will stand still and do nothing till the next general election?. UNMO needs to please the malay voters as well so that PAS will have no issue to play around and language issue is hot issue since before independent and a lot of points can be used to raise people emotions and soon people will cast their vote based on emotion. Look what are the issues the chinese parties can gang up together and dare to cross sword with UMNO, it all about language and education. In nutshell, teaching science and maths in english is good for the people and the country but it is not a winning bet for UMNO since some communities are very racist and very loyal to the call of their associations. You can see this clearly in business.

By capello08  on August 14, 2009 5:50 PM

Perhaps when someone like Ungku Aziz said that it should be taught in BM, I think there may be logic for the change. However, that is mostly because of the blunder on the teaching part, which can possibly be improved if teachers are adequately trained.

I am very pro English for Science and Maths and I think the Govt should allow teaching in both languages (BM and English only) to give opportunities (or option) for the Malays who want (or

able) to learn in English to continue doing so. I am quite sure a lot of Malays are planning to send their children to private schools for the English medium thing.. and pity those who want but can't afford it.

I strongly urge the Government to consider the above and see the results in 5 years time. A study on children enrolments, academic results and tangible results (like scientific discoveries, job competitiveness, etc) should be done simultaneously until such time say 10 years time when we have a better statistical and qualitative evidence that the Govt should then make an informed decision whether to continue or stop.

The problem with Malaysia is the Statistical research and findings is very poor that decisions are usually based on sentiments and trial-error approach. In some countries they have all sorts of statistics and study such that they can forecast the outcome better and analyse the consequence in a more structured approach.

By sharahman  on [August 14, 2009 5:50 PM](#)

saya berasa amat sedih kerana kerajaan sekarang tidak melihat masa depan...hanya melihat apa yang mereka 'nampak' sekarang...adakah kepimpinan kerajaan sekarang boleh membawa kemakmuran kepada semua rakyat...Hanya ALLAH SWT sahaja mengetahui. kepada Tun saya medoakan moga Tun dan sekeluarga sihat sejahtera...diharapkan Tun dapat mengupas isu2 semasa supaya kupasan Tun akan menjadi satu ilmu berguna kepada generasi muda

By donplaypuks  on [August 14, 2009 5:39 PM](#)

When in '69 the rural Malays were found to be even more economically backward than their urban counterparts, the Govt did not say 'they are beyond redemption' and wash their hand off their plight.

By the same token, this constant bleating by Ketuanan Melayu proponents that the rural Malay cannot grasp a good command of English, is clearly a RED HERRING.

After all Dr.Mahathir is himself a prime example of the rural Malay come good in English and other Western sciences!!


It is a simple matter of allocating better paid, better qualified and better and more trained teachers to get the job done. If the rural and urban Indians and Chinese to whom English is just as much a foreign tongue can roll up their sleeves and get to the task, so can the rural and urban Malay.

There is no difference in brain power among the races, only will power!!

More than that,I have commented regularly on these flip-flop and short-sighted policies by our Govt which is a STUPID reaction to politicisation of Education. That is sad and despairing.

dpp

We are all of 1 race, the Human Race.

By Yushri  on [August 14, 2009 5:38 PM](#)

Salam Tun:

Your are right. Even today, if you want to learn any subject regarding Islam being Fiqah, Usululludin etc, the language you should master is Arabic. The reason is simple - all good references on those subject is in Arabic.

The same logic applies to Science and Maths - hardly any book in Bahasa on those subject. BN is playing to the tune of Anwar.

Looking at other angle - we should continue the teaching of Science and Maths in English and let those Chinese School / Tamils schools to teach these subject in their mother's tongue. I bet over a long time, Malaysian Chinese and Indians will slowly put their kids in sekolah kebangsaan.

Tamil and Bahasa has no commercially value. There about 300M pax speak Tamil or Bahasa in the world. That is less than 5% of the world population.

The faster we learn and accept this fact, the better Malaysia will be.

By Shahisma159  on August 14, 2009 5:37 PM

Dear Tun,

The way I see it, the present BN government is playing it safe. I feel TS Muhyidin is well aware of the importance of PPSMI, BUT the jokers at MOE are the one opposing it !! Teachers especially DONT want to use English. I have a son and a daughter in different primary school. During Science and Maths, teachers are teaching in Malay (only a few teach in English). Just becós they feel clumsy conversing in English, they did not try hard enough. Govt has given them incentives, laptop and sent for courses. They attend courses, stayed in 4-5 stars hotel, come back still teach in Malay.

These are the PENGKIANAT - They should ask themselves how hard they tried, have they really given their best. I have proof that even those study abroad having difficulties teaching in english. Even those who did TESL (teaching English as second language) could not converse well in English. If the non malays can master English, why can;t the Malay teachers? What are their stupid excuse? A low educated Indian lorry driver can speak good English, why can't educated Malays ?


This just to show they do not want to go extra mile for the future generation. "Tidak Apa" attitude that really make me sick ! These PENGKIANAT are those weak ones that depended on Govt support for thier entire life. Scholarship, boarding school, study abroad, easy govt job, etc, etc. To a point they become bloody complacent.

For those Pejuang Bahasa that fought for the abolishment of PPSMI - congratulation ! Please do your bit to uplift the standard of Bahasa. Unlike English, Bahasa Melayu has been undergoing constant change. When I was in university, train is spelled "keretapi" now its "kereta api". I used to the phrase "menjolak mata" but now its "mencolok mata". If enriching Bahasa is about borrowing English word and translating to Bahasa, to hell with all of you so called pejuang Bahasa. The one who look like Ho Chi Minh, go get a good hair cut and shave !!!

By Oumono  on August 14, 2009 5:33 PM

This is the one main reason why I dont see Najib fit to be PM or anyone in UMNO. It is so saddening that kind of thinking is preferred by the government. The majority has spoken and the government should listen even if it means flip-flopping.

Hazman Abu Bakar

By demo  on [August 14, 2009 5:30 PM](#)

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By demo  on [August 14, 2009 5:28 PM](#)

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Ketua Pergerakan Wanita UMNO Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil pula kecewa dengan kenyataan Nik Abdul Aziz yang membiarkan segelintir pemimpin DAP menghina Islam dan menyifatkan kenyataan itu sebagai meragukan.

"Saya terkejut membaca kenyataan Nik Abdul Aziz bahawa orang bukan Islam boleh menghina Islam apatah lagi kenyataan itu dibuat oleh seorang pemimpin parti yang berlabelkan Islam dan mendakwa memperjuangkan Islam.

"Setahu saya orang Islam tidak boleh menghina orang bukan Islam dan orang bukan Islam tidak boleh menghina Islam," katanya dalam kenyataan di sini hari ini.

Shahrizat, yang juga Menteri Pembangunan Wanita, Keluarga dan Masyarakat berkata, setidak-tidaknya Nik Abdul Aziz perlu menegur pemimpin DAP jika beliau benar-benar mahu menjaga kesucian Islam.

Menteri di Jabatan Perdana Menteri, Datuk Jamil Khir Baharom menegaskan, semua pihak harus sedar bahawa perbuatan seperti itu bukan setakat menghina individu tertentu, tetapi ia sebenarnya menghina Allah.

"Dalam konteks hubungan antara agama, kita tidak dibenarkan membuat penghinaan. Oleh itu, jika berlaku penghinaan terhadap Islam, kita wajib mempertahankannya kerana yang dihina itu bukan setakat individu tertentu, tetapi adalah Allah,"

Sementara itu di Melaka, Ahli Majlis Tertinggi UMNO, Datuk Noh Omar berkata, Pas sebagai parti yang memperjuangkan syiar Islam di negara ini sepatutnya lebih ke hadapan dalam memerangi pihak yang menghina Islam.

"Kenyataan Nik Abdul Aziz itu seolah-olah menunjukkan beliau mahu menggadai agama Islam demi kepentingan mereka termasuk mengatakan orang bukan Islam boleh menghina Islam," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian kepada pemberita selepas majlis penyerahan jentera membajak dan menuai kepada pesawah di Kampung Parit Penghulu Benteng di sini hari ini.

Selain itu, katanya lagi, Mursyidul Am Pas tersebut sepatutnya memahami perbuatan DAP yang jelas menghina agama Islam sekali gus bertentangan dengan hak kebebasan beragama di negara ini.

"Dalam hak kebebasan beragama, kita dilarang untuk mengatakan perkara yang tidak baik dan tidak sesuai tentang agama lain.

"Saya hairan bagaimana Nik Abdul Aziz boleh membuat kenyataan itu, malah beliau juga pernah menyatakan sejak Pas dan DAP berkawan, DAP boleh membawa al-Quran dan untuk itu, mereka sudah memahami Islam," katanya.

By kolang\_kaling  on [August 14, 2009 5:22 PM](#)

Salam TUN!

saya pun turut rasa sedih bila depa tukar balik keputusan tu. Sampai bila nak biarkan orang Melayu tak pandai bahasa Inggeris? Takkan kita nak mengalah kerana semata-mat atak faham bahasa Inggeris?

Saya setuju dengan bilangan 10 tu.

By [blink4blog](#)  on [August 14, 2009 5:08 PM](#)

absolutely true. candy politics will not last. i am also against Chinese teaches Science and Math. i learnt it when studying in Independant Chinese School back in early 90s and i score better in English version of Math and Science and my English subject is bad but my Chinese subject surprisingly better.

i think the government had not done enough to explain the consequences and vision to the rural area of 'supporters'. all they care is not to loose power instead of deciding what is the best for the

country, regardless races and ethnics. end of the story, it's political interest before country's interest. sad.

the flip-flop will return some day after 2012 then the government finally admit their decision made today is wrong. majority 'supporters' will blame the government for this matter after their children could not be good in business and K community. by then, either the BN government will able to twist the story or the Opposition will taken advantages. neither will have benefiting the country, just political fight...again.

By HBT  on [August 14, 2009 4:49 PM](#)

Ayahanda,

It's okay for BN Government to revert science and maths in Malay. Let PR deals with them .....

Latest concept from PM now is ....


"From Malaysians, for Malaysians, chosen by Malaysians".

Brother Annuar,

Learn, not copy..... "From Malyaysians, for Malaysians, chosen by Malaysians".

The ball now is on your hand, please give US a nice shot to be the next PM..... and good luck.

Good day Ayahanda.

By khairul  on [August 14, 2009 4:49 PM](#)

Salam ayahnda Tun,

Pada saya,sememangnya melayu mahukan perkara yang mudah sahaja tanpa perlu bersusah payah mendapatkannya.Segala galanya tentang "senang".Sampai bila pun melayu takkan jadi golongan bijak pandai.

By eliza  on [August 14, 2009 4:40 PM](#)

Y.A.B Tun:

Thank you for writing about this topic again and I appreciate your efforts to explain why PPMSI should be retained through various avenues. However, I think the decision makers are not able rationalise and understand the impact to the nations. Perhaps it is partially because they don't understand these subjects well. Perhaps, facts and figures may not be important to them, or perhaps they do not know how to interpret facts and figures. Perhaps if the petition indicates the number of votes lost due to reversal to Malay, the decision makers would comprehend the impact better. A family friend is leaving the country due to this and they are professionals. It is a lost to the country, talent-wise and as I was sharing this to a mutual friend, the respond was "BAGUS LA TU". Yes, the reversal of teaching Science and Maths in Malay is a good beginning to unite 1Malaysia. Have a good weekend!

-eliza

By noorfaiza  on [August 14, 2009 4:35 PM](#)

Thank you again and again Tun for your genuine concerns over this issue.

Government, please listen to us. Reinstate the english medium for Science and Maths.

This is not a threat. This is for our future. It is impossible to gain knowledge in Science and technology using pure Malay language.

Please Please Please....

By [ah\\_heng](#) on August 14, 2009 4:34 PM

Tun,

Good to know that you are still on this issue, but surprisingly quiet about other current issues like ISA, TBH, MACC, PKFZ, etc... Especially PKFZ which occurs during your premiership, maybe you can shed some lights into this dark era of this MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDINGS!

As for Maths and Science, I heard someone asked why not Accounts as well? Most (in fact all) accounting standards are in English ( I think). USGAAP, IFRS, etc.. Why not?

Hmmm...

WONG

By 'Manusia Biasa' on August 14, 2009 4:31 PM

Salam YABhg Tun,

I agree with you and to stops people from going to the streets to protest on the PPSMIs issues but whether it is wise enough we have to wait until 2013.

Manusia Biasa

By [sikenit](#) on August 14, 2009 4:25 PM

Salam Tun and all readers,

1. i cant help but notice that when Tun is in the country, articles come out fast and furious in Tun's blog. But when Tun is elsewhere, we have to wait quite a while for new ones to come out. Guess that rules out some people's suspicions that it is not Tun who writes in this blog. (These people still cannot read Tun's style and thinking)

2. In one of my earlier comments on your articles regarding this same matter, I've said that I've 'no more tears' to cry for PPSMI. Guess we will just have to wait for GE13 to know the extend of damage done by the withdrawal of PPSMI from the school scene on BN.

3. But Tun, I must admit that I personally find TSMY a guy who seemed serious in his work, committed and dedicated, who is not afraid to voice out his opinion and who seemed intent at achieving his targets.

4. Who knows Tun, maybe the leaders of BN may still yet be able to fork out some good jobs to endear themselves to the people come 2012.

5. Until then, we will just have to pray a lot that the country is kept in good stead by ALLAH SWT.

Jaga diri, Jaga solat Tun and all. H1N1 is no joke, take care all.

sikenit.

p/s: Tun, used to be that people rushes to be the first to comment on your postings, but now, the last comment appears first, so I guess mine will be right down there at the bottom huh?? :(

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