

THE PROTON SAGA

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By Dr. Mahathir Mohamad

1. Proton is gradually returning to profitability. I notice that the new Proton Saga is often seen on the streets of Kuala Lumpur. I know that a new car would not be noticed on the road until a certain volume of sales is achieved.
2. Other Proton models are also more frequently seen - a sign of good sales. Before this the new cars most often seen were from the Perodua stables.
3. Since Proton acquired a new chairman in the person of Datuk Nadzmi Salleh, I find it easier to perform the work of Proton adviser. The Prime Minister has also indicated that Proton affairs should be referred to me. Accordingly I have been busy on a plan to resuscitate the company. I have been talking to potential technology partners for Proton.
4. Lately I had been disturbed by media reports that Proton is to be sold to certain parties. This talk has agitated the staff of Proton. They know of cases where after a new investor took over a company, senior staff had been laid off. Their worry over this matter affects their performance. This is bad at a time when they are trying to contribute to Proton's recovery.
5. I have told the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer that Proton is not for sale, but I think I should assure the senior staff and the workers that there is no plan to sell Proton in the foreseeable future. The need is to restructure the company and reach agreement with the potential partner, After that work has to be done to ensure Proton fully recovers.
6. I agree with the headline in a certain tabloid for everyone to leave Proton alone. If Proton staff is assured of this I feel sure we would be able to put Proton firmly on its feet.

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By  on November 18, 2009 9:33 AM

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how you used the car, but of course all cars are meant to be driven and maximising it rather just keeping it at home garage. This doesn't happen so much with other models. Of course every car has their lifespan of wear and tear but Proton should try to reduce the rate and upgrade the quality of the parts. The numbers of parts change often automatically increased the cost of servicing. Don't want to compare with other models so much here, but my experienced that I don't required to change parts so often even mileage clocking at 100k (Japanese model)

I have no other complaints on Proton especially Satria Gti but hoping that one day Proton will be coming out with a replacement model for this lovely car which of course with better specs and engine capacity. Of course this Satria Gti car is a very niche market and only those love driving sports car will go for it. But if Proton plan to resuscitate and compete globally than they should look at it rather than just coming out with 4 door family car only forever.

My two cents.

Best regards.

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By Danyaen  on November 17, 2009 11:30 AM

Greetings again Tun,

this will be my last post on this subject lest it becomes rant and rave.

I was there when you drove over Penang Bridge. That was a happy moment for me as I am a Penangite. You know what everyone in my local coffeeshop was saying? "Mahathir driving proton man...aiseh...the PM drive proton...not mercedes la...proton..he driving himself la...gaya man". That was the atmosphere in our school. The PM himself driving a proton. Now that's pride.

It is plain to see everyone here (except those who just make snide and angry comments) want to see Proton succeed. But for that, I'm sure you already know what needs to be done. Not the whip, we need the AXE.

I believe in Proton. I don't believe in the people running Proton. It's not the car but the imbeciles who have driven the company to the ground. Mass profit over quality. What's so hard about making a sensibly good car after 25 years? China has already copied a rocket and gone to space. And for much less money than the americans did. Have our engineers been sleeping all this while?

Sdr kamal ahmad has brought up some very clear facts about the proton cars.

1. Why are we still getting underpowered cars? That is stupidity. The weight of the car alone is bad enough, but an entire family?
2. For all the big talk on safety, why aren't ALL our cars fitted with airbags? Why should our national car charge us a premium for safety?
3. I agree with him that the tiptronic is way overdue. This will help us all with fuel economy and also keep the price of the car down by making smaller engines more powerful.
4. Proton is NOT VALUE FOR MONEY. When will we have a quality proton car? A car we can buy and REALLY be proud of. Instead of having to make complaints about here in your blogspace.

I just hope that you will do something about this as this affects every single Malaysian. I am but a normal citizen trying to make my way in the world. My main concern is that I live my life with my family and my friends without too much hardship in a peaceful country (cheesy as that may sound). I thank you for making this blog so that the common people may address their problems to you. If I have been rude or presumptuous in any manner do forgive me.

By godm  on November 16, 2009 10:43 PM

dear tun, as a malaysian i m soo proud that malaysia has its own line of cars that they produced... however there are things that i have to disagree with proton:

1. i do not know why until now we are unable to build our own car fully as in completely our own idea
2. i have no idea why there are still so many problems with the car

as the problems above, i'm still am sad that proton is stil using ideas and design from other manufacturer and that i think that proton should really come out with their own design and all from grounds up to show the real malaysia power... then we can silence the critics and also be truly proud of proton

besides that, being a proud owner of 2 proton wira, i always have problems with my car where is does not have enough energy or something always goes wrong... i just hope the proton would

reali test their car properly and push it to the limit to ensure that the quality is improved... by then everyone would start flocking to get a proton

i hope that proton would reali do more extensive research on its car and reali make a difference in the quality of the vehicle... this is what i hope i'm able to see...

thanx,
regards,
Ali

By S..Tan  on November 11, 2009 11:39 PM

Dear Tun, salam mesra harap sihat sejahtera. Minta izin menjawab seorang pengulas.....

Pada sdr 'Adam' on November 5, 2009 9:37 AM

.....SAME ROOT DIFFERENT ROUTE

Agreed, winners or losers begin from the same starting line (root). Before the finishing line there is a journey. The journey signals whether you are heading for devastation or moving closer to destination. Ignore the signs at your peril.

True, history has many stories of persistence or foolishness, depending on the outcome.

We are two sides of a coin.

.....DREAMING

I am not dreaming. But people who are lost in their dreams are a menace.

.....SUGGESTION

My suggestion is in 'sound bites Proton' .

By Adam  on November 11, 2009 7:54 PM

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too.. dr. Asri too.. Nik Aziz also..

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answer;

Now I know why Malaysian graduates is considered..... Oh well...

** Smoke my cigars **

By kamal ahmad  on November 10, 2009 6:43 AM

Salam kasih dan hormat Ayahanda Tun, could it also be that sikap pekerja in Proton contributes to this decline? I don't want to put this comment in current posting as even I don't see much agreement to it. What am I – pengkhianat bangsa like Anwar barua? I would like to believe that it has nothing to do with ethnicity but sometimes even that belief baffles me. Today I would have to replace a Malay staff (A) with a Chinese staff (Y). Y is more senior than A, but last year I sidestepped Y and promoted A instead to a higher position. A becomes Y boss. For the last 11 months and 10 days or so, I have been getting negative comments from many quarters. A is cakap saja buat tapi kerja tak jalan. Keluar time kerja buat kerja lain. Tak boleh kawal staff. And finally Tun, I pulled the plug because A's boss (a Malay also) has been lamenting non stop about his sikap. I have observed, interviewed and checked and it appears what they are saying is very true. So today I would have to remove A from his post and admit my misjudgment to Y and put him at the place where he rightfully belongs and relegate A to Y post. I can't reduce salary. Kesian juga. I won't do that. Repercussion angles, I just don't know yet. And I must also swallow my conceit and apologize to both of them just as well. Malu. Tun, when a customer ordered a washing machine from us and it was already 6 pm on a Saturday, what did A do? He tried contacting several independent contractors to do the wiring and plumbing but none want the job. They say lepas pukul 8 tengok la kalau free. Even our own team switched off the phone on him at sharp 5 pm. You may guess what the make up here is. But do you know what Y did? He loaded up all by himself a washing machine into the 1 ton lorry, drove to the apartment that orders it and when he arrived at 7pm, the security there refused to let him use the resident's lift and the service lift has already been switched off at 6pm. So Y tarik, kesot sikit-sikit the box of the washing machine up 3 tingkat on staircase. Then he proceeded to fix the wiring and the plumbing. He made the sale (it was top end model). He even took down the older washing machine but this time with the help of the apartment owner who kesian tengok dia buat sorang-sorang. Not only I malu to the customer, but worst, I must now apologize to Y for it (the customer I already malu and apologize). I put A in that post because of obvious reasons. But never again! Some hypocrite I am advocating for all to be bumi and yet I erred there out of racial blindness. So Tun - that is my story. Not billion sales like Proton, and my staff is only 15 there, but the moral may help you and me. Or maybe just me. 11 months and 10 days ago I was a total idiot. I must base everything on performance and be blinded to all the rest from here onwards. I used to be like this. Where did I go wrong, I must look it on my own. Why the non performance? My question is does ethnicity has got anything to do with it? I am Malay and I don't have that leisurely problem. Maybe it's not ethnicity after all. I want to believe that as truth. It was just my stupidity. It has nothing to do with my bangsa. It was just my stupidity and ego. Just like si barua Anwar, it was just my stupidity and ego and I regret that and today I would make amend and reverse things. But if it is a general election and nation at stake, my stupidity and ego would have to go on even when it's all wrong as it's not easy to reverse that. I would have to prime it up (the

error) and just keep going pretending more and becoming more a hypocrite and soon lose control to the others. Just like si barua Anwar; it was just me, my ego and my stupidity. I have learned yet ever again.

By kamal ahmad  on November 9, 2009 8:02 PM

"By S..TanAuthor Profile Page on November 4, 2009 10:58 PM

Proton is a success or a saga, dream or disaster, time will tell. But the signs are not good! A company that needs an 85 yr old retiree for protection cannot be that good!"

LOL! Tun, this comment is below the belt! free kick! penalty! hehehe! Saya tak terlibat. Semasa komen dibuat saya sedang bawa kambing badawi makan niakmat rumput free.

By kaymosure  on November 9, 2009 5:07 PM

Salam Tun,

Saya berasa amat tidak bersetuju kepada beberapa pendapat untuk menurunkan lagi harga kereta keluaran Proton namun saya amat bersetuju untuk Proton meningkatkan kualiti kereta keluaran mereka. Saya faham, Proton cuba menerapkan budaya pengeluar kereta Jepun yang meniru teknologi dari barat namun disini pengeluar kereta Jepun akan membaik pulih kelemahan yang timbul dari setiap produk keluaran mereka dari semasa ke semasa, namun kita di sini sentiasa dibelenggu dengan masalah yang sama dengan kereta keluaran Proton. Banyak 'manufacturing default' pada model-model keluaran Proton masih berlaku seperti tiada pemantauan kepada masalah ini. Ini menyebabkan pengguna kurang yakin dengan kereta keluaran Proton dan jika tidak kerana harga Proton yang rendah mungkin pengguna telah beralih kepada pengeluar lain.

Saya seorang pengguna Proton Saga dan pernah menghadapi beberapa masalah pada kereta dan apa yang mengejutkan semasa saya menghantar kereta kepada agen Proton untuk baik pulih, mekanik boleh mengatakan kepada saya " biasa la awak beli kereta murah kualiti pun murah juga lah" seolah-olah perkara penjagaan kualiti tidak wujud dalam Proton. Apakah perasaan pengguna bila dinyatakan sebegini oleh mekanik bertaualiah yang mendapat pengiktirafan dari Proton?

Nama Proton perlu dibaik pulih dari kualiti pengeluaran bukan harga kerana kuasa membeli pengguna semakin meningkat hari demi hari. Proton sepatutnya memeriksa kualiti dari kilang sendiri malah Proton juga perlu meletakkan pemeriksaan kualiti pada setiap vendor Proton. Jangan kerana hendak menjaga vendor yang dikabarkan ikatan sampai mati Proton meletakkan kualiti kepada perkara kedua. Mengapa Honda City yang juga keluaran tempatan mendapat tempat dihati pengguna? Ini kerana pengguna begitu yakin dengan kualiti dari jenama berkenaan.

By Anak KSB  on November 8, 2009 1:40 AM

Salam Tun,

We are now discussing about "The Proton Saga". Ridicules
...debates.....facts.....fictions.....should be acceptable.

But....stay on track.

I fail to see the connection between the late Kugan...Teoh....and Penan women.....what more Guantanamo Bay to our topic.

No doubt that peoples look at common object from various angle. Please look and comment "The Proton Saga" from the relevant angles. Or else.....find other forum.....

Tun.....that is my request to those wanderers.

salam

P/S : Proton designer : Put up a good design please. Wake up. Do not try to sabotaj....No more Arena...No more that mobile Genset look a like box....no more that silly citroen copy....no more that distorted Saga (the first Saga is more pleasant to look at). And for those who will be approving the design....do not sabotaj please.....were they blind? How could that box like van's (like a van)design be approved? I was and am seeing that model as an effort to sabotaj Proton and ridiculed Malaysian and still feel insulted.

Pi tengok kat dealer Pekan.....kalau belum bankrupt la....berapa unit dia terpaksa biar berlumut....atau kalau pergi sekarang harus dah campak dalam sungai kot.

Tolong jangan zalim ya....mereka yang berkenaan di Proton tu la.

By Anak KSB  on November 8, 2009 12:29 AM

Salam Tun,

Saya rasa ramai jugak di sini marah "sikap protectionism" kerajaan Malaysia pada Proton.

Seolah-olah malaysia saja yang mengamalkan sikap ini.

Ramai yang baca akhbar selalu baca desakan negara maju mahukan Malaysia melakukan "trade liberalisation". Juaranya tentru Amerika Syarikat dan beberapa negara yang lain.

Dari situ ramai lah mereka yang ada disini percaya bahawa negara-negara maju tentu tidak mengamalkan "sikap protectionism". Kalau begitu lah sikapnya maka itu adalah sikap percaya membuta tuli.

Cuba baca sikit latarbelakang negara tersebut. Alamak....internet kan ada. Baca sistem cukai dia orang. Check tengok cara macam mana nak bawak masuk barang ke negeri dia orang. Tengok pulak syarat-syarat yang perlu dipenuhi orang rakyat dia orang dalam cuba mengguna barangan impot. Periksa proses yang terlibat dari mula barang dipesan....barang dibawa dari satu point sampai ke "point of entry" melempi "point of entry" masuk ke pasaran....samapai ke pemjual.....hingga sampai ke pengguna.

Cuba lihat proses, undang-undang, cukai, lesen dan amalan perniagaan tempatan. Lepas tu baru komen.

Bagi saya "protection itu perlu....untuk satu jangkamasa....kalau perlu kekal.

Malaysia mula tak sampai 30 tahun lebih pun.

Amerika...German....Britain....Perancis....Italy....Sweden...Jepun.....Korea.....bila? Paling baru pun saya rasa Korea. Itu pun berpuluh tahun sebelum malaysia.

Malaysia nak cepat....tentu la mula mula macam mee maggie.....instant....mana boleh bandingkan dengan spaghetti....vermicelli...pasta ...lasagna?

Bagi peluang la Proton bina muscle dulu baru lepas kan masuk gelanggang.

Jadi.....Kerajaan tak salah dengan sikap "protectionism".

Yang salah Proton. Masa dapat protection dia pergi lepak. Orang suruh training dia tak mahu. Jadi bila suruh masuk gelanggang dia takut. Jadi...apa dia buat? Minta tangguh la.

Timbul soalan....kenapa dia lepak? Tak buat persediaan? Walaupun modal besar dah keluar di peringkat awal?

Saya nak buat spekulasi:-

1. Ada pihak tak bagi dia berlatih. Jadi lembek la.
2. Lepas tu boleh salahkan kerajaan yang mengujudkan Proton.
3. Dengan aset yang berbillion tapi menunjukkan gagal...boleh lah jual cara "loss cutting" dengan harga RM 1.00 ringgit.

Spekulasi saja. Tapi Tun.....kalau terjumpa usaha macam ni....Tun tolong benteras. Saya cukup marah pada opportinist lintah darat macam ni.

Saya bercakap sebagai pembayar cukai dan pengundi saja Tun.

Salam

By [rarunasalam](#)  on November 7, 2009 4:33 AM

Prof Ridiculy...

you're absolutely right in your statement "something ill-conceived has brought profits?"

How did Proton make it's profits? Protectionism? Absolutely. Politics? Absolutely. Perception? Even more absolutely. Proton might have been profitable, but as I asked in my original blog comment - where did all those Profits go to....care to give your comments Prof given you seem to have an opinion to my opinion.

As for my constantly refering to Tun as hypocrite - that too is true...what else has Tun become?

Your take on Tun is based on your experiences....mine are based on mine...

No, I am no Yogi and no, I am no car manufacturer...but what if I was someone who can churn millions of dollars from a viable sustainable enterprise...would that make me more qualified then to comment on Tun?

Could I then say the same that only those who are themselves are extremely successful and that on their own blood-sweat-tears and no handouts should also give positive comments about Tun?

if not, why not?

Taking your comment on digging a hole and burying oneself, I think burying one's head into a hole is more ridiculous...get your head out of that hole Prof...it's not a good look!

(Ravi)

By Adam  on November 6, 2009 12:02 PM

ahh...

government just want to protect their business, but people want cheaper and high quality car, like those from japan, honda city is cheaper than than perdana if government lift all crazy crony supporting tax.

that's all, make proton cheaper, then we solute proton, that's all.Period.

Answer;

It is not about business, I do disagree with overly priced cars due to NAP. But Proton must remain.

By prof. x  on November 5, 2009 8:42 PM

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By Bilis  on November 5, 2009 6:44 PM

Dear Tun,

Nampaknya ramai yang sudah memberi pandangan, dan saya setuju dengan kebanyakannya. Malahan saya sangat setuju dengan rungutan berkaitan Kualiti kereta serta Kualiti perkhidmatan Proton pada harga jualan yang dikenakan.

'Protectionism' is fine with me asalkan pengguna mendapat alternatif yang setanding dari Proton, dan bukannya Protong-sampah.

Dari satu aspek memang baguslah Proton memberi peluang pekerjaan, tetapi selayaknya mereka bekerja bersungguh-sungguh dan bukannya mengharapkan pembeli saja yang bekerja bersungguh untuk membayar harga Proton yang tinggi pada kualiti yang rendah.

NAP mensyaratkan kereta berumur 15 tahun ke atas diperiksa di Puspakom kerana banyak kemalangan melibatkan kereta-kereta tua. Pernahkah kajian dibuat peratus kemalangan yang melibatkan kereta Proton?

Saya tidak terperanjat jika hasil kajian membawa kepada pensyaratan kereta Proton yang berusia 5 tahun ke atas wajib diperiksa di Puspakom.

Saya pernah berjumpa dengan seorang jurutera yang bekerja dengan vendor yang mengeluarkan komponen untuk Proton dan Perodua. Saya dimaklumkan bahawa Proton menerima sesetengah 'defect' yang mana akan ditolak oleh Perodua. Katanya 'orang Proton tak strict'. Jika benar apa yang disampaikan kepada saya ni, dalam usaha Tun nak memajukan Proton, pekerja-pekerja Proton yang mempunyai attitud sebegini patut dibuang dalam 'Protong-sampah' dahulu.

Saya telah menggunakan 4 model Proton. Yang terkini baru berumur lebih kurang 10 bulan. Masalah kecil tak payahlah cerita, masalah besar yang berkaitan keselamatan pun Proton macam buat tak peduli. Sungguh tak mempersona kan.

Salam Tun.

By prof_ridcully  on November 5, 2009 5:12 PM

Dengan izin Tun,

Ravi

Don't be flattered. I didn't do it out of love.

You are right. I didn't understand your earlier comments, to wit:

1/ you're claiming you will help put proton back on it's feet, when proton was ill conceived right from begining.

2/ I am not saying that the National car project is wrong -but you anti-competitiveness legislation put proton on a crutch

read these as making 2 separate points and not TWIST them out of context

That's what I did exactly. I read them as two separate points and read them in context. You are saying that an ill-conceived idea like the National Car project is not wrong.

The first statement is to highlight - "look at where Proton is today both as a car of high quality and standards and secondly, even with the "protectionism" it had, where did all those profits go?
WINK

The second statement is to say - "having an intention to create a locally manufactured product and jobs from that is not a bad thing, but an idea and strategy should not be based on an intent to create a monopoly, but to create a brand name and recognition built on a system of positive values"

The first statement in your first comment (*I/*) pertains to something being ill-conceived but your explanatory note says something else. So, according to your explanatory note, something ill-conceived has brought profits? Amazing! And those profits are not accounted for?? The second statement is worse. You are being presumptuous when you say that Tun wanted to establish a monopoly when he protected Proton. Happily Tun has answered that himself in his reply to Ir. Syahrizan in the latest post. Do take time to understand what Tun says will you?

And to help you better understand given your inability to comprehend plain English

There are two things to understand about communicating with the printed word Ravi. One is the command of the language. Either the writer, or the reader or both may not have a good enough command of the language to communicate properly -- I don't think this is our problem. The other is that the writer, in this case you, is not able to marshal his thoughts properly and so ends up contradicting himself, writing nonsense and has recourse to two further paragraphs to explain what he meant because he said it badly in the first place. And, I might add, digging himself into a bigger hole in the process.

You are more than welcome to thank Tun and blindly agree with everything our Ex-PM says....

I have that same right to ask Tun if he has indeed done enough for the country, been fair and equitable, been sincere in his decisions on the basis of he says one thing and does another...

Well you think you have the right to ask Tun questions and question his sincerity and impute that he's a hypocrite -- that's what your sentence above means. And going by your line of reasoning, I have the same right to think about what you say and post my thoughts up here.

I am not being rude...I am just raising conciousness...

What are you then? A yogi?

By [muschemun](#)  on November 5, 2009 3:17 PM

Assalamu'alaikum Tun

Pak LAHab had again betrayed you by sleeping on the Proton projects.
His actions was akin to sending Proton to the doldrums.

Protectionism for Proton? It should continue, the west did the same to their cars. H'ever, Proton MUST ensure that their cars are hv the quality for the rakyat to be proud of.

Terima kasih & Wassalam

By [Judenrat](#)  on November 5, 2009 1:53 PM

Salam Tun,

Memandangkan rundungan dengan VW telah gagal, apa kata Proton beli OPEL. OPEL dalam krisis sekarang.

Banyak teknologi yang boleh dipelajari daripada OPEL.

By Adam  on November 5, 2009 1:22 PM

.....VISION OR APPARITION

Both comes from the same root,

Vision is crafted with illusion of success - when Wilbur Wright and Oliver Wright started their illusion of a huge gigantic machine flying bird. Many of his men claimed these two are idiots, and absurd in their time. But this two brothers, despite the hardship successfully made a machine flying bird after so **many failure attempts**.

Nikola Tesla was said to mention;

"I do not wish to get married as I fear of losing my imagination".

10 July 1856 – 7 January 1943

He was called mad, crazy, imbecile, but most his works are actually what enabled us to see many wonders in the modern age.

Einstein was quoted as saying,

"Imagination is more important than knowledge."

US (German-born) physicist (1879 - 1955)

And he is one of greatest scientist of all time

Isaac Newton;

"If I stand in the shoulder of a giant, I could see far distant"

Without proper footing, Proton would never be able to make it, many great companies started within the right foundation.

.....HISTORY TELLS THE SAME THING

History tells the same thing about many great leaders, scientist, and men who have started as failure and turn out to be great names in the history. As History may have shown certain names that have failed, history has also shown us many successful names.

What makes the Jews so powerful? and the Japanese? Rome as some claim, to have united their people, what is the core to that successes? Was it that by favoring the bigger power?

What is the core foundation of Roman empires before it has become a world power, and spread its conquest, and the "unite" the people as some claimed to "unite" this country the same way as Rome.

Was it that the unification started before Roman loves its people, or the unity embarked after the Roman loves its people?

What made Japanese products successful? started automatically as world player, or first supported by its people?

.....DREAM OR DREAMS

Time will unfold its long lore upon us, dreams is to be waited, but dream only happens in your slumber.

By akupun  on November 5, 2009 10:28 AM

ahh...

government just want to protect their business, but people want cheaper and high quality car, like those from japan, honda city is cheaper than than perdana if government lift all crazy crony supporting tax.

that's all, make proton cheaper, then we solute proton, that's all.Period.

By Adam  on November 5, 2009 10:02 AM

Dear Krish,

How did Beng Hock died? How did Kugan died? Did we hear it from you? What did Beng Hock do?

You want to pretend that Beng Hock has committed treason or what and those kept at Abu Ghraib are innocent?

Answer;

And what that has anything to do with Tun? Explain, if you may?

That is no way of diverting attention from the evils committed at home in Malaysia by you and your kind.

what about the Penan women being raped or natives losing their customary land rights?.

Answer;

We are all saddened by that, but I believe this has absolutely nothing to do with this man. Unless you have proof, then you may do us favor by stating it here.

I would love to know what did you mean by 'losing customary land rights'?.

that is okay with him, isn't it? Or maybe he spoke out, not out of sincere concern but his manner of passive aggressive stance against the US? Recalcitrant.

Atlest Abu Ghraib / G.Bay prisoners have come out alive and survived to tell their sad tales to the whole world

Answer;

And? what are you trying to imply? was it that okay for them to detain the prisoners then?

Two wrongs make a right?

By Bilis  on November 5, 2009 9:53 AM

Dear Tun,

The work to improve Proton should not be limited to improving Proton as a company only, but must also be reviewed in the context of its impact to the Malaysian car buyers.

For example, protectionism could still be maintained as a survival vehicle but Proton must in the first place produce world class car at the same (if not lower) ex-factory price of a similar category cars produce by the foreign manufacturers.

At the moment, Proton can't even compete with Perodua (mainly from the Quality perspective, my view). Let alone the foreign manufacturers eg Toyota.

I'm not going to write more on the business part. An area that dissappoints me most is the Quality of Proton product and services. May be I'm just a 'Bilis' and not 'Kelah' hence I'm receiving a 'Bilis' standard services, despite am paying not a single sen less than the 'Kelah' to own a Proton car.

I would like to share an email that I just sent to Proton MD last night regarding my frustration on the Quality aspects(both product and services) I'm experiencing:

04/11/2009 08:31 PM

To
syedzainalabidin@proton.com
cc

Subject
Persona yang tak mempersona

Datuk,

Saya adalah pemilik sebuah Proton Persona (no pendaftaran XXXYYY) yang telah menulis surat kepada Datuk beberapa bulan lalu setelah masalah yang saya adukan melalui saluran yang lain tidak mendapat perhatian sewajarnya.

Antara masalah yang saya ajukan kepada Datuk sebelum ini adalah berkaitan dengan 'central locking', brek, bunyi enjin yang teruk dan pintu di bahagian penumpang sebelah kiri yang terbuka dengan sendiri semasa kereta sedang dipandu (yang akhirnya menyebabkan sedikit calar pada bahagian badan kereta kerana tindakan respons oleh pemandu yang terkejut).

Selepas diperiksa di Pusat Servis Proton di Mutiara Damansara, saya telah diberitahu bahawa tiada masalah dengan kereta saya; namun pihak Proton bersetuju menukar beberapa alat ganti serta merta. Terima kasih.

Namun kereta itu dipandu dalam keadaan bimbang akan keselamatan penumpang selama beberapa minggu sebelum alat ganti (door latch) dapat ditukar. Katanya tiada stok.

Kini masalah-masalah yang saya ajukan itu tidak berulang lagi.

Saya tidak sekali-kali membuat aduan palsu; jadi saya terfikir adakah Proton bukan saja ada masaaalah kualiti, tetapi juga masalah pemeriksaan tahap kualiti?

Calar pada badan kereta tu masih ada, kerana pihak Proton tidak mahu bertanggungjawab atas kejadian yang berlaku dan saya pun belum ada duit lebih untuk membaikinya. Sudah lah tu, saya rugi terpaksa bercuti untuk menghantar kereta ke pusat servis.

Baru-baru ini (18 Oktober kalau tak silap) semasa saya sedang memandu pada kelajuan lebih kurang 30km/j sahaja, pintu penumpang disebelah kanan pulak terbuka dengan sendiri. Pada keesokan harinya, masalah ini dirujuk ke salah satu pengedar Proton. Maklum balas diterima 'jika pertama kali berlaku, kami tak boleh buat apa'. Namun setelah dijelaskan insiden sebelum ini, saya dikehendaki menunggu selama dua minggu dan akan dihubungi apabila stok sudah sampai.

Oleh kerana masalah ini berkaitan dengan keselamatan yang serius dan saya tidak boleh membiarkan penumpang terus terdedah kepada bahaya, beberapa hari kemudian saya telah menelefon pembantu Datuk (En Kartik) dengan harapan ianya mendapat tindakan segera. Terima kasih kepada En Kartik yang membuat temu janji segera untuk saya dengan Pusat Servis Proton di Mutiara Damansara.

Saya telah ke Pusat Servis Proton di Mutiara Damansara seperti yang diarahkan. Saya telah 'disoal siasat' untuk menentukan kesasihan masalah yang saya hadapi. Katanya masalah begini tidak pernah berlaku sebelum ini (sedangkan ianya telah terjadi kepada saya sendiri untuk kali kedua!).

Mereka telah memandu uji kereta saya, yang mana pada saya adalah tidak berapa perlu. Saya bayangkan pemeriksaan yang rapi sepatutnya dibuat ke atas bahagian pintu dan bukannya dipandu uji.

Walau bagaimanapun setelah dipandu uji dan saya terpaksa menunggu lebih satu jam memerhati kereta saya yang diletakkan di tempat letak kereta, saya telah diberitahu mengenai hasil pemeriksaan. Seperti sebuah skrip yang sedia tertulis, maklum balas diterima adalah 'Tiada masalah tapi kami akan tukar. Stok tak de, kena tunggu seminggu dan kami akan telefon atau SMS encik bila dah ada stok'.

Sekali lagi saya terfikir, adakah Proton menghadapi 'masalah kualiti dalam tahap pemeriksaan kualiti'?

Yang lebih mengecewakan, seminggu yang dijanjikan telah berlalu. Malah kini hampir tiga minggu saya menunggu, saya masih tidak dihubungi oleh mana-mana pihak Proton.

Apakah Proton juga menghadapi masalah kualiti dalam membuat janji? Ataupun, saya perlu menghebahkan kepada umum atau menunggu sehingga musibah besar berlaku sebelum tindakan segera boleh diambil? Nauzubillah.

Saya bukannya orang yang suka membuat aduan tak tentu pasal. Tapi saya kini rasa teraniaya. Saya tidak berani membawa keluarga saya untuk perjalanan jauh dengan kereta ini.

Saya ternampak poster Datuk 'I'm all ears' di pusat servis. Harap perkara ini mendapat perhatian segera dari Datuk sendiri.

Saya menghendaki pihak Proton mengeluarkan surat jaminan bahawa kereta saya selamat untuk dipandu dan juga untuk membawa penumpang.

terima kasih.

By faa  on November 5, 2009 9:45 AM

Dearest Tun,

To Cik Kiah dan orang-orang yang seangkatan dengannya, none of you are forced to buy Proton. You have the options provided you have money. Yes, the quality may not be as good as SOME imported cars but I would rather see people driving proton or even kancil compared to motorcycles carrying children. As for many of us, proton cars were our first cars- since we could not afford to buy the more expensive ones when we first graduated or started working. PROTON must be protected. In time, I sincerely believe PROTON can be better. Keep on learning.

By T-Rex  on November 5, 2009 9:45 AM

HAHAHAHAHAHA.... how stupid Ir Syahrizan could be !! Ask Tun about Power Window..... HAHAHAHAHAHA.... Ask Ex PM about Power Window..... HAHAHAHAHA.....

By Adam  on November 5, 2009 9:37 AM

Dear S..Tan

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Answer;

I am delighted to know what is your suggestion ?

By wajaperak  on November 5, 2009 9:28 AM

Dengan Izin Tun..Terima kasih..

T

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Dear T..Oh deer..

Now they way you said it, my small intelligence now fully grasp the idea why Singapore,Thailand,Indonesia dan Philipine did not want to have the National Car of their own..The Government of respective country does not want to burden their people with this petty issues..

Hmmm..my small intelligence thought that everybody should makes it work..Government the Guardian of the people interest, and it's people is the mover of principal government policies..

Now here in Malaysia when Najib makes a blunder, we should not allowed it happened..Not much can be said about Lim Kuan Yew....)

Terima kasih Tun..

By Adam  on November 5, 2009 9:23 AM

If Anwar is the PM, I will leave the country. He will build another US here in Malaysia.

I will further study at UK, and settle there. Rather than having a country that is controlled by the west indirectly, much wiser to live there.

I do not want my grandchildren to blame their grandpa for doing what he could for them.

Although it pains much to leave this beloved country.

By wajaperak  on November 5, 2009 9:19 AM

Dengan Izin Tun..Terima kasih..

Ir.Syahrizan

[[Dear Tuan Wajaperak, takkan kena “jentik” sikit dah melatah.

That’s merely 1% of my actual powers. (Thehe) Imagine if I showered you with a full fledged debate?]]

Alahai Ir.Syahrizan..Saya ni tak layak di panggil tuan..)..For your powers..(Power Ranger ??) that is so much overwhelming..All I can say is one values and rules need not applied to other's.The west have been indoctrinated that "Superman" is superb superhero..I stick with Badang as my super hero..So..your "super intellect" against my inferior IQ (remember my IQ is only 70..) need not flattened me..Let alone flatter me...)

[[Come on sir, let us learn to be humble, if you're wrong, and just admit your defeat.But if I'm wrong, I'll do the same. Kiss make up and goodbye. Besok buat lagi]]

What defeat? Overwhelmed is the proper word.I am wrong if keep continues engaging in your mired quicksand of mind..Engagement is proper to the likes of S..Tan and Ravi to the point of agreed by being disagreed..

[[Kerana "ego" Iblis disepak keluar "permanent" dari syurga.
Tapi untuk Adam dan Hawa diberi peluang kedua kerana taubat nasuha.
Maka kita tuan, apalagi?]]

Jangan amalkan teori kafir dalam penjelasan mengenai Islam!..It just never done!..Iblis bukan ego.Itu namanya sifat Mazmumah..

[[Dear wajaperak, no need to "cover-cover" line anymore.
I beat you fair and square with intellectual reasoning.
No need to shift topic here and there]]

Again..The issue is not about about Proton.I detest the way you implicated Tun in the issue..There is better ways of saying things..

[[Please respect the basic rule no. 101 on blogging; stick with the topic!]]

Right on..ahem..mirror??

[[Our primary discussion is still about Proton, NAP and AP.
We could have our "tabligh" and "umat" discussion elsewhere on another battlefield.Which I'm sure I will defeat you over and over again.(haha)]]

I am not going to contend you about the issue.I let the experts deal with you.Remember..I am an office boy as a profession and IQ of 70 in possession..So..it's downright bullying on your part to contend with inferior being like me..The issue sir is the way you implicated Tun..I says it unbecoming..

Tuan wajaperak, if I may... (your favorite desert opening).
They say...Rome is not built in one day. It is built with numerous and onerous hardships.Sometimes it's very tiring to be number "one" all the time.Hidup ini bagaikan roda, ada masa naik dan ada masa turun.

So forgive me for being illiterate and crass.I din't know how to respect your life of being number "one"..

[[So, please stand up and fight like a real man!]]

My small intelligence escapes me..So this is about ?..And being a man..I thought a formidable foe like Hanan should acknowledged you..And..after browsing here and there, could not find any article Hanan commending you..why is it Hanan did not mentioned you?..Are you not Da Man ??

[[I'm sure, Tun can take care of himself. He could do it for the past 22 years when he was the Prime Minister. Tun doesn't need a cyber bodyguard to take cyber bullets for him. He's Malaysia's best statesman! The Godfather of some Umno-cult. Mahatirism as some would recall it.]]

Now you are superimposing.In the malay community we calls this adab.Good mannered.When our elderly belittled..the younger one will rise to defend the elderly..No need for the father figure to contend the "ill willed" gestured of any kind..We grease our hands for him..It is

GIRI..

I mean duty..Sorry S..Tan

[[Some of his hardcore policies are well conceived (accepted) by most Malaysians; KLCC, PutraJaya, KLIA, LRT, Monorail and et-cetera. I know how to appreciate these technical achievements, as it's just so happen I'm one of the builders and designers.]]

Thank you...:)

[[How did you (Tun) tolerate with Proton's failing power window for the past 25 years?]]

He did not..How do you tolerated your spouse shortcoming for the past years?..Sorry..That point is be contended with..

Thank you for your nice article..Now..would it not better this way?

Terima kasih Tun..

By T  on November 5, 2009 9:05 AM

///// By Hajar on November 3, 2009 9:52 PM

Dearest YAB Tun,

Allow me to respond to the following "HIGHLY INTELLIGENT" blogger:

Ir. Syahrizan,

You said:

/// I beg to differ Tun, the reason you're seeing more Proton cars is because Malaysians are forced to buy one. .. Anybody who owns a Proton knows all of these facts! ///

Answer: Did anyone point a gun at your head to force you to buy a Proton car??? I bought mine willingly, despite the fact that I can afford to buy an imported car. So, not all Proton car owners agree with you. This is the FACT. /////

Dear Hajar,

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By [rarunasalam](#)  on November 5, 2009 4:57 AM

Prof_ridcully

Thanks for reading all my comments - that's quite flattering.

And to help you better understand given your inability to comprehend plain English:

read these as making 2 separate points and not TWIST them out of context:

1/ you're claiming you will help put proton back on it's feet, when proton was ill conceived right from beginning.

2/ I am not saying that the National car project is wrong -but you anti-competitiveness legislation put proton on a crutch

The first statement is to highlight - "look at where Proton is today both as a car of high quality and standards and secondly, even with the "protectionism" it had, where did all those profits go?
WINK

The second statement is to say - "having an intention to create a locally manufactured product and jobs from that is not a bad thing, but an idea and strategy should not be based on an intent to create a monopoly, but to create a brand name and recognition built on a system of positive values"

Does the above clarify or are you going to take the above and TWIST it some more?

And as for yours and JJJ's continually implying that I am rude to Tun - that just goes to show your immaturity. You are more than welcome to thank Tun and blindly agree with everything our Ex-PM says.

I have that same right to ask Tun if he has indeed done enough for the country, been fair and equitable, been sincere in his decisions on the basis of he says one thing and does another...
I am not being rude...I am just raising conciousness...

Lastly, I don't expect you to understand my comments - you won't see my point of view...and my point of view is you don't really have a self-point of view!

(Ravi)

JJJ- I was going to reply you, but thought it's a waste of time...

By Anak KSB  on November 5, 2009 1:42 AM

Salam Tun,

Harapan 1 : Proton terus kekal beroperasi

Harapan 2 : Proton kekal milik Malaysia

Harapan 3 : Proton terus berkembang maju

Harapan 4 : Tiada usaha/kempen melemahkan Proton(pas tu nak jual)
(macam MVAgusta)(Untung meniaga modal air lior tu)

Saya rasa : Perlindungan Industri Permotoran Tempatan.
Kalau tak kena sabotaj besar kemungkinan dah tak perlu
sekarang. R&D ada designer cukup....kilang ok....
....tentu model baru yg disukai ramai boleh selalu
keluar.....daya saing tentu tinggi. Bawak la masuk apa
brand pun....tak ada hal. Boleh bersaing dgn orang luar
di luar lagi plak.

So Tun....tolong pastikan tiada usaha dari dalam yg cuba sabotaj Proton. Dari segi pembuatan
keputusan sampai lah rekabentuk dan pembuatan jugak seterusnya pemasaran dan penjualan.
Tolong tengok skit sampai kepada perkhidmatan selepas jualan. Ini semua saya rasa ada hal dulu.

Ish!!! kalau depa dapat jual Proton dulu macam Agusta tu.....Fuh!!!lumayan!!!!R&D
ada...kilang cukup...aset banyak.....katalah jual RM 1.00."Loss cutting" konon.....pas tu
jual....tentu billion ringgit.....Eis!!!! Hebat tu. Rasanya depa cuma tak sempat kot.

Tapi.....jangan la ada team lain nak buat gitu plak. Siapa yg ada cita-cita tu fikir balik....Jangan
LEBEH ha!!

Salam Tun.

By adipaak82  on November 5, 2009 1:04 AM

Askum Tun Sekeluarga....moga2 sihat sejahtera....

Saya tabik pd proton...walaupun hakikatnya 'kureng' kualiti...

tp dlm byk2 produk yg proton keluarkan, Proton SAGA BLM 1.3 yg paling berjaya memikat ati
rakyat m'sia...tgkler kt jln2 raya diseluruh m'sia....

saya pun pengguna proton saga...dari megavalve ke iswara...dan terbaru SAGA BLM 1.6.so far
ok laa....

TABIK PROTON.....

By S..Tan  on November 4, 2009 10:58 PM

Dear Tun, salam mesra harap sihat sejahtera. Kiriman saya untuk tajuk ini dgn izin...

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By Khairul-Dean  on November 4, 2009 10:18 PM

YABhg Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad

Suatu cerita yang menarik perhatian saya:

Berlusconi's Circus

Roman Roads and Modern Emperors

By CONN HALLINAN

Carsulae, Italy.

The Via Flaminia emerges from a hillside—literally—and climbs up a gentle hill toward a ruined forum. Like all Roman roads, it was well built, considerably more so than the modern ones

jammed with trucks and cars that crisscross the Umbrian countryside. The large limestone slabs that surface it are still rutted with the wheels of ox carts on their way to Ariminum on the Adriatic.

Wendy Hallinan is pointing out how Carsulae was laid out, with its shops, amphitheatre, and cisterns, and the almost hidden wound that marks the city's moment of death: a side road that suddenly dips and twists, wrenched by a catastrophic earthquake almost 1500 years ago.

In a way, Carsulae is a little like modern Italian politics: trying to make sense of it is not easy, and much of it is hidden.

On Oct. 7 Italian politics was shaken by its own variety of earthquake. The Constitutional Court ruled that Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi was subject to the same laws as everyone else in Italy...

YABhg Che Ddet,

Proton seperti sedia ada tidaklah terkilan dikatakan Proton lebih tegal dari Lada mahunya Ford. Dan YBhg Nadzmi memikul tanggung jawab besar dan harapan yang berat pencinta-pencinta Proton. Saya berharap YABhg Tun tidaklah tersinggung sekiranya tanggungjawab rancangan-rancangan pemasaran yang berkesan diletakkan di atas pundak Pentabiran Proton dan juga di bahu MITI. Soalannya yang memintas menagih sindiran bagaimana pula Kenari dan Kris?

Agak jenaka apabila akal masih tertumpu akan cerita sekiranya satu penggabungan strategik dapat dijayakan dengan rakan di Eropah Timur dan Asia Central, kita kira ianya akan mendatangkan manfaat yang besar bagi sistem ekonomi berteraskan shariah. Ceria Wall Street cerita bangsawan barat. Kuno dibuatnya kita.

Dan cerita politik Itali dan di tengah-tengah cerita Vatican semakin memaafkan dunia. Di debat intelligence square bbc petah lidah berbicara untuk kebaikan dunia. Sungguh indah khabar di ddunia yang kian panas.

Terima kasih bersulam sayang.

By patipo@btd on November 4, 2009 9:56 PM

Yang Berbahagia Tun

This might sound bias.

I personally just painstakingly completed my 5 years commitment to ambank for a 2nd hand 2002 1.3 satria. Tahniah untuk saya & famili!

Saya memang minat 2nd hand car. Rasanya lebih selamat. It also an opportunity to experience different type of cars i can only dreamt of years ago at cheaper price. Surprisingly as i discovered those gadgets & techs & design still ahead of current new proton cars although its years older.

Take perdana v6 vs 850GLT volvo.

Take persona vs corolla SEG

Or even the exora vs renault scenic 1998

From what angle pun proton cars simply tak cukup ummmph! Design wise ke..built quality ke..driving experience..performance ke..not even a savvy is better than my 1979 1.2 1st gen civic according to my 6 years boy.

After 20 years we expect more if support from ordinary rakyat is deemed vital by you.

Its new age Yang Berbahagia Tun. We define patriotism differently nowadays. Tak beli proton cars we will find other models. But to keep on paying for sub standard items is not a clever choice. Tanggung hutang tempoh yang lama pulak tu.

Proton should be wiser in judging market sentiment.

By Adam  on November 4, 2009 2:14 PM

So many haters,

dances tarian pendet

I am with you Tun, if there is semangat 46 now, maybe we are in that category. Should we help the current UMNO or let it dies? But leaving it to die its natural death, would cause more trouble. Probably at the expense of the Malay.

By Maha Rulez  on November 4, 2009 8:35 AM

salam...

mari kita renungkan nasib rakyat Malaysia dengan proton VS rakyat Saudi dengan proton (export quality)...

Harga Persona kat Saudi = SR 36,100

Harga Gen2 kat Saudi = SR 33,600

Harga Waja kat Saudi = SR 37,950

1 Saudi Riyal = RM 0.91

Maknanya harga Persona kat Saudi *export quality = RM 32,786 aje di Malaysia?(yg termurah) *local quality = RM44999

Maknanya harga Proton Gen2 kat Saudi *export quality= RM 30,612 di Malaysia?(yg termurah) *local quality = RM 46,899.54

Maknanya harga Waja kat Saudi *export quality= RM 34,576 di Malaysia?(yg termurah) *local quality = RM59,455.60

*EXPORT QUALITY= kualiti kereta yg sgt TINGGI utk pasaran antarabangsa. Kalau terdapat di Malaysia pun harga yang lebih tinggi (perbezaan 10k)

*LOCAL QUALITY= kualiti yg anda semua sedia maklum (bukan nak burukkan sesiapa-inilah realiti)

Jadi kita lihatlah perbandingan tersebut.

"Anak orang mendapat buah yang elok dengan harga yang rendah"

"Anak sendiri terpaksa mendapat buah yang busuk dengan harga tinggi"

Rakyat Malaysia tiada pilihan selain kereta nasional, kerana kereta import pun dikenakan cukai yang amat tinggi sehingga 200% (mcm beli 3 bijik kereta)

Sebab tu segelintir warga negara jiran dengan sinis mengatakan rakyat kita kaya raya kerana membayar lebih untuk benda yang sama di negara mereka.

Pilihan yang terbaik utk rakyat Msia hanya perodua. walaupun harga tinggi, tetapi kualiti masih terjamin.

Renung-renungkan nasib rakyat sendiri di negara sendiri dengan produknya sendiri...

By kamal ahmad  on November 4, 2009 6:41 AM

Salam kasih dan salam hormat Ayahanda Tun. Well Sir, if I were to get such a compliment from a charismatic political savvy ex PM and a trademark globally outspoken leader like Ayahanda here, I for once would double check on all front, accounts and loopholes. I would hunt to the gun wall any loose end on this rickety wagon of mine. Because Sir, a compliment - a pat on the shoulder is merely a few inches away from a good kick in the butt! So we have Nadzmi counting ceilings somewhere in India as we write and we have Proton senior managements "engaged" in some kinds of political media maneuvers. Judging from the Proton Vendors Association media statement, I would say that they plan on selling Proton to the freckled Mat Salleh already. That is no good! Perhaps that was what Tun was trying to say here? Tun, if the news is true, for goodness sake we must do something! The NAP selectively mentioned OEM tie up. Now Mustapha should finish his line for all to see:

- 1) Who is this "OEM" cartel? (Details)
- 2) How much a tie up/how many percentage of Proton ownership would part way?
- 3) Who would be the party to sell in Proton now?

Tun, I don't feel so good on this. There is a storm brewing somewhere in here and this is just the calm before the storm. In Malaysia we have many billionaires. We have many millionaires who could form a few billion dollar cartel, we have the finances. Why look elsewhere? Unless of course this is liberalization overspill. We have DRB Hicom, we have NAZA, we have Syed Mokhtar Albukhari, we have many! The government must first exhaust all local players before attempting a foreign stake sell-out in Proton.

I don't buy the PVA press statement yesterday Tun. I sense they are speaking with a fork tongue. I sense very bad AJK T4 vibes.

I say NO to Proton falling into the Mat Salleh or even foreigners. A reliable source said it is going to be China? Tun, if I could choose between a reprimand or a compliment from you, I would take the quick reprimand. At least I sleep easy with that. We pray for the best Tun.

Malaysians unite to keep Proton Malaysian!

By mesia  on November 4, 2009 3:06 AM

Ni cerita real, tahun 2003 aku dan adik aku beli sebuah kereta masing2. Kami kerja tempat sama, ada kedai sendiri. Malangnya aku pemilik kereta proton selalu rosak atas highway lebur duit repair. Herannya, adik aku honda tak rosak lak, padahal adik aku tu bawak kereta macam racer. Lu pikir la sendiri nabil.

By BlackBanner  on November 3, 2009 10:31 PM

Dear Tun,

As advisor to Proton, could u push them into taking responsibility for the WAJA 1.8. It has, I suspect, design defects mainly with the throttle body and gear box. Visits to Proton Edar service center has resulted in hundreds of ringgit spent with no success. Mechanics there only shake their head and say 'its a known problem' but have no idea how to fix it. In fact, I was advise to change the engine.

Proton as the national car maker should show good corporate citizenship and support those who has been loyal to Proton over the years. This is my second Proton car and now after the WAJA 1.8, I do not plan to buy another Proton. I suspect all who bought the Waja 1.8 would now be turned off by Proton. It doesnt matter what the ads say or how nice the car looks. We dont trust Proton anymore.

I think Proton has an oppurtunity here to execute a good public relations exercise in customer recovery and gain some mileage with its customers and potential customers by recalling all Waja 1.8 and fixing the problems. This will show that Proton CARES and is responsible.

Also, i have sent feedback via Proton website. No reply.

Thanks Tun. Small matter but its big to me.

By Hajar  on November 3, 2009 9:52 PM

Dearest YAB Tun,

Allow me to respond to the following “HIGHLY INTELLIGENT” blogger:

Ir. Syahrizan,

You said:

/// I beg to differ Tun, the reason you're seeing more Proton cars is because Malaysians are forced to buy one. .. Anybody who owns a Proton knows all of these facts! ///

Answer: Did anyone point a gun at your head to force you to buy a Proton car??? I bought mine willingly, despite the fact that I can afford to buy an imported car. So, not all Proton car owners agree with you. This is the FACT.

You said:

/// That's an NAP mindset you have my dear brother. Refresh yourself with NAP knowledge before reading Tun's blog. I believe you've got it upside down. It's actually the other way around. Here in Malaysia, you pay Gold (in Ringgits) to buy Peanuts (Proton). ///

Answer: If in your opinion Proton = "Peanuts", then just don't buy one; no one is forcing you. You have to be fair in making comments regarding our National car. "Anda sudah mencapai ke

tahap MENGHINA PRODUK KELUARAN NEGARA.” And, yet you claimed that you are so EDUCATED...Are you??? Do you know that there are many bloggers here who are more educated than you? – some with Ph.Ds.

You said:

/// Err... you don't need a Super Engineer or a Crazy Scientist to tell you that stealing (mencuri) is wrong isn't it? Don't believe me; ask a 5 year old kid (budak-budak). Tanya budak-budak tu, mencuri tu boleh ker? Tak boleh, Tuhan nanti marah jawabnya. ///

Answer: Err... well, you also do not need a Super Intelligent person to identify a “TIN KOSONG” when you see one – Jadi SILA JAWAB SOALAN dari Ibnu on November 1, 2009 12:25 AM

”Wah... our Ir. Syahrizan is so knowledgeable in talking about our own national cars. Just wondering what field of engineer is he?”

Ir. Syahrizan, anda memang seorang rakyat Malaysia yang tidak TAHU BERSYUKUR dan tidak SEDAR DIUNTUNG...Setakat bercakap kosong bolehlah...

Thanks Tun.

**** May Allah SWT bless Tun & family ****

By crazy diamond  on November 3, 2009 9:46 PM

Dear Tun,

Glad to see you wrote about Proton again, it was one of my favorite subject. Based on this comment, what can I see is you have started to play important role as Proton adviser which is a good news to nation and the people. I'm sure, Proton in particular would benefit from it Insyaallah. From the sales data, have shown the number of Proton cars sole throughout Malaysia is very encouraging, if I'm not mistaken(correct me if I'm wrong)the number of Proton cars sole have already surpass Perodua for the past 3 months. From this result it shows that Proton still got what it takes to be the most trusted brand among Malaysian.

Knowing you started talking with several potential technological partners for Proton been good news either. Hopefully, Proton could wrap-up soon in getting technological partner, Insyaallah. It seems Najib has learn from the past mistake done by his predecessor. I'm sure the new technological partner will brought advantages to Proton which would benefit in the future. The people, nation and vendors would benefit too.

Long live Proton.

By kamal ahmad  on November 3, 2009 7:50 PM

After we scrutinized that BERNAMA piece below, we came across many lines that don't make sense Tun.

1) OEM tie up: Is the government talking about selling off Proton to a foreign “OEM” partner? That is crazy! OEM makes parts – they do not make cars! This point is now open for public scrutiny and lets do it here on chedet. OEM stands for Original Equipment Maker. It could be anything from a rear tail light bulb to the front signal casing cover. OEM usually consist of many

vendors and they supply individual parts. No OEM actually owns a car company. Is Najib selling Proton to an "OEM"? My goodness! I hope none of this is for real! If it is, we protest! From our understanding OEM is only about 25% to 30% of a car manufacturing process. What is the government saying now Tun? Are they saying that in truth the "OEM" is a cartel vehicle of foreign private investors? This must be clarified by the government out loud so that the rakyat could do their own researches and come up with their own conclusion! My goodness!

2) "Dr Wan Mohamed said this should be the way forward for Proton but "I must emphasise here that local involvement will not help the car manufacturer." "This is because people who have expressed interest to take over Proton may have their own financial problems."

I quoted those lines from the BERNAMA excerpt below. That is a very strange line indeed Tun. Very absurdly strange. How large is the actual clout PVA have on the government NAP policies here? Correct me if I am wrong here Tun, but aren't these vendors the rotten apples in Proton stable? You know – bad power window switch that could only last for 3 months, VDO cables that snaps at 2000 km, so on and so forth, the list is endless! But why are they dictating our government NAP here? The last line of his comment above: it sounds extremely fishy the motive. In a court, no doubt it would have been expunged - I mean it is just so full of connotations. And it just sounds familiar coming from BERNAMA these days.

I think Mustapha needs to clarify here, just who did the recent NAP? And really, when Proton tie up with that foreign "OEM" takes place, the PVA would be first to hit the road, so shouldn't the good PVA Datuk be worrying about lay-offs on his side instead? I would be doing so if I was in his shoes! It just don't make sense the news below Tun. Is BERNAMA spinning things? Mustapha must make public fast who is the "OEM" and how big a stake the government intends on "selling" (?)

My point is simple, Proton should stay Malaysian. Kita dah 52 tahun merdeka, jangan jadi macam Hikayat Tippu Sultan pulak. Lingkup besar lah kalau berhasrat menjemput penjajah semula ke Tanah Melayu ini. Penjajahan Ekonomi dan penghambaan dialaf baru!

The Proton Vendors Association (PVA) fully supports the government's provision, under the National Automotive Policy (NAP) Review, for national carmaker, Proton to forge a tie-up with a foreign partner, its President Datuk Dr Wan Mohamed Wan Embong said.

International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed, in announcing the review of the policy recently, said a new strategic partnership between Proton and a globally established original equipment manufacturer (OEM) would be established to enhance the local car manufacturer's competitiveness globally and to ensure its long-term viability.

Mustapa said the partnership could involve equity participation and technology collaboration and that an announcement on the tie-up would be made soon.

Dr Wan Mohamed said he supported the need for Proton to obtain a strategic global automotive technical and business partner.

"The sooner Proton finds a partner that is compatible and committed with our vision, the better it will be for the strategic tie-up as it will assist Proton in moving forward with the latest demand

for technology especially in terms of fuel consumption, alternative fuel and safety and so forth," he said.

Dr Wan Mohamed said this should be the way forward for Proton but "I must emphasise here that local involvement will not help the car manufacturer."

"This is because people who have expressed interest to take over Proton may have their own financial problems."

He said nursing Proton would take many years and many quarters would be affected, especially vendors.

"The problem of the first take over is still being felt today so this is very important.

"I hope the government would not repeat the same mistake by letting individuals or new entrepreneurs to take over the company, Dr Wan Mohamed said, adding that billions of dollars is required to improve Proton.

Several local entities are interested in getting control of Proton including billionaire Tan Sri Syed Mokhtar Al-Bukhary, who fought a battle over DRB-HICOM Bhd.

It was reported that DRB-HICOM Bhd had bid to acquire 32 per cent of Proton Holdings Bhd, in the hope ownership of the national carmaker in the hands of the private sector, would help improve the entire industry.

DRB-HICOM, was once the owner of Proton, and as part of a restructuring process, sold a 26 per cent controlling stake in the carmaker to Petronas for RM981 million in December 2000.

Even blogs are rife with talk that Yasmin Holdings Sdn Bhd, with the help of former Proton executive Datuk Kisai Rahmat, is teaming up with Naza Group, to launch a bid for Proton. – Bernama

<http://www.btimes.com.my/articles/20091103132318/Article/>

By Ir. Syahrizan  on November 3, 2009 6:28 PM

Dear Tuan Wajaperak, takkan kena “jentik” sikit dah melatah.

That’s merely 1% of my actual powers. (Thehe) Imagine if I showered you with a full fledged debate?

Come on sir, let us learn to be humble, if you’re wrong, and just admit your defeat.

But if I’m wrong, I’ll do the same. Kiss make up and goodbye. Besok buat lagi.

Kan Rasullulah mengajar kita supaya senantiasa belajar-belajar merendahkan diri.

Ambil iktibar apabila Azazel (Iblis) engkar akan perintah Allah s.w.t. untuk tunduk kepada Nabi Adam a.s.

Kerana “ego” Iblis disepak keluar “permanent” dari syurga.

Tapi untuk Adam dan Hawa diberi peluang kedua kerana taubat nasuha.

Maka kita tuan, apalagi?

Dear wajaperak, no need to “cover-cover” line anymore.
I beat you fair and square with intellectual reasoning.
No need to shift topic here and there.

Please respect the basic rule no. 101 on blogging; stick with the topic!
Our primary discussion is still about Proton, NAP and AP.
We could have our “tabligh” and “umat” discussion elsewhere on another battlefield.
Which I’m sure I will defeat you over and over again. (haha)

Tuan wajaperak, if I may... (your favorite desert opening).
They say...
Rome is not built in one day. It is built with numerous and onerous hardships.
Sometimes it’s very tiring to be number “one” all the time.
Hidup ini bagaikan roda, ada masa naik dan ada masa turun.

As what Forest Gump would say; Life is like a box of chocolate, you’ll never know what you’ll get next!
I’m sure you’re a full grown man (at least physically) and not to hide behind Tun’s figure.
So, please stand up and fight like a real man!

I’m sure, Tun can take care of himself. He could do it for the past 22 years when he was the Prime Minister. Tun doesn’t need a cyber bodyguard to take cyber bullets for him. He’s Malaysia’s best statesman! The Godfather of some Umno-cult. Mahatirism as some would recall it.

I instill NO hatred against Tun.

Some of his hardcore policies are well conceived (accepted) by most Malaysians; KLCC, PutraJaya, KLIA, LRT, Monorail and et-cetera. I know how to appreciate these technical achievements, as it’s just so happen I’m one of the builders and designers.

But...
Credit Where Credit Is Due, as any mortals like us (including Tun) are bound to do mistake and error.

Proton, NAP and AP was wrong, still wrong and will still be wrong.
Don’t believe me? Ask Tun that final blow question;

How did you (Tun) tolerate with Proton’s failing power window for the past 25 years?

I rest my case! Cheers!

By kamal ahmad  on November 3, 2009 5:39 PM

Salam kasih dan salam hormat Ayahanda Tun and dear fellow readers.
Well judging from the comments here Tun, I can say that many people are still not happy with Proton. The NAP too. But those two are so closely intertwined for the good of economy and nation. The amount of dissatisfaction here could easily spill over into the electorates. So I guess its now national issue for them. Big enough for Najib to be taking things seriously with Proton management. He would not have put Tun there if it does not warrant for such a heavy weight.

From comments I read here, I must say that they have strong grounds for the tones. Probably we do not have to rely on Proton day in day out to deliver us and our family in safety and comfort, and when paying for a car is 30 to almost 50% of take home pay, that dissatisfactions have the potentials to become very personal with Malaysians. Two immediate areas that need crucial attention are:

- 1- Sales price reductions by ways of trimming on dealership profits.
- 2- Put in more values in every Proton cars at their present pricing, more safety equipments, and more technology. More values.

On parts quality for Proton now I think it's much better than it was with the older models. I own an AMT Savvy R3 and generally I am quite happy with it. But then again it's not my daily drive. So I think that the negative points raised by commenters with specific issues like power windows and all that, they would know better. What is good at macro don't always feel the same at micro. I of all people here should know that. Tun, the challenge here is how to make Malaysians fall in love with Proton again. Don't rely on sales charts; they buy Proton because their choices are limited with the high pricing issues and all that. All in all, their feedbacks are real and valid, who to say otherwise.

Banks should not be allowed to make such high income on the borrowings for a first/single car to each Malaysians. The rates should be different. I think that each Malaysians for 1st car or subsequently only one car ruling – the BLR rates should be lowered. Much-much lower. Maybe CIMB should take the “One Lead” Najib? Banks are still looking forwards to making more blood sucking money out of thin air. Corporate Vampires! The latest credit card ruling may suggest that the government wants more people to use cash in spending, that means they wants quick turn-around time for the cash printed and circulated over values and times its exchange hands. So that may means that its “tenat sikit lah”. So that's the catch 22. Not enough money being put into circulations is it?

Like I have propagated before, people just don't have much to spend on after paying for their lemons i.e Protons. It comes down to making people happy. What use is it to make the Exora if in the end it would be requiring a RM800-1000 installment per-month for it? I feel that banks are the culprits here! Remember the Exora 3.5% stunt HP rates? The government okayed that! Reciprocate here a bit Big G! The people bought the NAP already, must there be the likes of that 3.5% stunt? And you okayed that? The government should tell the banks to reduce the rates drastically on 1st cars and subsequent changes. I mean, one each Malaysians would get this preferential rates for 1 car that is registered in their name. Only for local cars like Proton, Naza and Perodua. Tun, I am not too happy about the ways our banks here go around conducting their business over people. Is the present PM leaning that way too much? Time and actions will tell.

Then again Tun, in India they drive the Hindustans, Mahindra, TATA and Inspector Sahab jeeps. These cars were lousy. Even back in the late 90's their PM still gets driven around in a Morris Oxford late 50's knock-offs. But it gets me to thinking, why the Indians did not complaint much about this? I mean they did not attack Mahindra/Contessa like Malaysians does Proton? The Chinese too. They were patience and they embraced all that as nation building. They supported their own “NAP” (worst than ours) until their players achieved economic scales and then now they are buying up all the top European brands already. Is it a bit of opposition politic spill over here? I am also perplexed at the stand taken by the The Proton Vendors Association (PVA) which seems to suggest that they are more prone to Proton going into foreigners' hands? Excuse

me Datuk PVA, but are you not the trouble maker in the first place? That makes it funny again, as the magical donkey has spoken once more through the arse here.

Look at the Indians and their Mahindra and all those happy Hindustan songs on Inspector Sahab jeeps and then Tun we take a look at Britain that was conned into “globalization” by The USA and John Major and Tony Blair. Lets look at them today Tun:

Aston Martin: Ford
Jaguar: TATA
Rover: 1st Shanghai
Land Rover: TATA
Rolls Royce: BMW
Bentley: Volkswagen+VAG & Abdul from Oman
Lotus: Proton

Lets look at the Germans,
BMW: Still Germans
Mercedes: Daimler Chrysler
Porsche: Abdul from Oman+VAG+The lower Saxons
AUDI: Abdul from Oman+VAG
Volkswagen: Abdul from Oman+VAG
Opel: GM

So that’s globalization for them! The Americans conned them flat! We next? And the local banks are helping them at that! And the PVA are telling the news (AJK T4 backed news) that Proton is better off in foreign hands? Kick the donkey silly on that one, but I think PVA should just shut the @#*! Up for good and worry about lay offs at their end!

We cannot compare with RM500 per month as installments for a CLK in Malaysia as oppose to it being so in London (but even I do too at times then). But I get your point. In UK a T Reg CLK is about £5000. In here thanks to the NAP its still RM120, 000 at least and that is already one burden, and then the banks with hefty % rates! So Tun, the burden does not lie solely with Proton. The banks are quite some the major culprit here! They are blood suckers with little respect for anything or anyone! Deadly Vampires Incorporated!

PROTON MUST STAY WITH MALAYSIANS! NO AJK T4 POLITICS HERE! IS IT NOT ENOUGH THEY SOLD MV AGUSTA FOR €1? THAT DUMB ASS MOVE COST US BILLIONS! I SAY NO MORE INTERFERENCE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THIS COUNTRY FROM THE UNSEEN HANDS OF AJK T4! I SAY BOYCOTT NEW STRAITS TIME! PROTON MUST STAY WITH MALAYSIANS!

By Abadi  on November 3, 2009 1:57 PM

Salam hormat ayahanda Tun M yang di kasihi.

Mohon izin komentar ini khusus untuk yang golongan yang kurang cerdas.

1. Seandainya anda (orang bijak pandai cakap, komen, kutuk, mencari

kesalahan dan sebagainya) terpilih untuk semata-mata berdiri atau mengekori ayahanda Tun M selama 22 tahun selaku perdana menteri, kedalam negeri, keluar negara, dengan tugas rasmi dan tidak rasmi kerajaan, apakah agaknya tindak balas diri anda????

2. Pasti jawapannya: anda mungkin dimasukkan hospital untuk rawatan pelbagai penyakit. Tugas anda hanya berdiri dan mengekori ayahanda Tun M. Belum lagi di ajak berfikir, mesyuarat, menulis, meneliti masalah 25 juta rakyat Malaysia, pembangunan, keselamatan, isu-isu dalam dan luar negara???? Boleh ke anda yang bijak pandai berbuat demikian??? Belum tentu....cakap kosong bolehla...

3. Setiap insan di anugerahkan Allah - akal untuk berfikir. Sepatutnya kita bersyukur kepada Allah. Cuba perhatikan kegigihan ayahanda Tun M selama 22 tahun. Sekembalinya dari luar negara terus masuk pejabat untuk menjalankan tugas. Kepada sesetengah yang bijak pandai baru pulang dari outstation dalam negeri untuk bertugas sudah mula berfikir untuk cuti. Tidak berasa malu ke..

4. Apa juga komentar hendak diutarakan biarlah berhemah. Cermin diri. Jangan ikut perasaan. Apakah keupayaan kita setanding dengan ayahanda Tun M?? Cukupkah ilmu di dada???. Apakah sumbangan anda terhadap negara??

Sekian terima kasih semoga ayahanda Tun M sentiasa di Rahmati Allah.

By Adam  on November 3, 2009 1:10 PM

By Jeng Jeng Jeng :

"to Ravi,

I think you are as good as a TIN KOSONG. Makes a lot of noise but the inside is empty.

Proton IS a well conceived idea. We must strive to turn it into a profitable entity. With Tun at the helm as advisor (and the whole world know what a good man like Tun can do), you can bet your bottom dollar that something good will happen.

Wanna bet? So please shut up. Your thinking reflects your devious intentions.

Jeng3"

JJJ - None of your posts provided any intelligent argument or supported with substantive facts. You just quote people wholesale here and there, or make statements as if they are DEFINITIVE. Prove to us you can think independently and debate based on FACTS.

I think you live in a different "whole world" from the world i live in. Or is your "Whole World" your kampung? Have you owned a Toyota or Honda or Nissan or subaru before, or your kampung only has proton? Do you know how free market works? Do you know what is the meaning of "well conceived"? If something took 25 years and did not deliver, is it still well conceived?

Answer;

I am amazed, nowadays even Singaporean wish to interfere with our Proton. Very surprising.

Your world may be different than us, so you may keep that story for yourself. This is not about how the other vehicles perform, this talk is about Proton recovery.

By JJJ  on November 3, 2009 11:53 AM

salam Tun,

may I highlight a good man's response to Mr Know-it-all full-of-holy-righteousness Ravi;

"You on the other hand, Ravi, write intending just to insult and even then you got it wrong. Tun has opened this blog to all. What an opportunity not to be missed! Some of us just can't resist taking cheap potshots at him, don't we, Ravi? We basically have nothing sensible to say but just enjoy writing nonsensical putdowns to a distinguished individual just because he gives us the opportunity to do so. What a thrill to be able to insult an ex-PM, eh Ravi?

We don't have to agree to what Tun says. In fact, we can be violently opposed to what he says. We are allowed to register that disagreement but we need to do so graciously; if not anything else, Tun age demands it. Perhaps your parents didn't teach you this?

Do yourself (and us) a favour, Ravi. Read some of the dissenting comments and see how well-brought up people do it. Think before you write, try not to contradict yourself and spare us your crassness. Most of us are not fools and we enjoy intelligent comments in this blog (even those that don't agree with Tun's views)."

Jeng3

By JJJ  on November 3, 2009 11:41 AM

salam Tun,

to weesg,

I think I remember you from past posts, if I'm not mistaken you are a Singaporean Chinese. Well that should explain your stance.

Previous grievances on your side perhaps? hahah..

I stand by my comments. Proton has managed to turn a generation of Malaysians from agro based into car builders. It has created many jobs and opportunities and minimised the effects of capital outflow from this country.

Wah you live in a different world, huh? Good for you. Maybe in your world profits don't matter cos when I last checked, Proton WAS actually making a profit!

excerpts from The Star Aug 19 2009;

"Proton Holdings Bhd's net profit for the first quarter ended June 30 rose 4.8% to RM54.55mil from RM52.03mil in the previous corresponding period due to improved domestic sales, driven by the popularity of its Exora multi-purpose vehicle (MPV)."

The national carmaker's revenue also increased 8% to RM1.85bil from RM1.71bil previously.

BTW My proton drives just fine and also my TOYOTA!LOL!

how stupid can weesg and ravi be to continue assuming? You are just showing off your stupidities by continuing to belittle a great former PM here.

Maybe you guys are 'blinded' by your hatred? Go get a life guys!

Jeng3

By haris  on November 3, 2009 9:28 AM

Tun,

memang tak dinafikan PROTON beri peluang pekerja... tetapi disebabkan nak teruskan/sayangkan PROTON inilah industri pemotoran Thailand + Indonesia (Asia Tenggara) lebih maju?

Bayangkan kalau kita lebih terbuka dalam industri ini?... lagi banyak peluang pekerjaan jika pelabur masuk disini....

By wajaperak  on November 3, 2009 9:16 AM

Dengan Izin Tun..Terima kasih..

Ir. Syahrizan

Me shame?..Have you been looking at the mirror lately?

What does the reflection showed you?

1)The mukmin who looked back from the reflection of the mirror will bow the head down in shame.You have not contributes much when Hanan rampaged in Tun blogs..Asks yourselves this hard questions and where were you against Shaikino and the rest..?

2)The reflection that you see is so beautiful.(I bet this is what you see in your mirror)

Why?..This is why..

“Dan demikianlah Kami jadikan bagi tiap-tiap Nabi itu musuh, yaitu syaitan-syaitan (dari jenis) manusia dan (dari jenis) jin, sebahagian mereka membisikkan kepada sebahagian yang lain perkataan-perkataan yang indah-indah untuk menipu (manusia).

Jikalau Tuhanmu menghendaki, niscaya mereka tidak mengerjakannya, maka tinggalkanlah mereka dan apa yang mereka ada-adakan. Dan (juga) agar hati kecil orang-orang yang tidak beriman kepada kehidupan akhirat cenderung kepada bisikan itu, mereka merasa senang kepadanya dan supaya mereka mengerjakan apa yang mereka (syaitan) kerjakan.” (QS. Al-An'am: 112)

Indah kan pandangan yang melihat kembali dari wajah di cermin mu kan Ir.Syahrizan?..

Shame on you “wajaperak” for launching “mat-rempit-quality” attacks on me. You’re supposed to be better than this, copying and pasting (or Pak Turut-ing).

Aha..Your writing is first class I must admit..But it is wanting where Hanan and Shaikino is concerned..

[[The quality of your blogging material tends to be “blind plus deaf that leads the blind”. Your babbling doesn’t work on me, get your facts right boy before condemning the rest of Malaysia to kingdom comes.]]

I have been noted in very early of Tun writing and blogger comments that it was you who the blogger commend..

I thought it was Prof_Ridcully and Kamal Ahmad who contributes a lot.Obviously I was wrong..Such a "beautiful" image Syahrizan..

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I can do better.In our Institution you are Classified in Chapter V of Mental and Behavioural Disorders..Of God playing..Such a kick isn't it Syahrizan...Me God..and You Subject..Follows my dictation..

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That’s another 10 years of “cekik darah” policy for us! I wouldn’t be surprised if it is extended for another 25 years! Syabas BN!]]

Syahrizan..I did not contend the article..I am contending you! You starts nicely to Tun and at the end condemning our beloved Statesman..That is the issue

[[Wajaperak, you disappoint me a lot. Talk big and yet with one mighty stroke of “Tongkat Ali” you’re down to smithereens]]

So says you..Such a pity..Hanan is better mannered than you..:)

[[Cheers! Allow me to succumb to my victory.And allow the wounded (wajaperak) to buy a plaster.]]

Succumb?..Yeah I agrees with you..Again..Tabligh material shone through..Your kind of "Intellect"can never hurt me..pity on you..

[["Kebaikan akan senantiasa mengatasi kebathilan! Ponder upon this"!]]

Tepat sekali.Apa beza Hanan dengan Tuan..ahem..ahem.

My parting short.All tertiary education needs is citation in the article.Mine always refer to Al Quran citation and not "Pak Turut"..

Tabligh education have shorted you more than you can imagined..

Come back to Ahli Sunnah Wal Jamaah..

Terima kasih Tun..

By eanisazman  on November 3, 2009 8:26 AM

Dear Tun,

After 20 years what is Proton's plan to stop relying on government's protection. I have waited long enough to drive a more comfortable, quality and affordable car. I've found out that the Proton, the not so cheap car is very worst in quality.. The car has never been sold without defect. Sorry to say this, but Proton should not rely on people sacrifices alone. Improve the quality like Toyota, stop making shit car. Or sell it dirt cheap as we know that car like this does not cost that much abroad. Even Toyota is not that expensive outside. As far as I'm concern, I'm tired of driving Proton, this time I want comfort and quality. Until then, patriotic alone does not make feel better when I have to change the power window switch, aircond problem, shit quality radio, worst suspension and etc.. (the list will go on after 3 years) every now and than.

By kamal ahmad  on November 3, 2009 7:25 AM

Ford Motor Company has confirmed its preference to Chinese motor manufacturer Geely in acquisition of Volvo.

"Ford's objective in our discussions with Geely is to secure an agreement that is in the best interests of all the parties," said Lewis Booth, Ford Motor Company executive vice president and chief financial officer. "Any prospective sale would have to ensure that Volvo has the resources, including the capital investment, necessary to further strengthen the business and build its global franchise, while enabling Ford to continue to focus on and implement our core ONE Ford strategy."

Currently, Geely is the fourth largest vehicle exporter in China, and had managed 40,000 unit sales globally in 2008.

Booth added that Ford believes that Geely will be a good thing for Volvo, as new owners, it will continue the Scandinavian car brand's traditions, without compromising on anything.

Nevertheless, Booth said that they are still talking to other European companies, for now.

Volvo's new owners will take full ownership, as Ford plans to sell it hook, line and sinker.

Salam kasih dan Salam hormat Ayahanda Tun.

The news up there should be taken with a couple of Panadol by Proton and every patriotically blooded Malaysians. Can you imagine that Tun? Volvo is now a Chinese own automobile manufacturer! I say that the top European prestige brand screwed up very bad when they had agreed to venture out with Ford in the name of globalization back in 1999. This means that their workers at Volvo plants in Sweden are on Communist salary scale just like that American Auto Workers Union assembling Hummers in America now? Communism is buying up America without even a matchstick at the ICBMs and Obama is gladly selling everything for some spare change. India now owns Daimler Jaguar and Land Rover after Ford sold them to TATA while Rover Motor Cars goes to Shanghai Auto.

Malaysians are screaming for an end of protectionism on Proton. Yes, rightfully too. But I say Proton would be done with in 1 year out on its own now. We simply do not have the economic scale. The Chinese & the Indians had for decades protected their auto industries and finally caught the tail end of globalization for the big names that they are buying now from the white folks hungry for some spare change. What good would it be for the Chinese and the Indians in the long run, remains to be seen. I guess some purchase has got to be cannibalized for fast cash like what Gevi did to Proton MV Augusta while one brand name should be retain.

Maybe Malaysians should look at Proton as a place where many Malaysians goes to work at, earning a living and where it has over the years supported our national economy. I totally disagree with to AFTA liberalizations. That would be opening up our economy for another globalization experiments. Proton should rely on local economic scale. But Proton must stop looking for big profits. Just survive and just provide for now would do. Adopt the Chinese ways back in the 70's and 80's. We simply do not have the economic scale. Proton must thrive on technology and bundled value in each of the cars they sell. I see too many loose manufacturing units around in Malaysian auto industry. Why can't DRB Hicom lorry/commercial truck division be merged into Proton? Modenas should also be merged with Proton and so goes for Perodua and NAZA. That way we may have a better footing at the economic scales. Unless Proton diversify into commercial business, maybe even marines or aero lines, nothing would make much sense in the long run. Leading edges on Boeings and Airbus are being made in Melaka and shipped to their home countries. That is aviation technology. Saab and Volvo makes many good aero engines and parts, they make excellent trucks and marine engines. They are diversified. Maybe we should do what the Swedish did with Volvo and Saab way back then before the Americans conned them out of their pride. Value must be added at all levels of business and operations to maintain a good footing and future sustainability. That is a new culture we Malaysian must embrace today, here and now. We must not be wasting too much time politicking with selfish and aimless rhetoric's in the likes of Anwar and Hadi. Talk, talk and talk – no money nothing would avails you. Keep on cursing to the left right front back – keep on punching into thin air, would you do any better with a split economy you had both envisioned Anwar and Hadi? No economy means you are slave.

Malaysia must prosper, and to prosper in the AFTA era, we need economic scale. We don't have that beyond our shores. As such, we must become more self reliance. We must look at what the Chinese and Indians did some 20-30 years ago. Without money, you are nothing! Without money the devils will sing and dance an inch away from your ears and minds. That's why Islam always encourages those who understands better to seek and accumulate wealth. Wealth accumulation in

the future for us would require mental transformations and approach. The issue here is beyond NAP, Proton or protectionism. The issue here is surviving as a nation.

Proton must lead the mental transformation by giving customers their long overdue deservance: QUALITY, VALUE & WORTHINESS. No more inferior parts, no more bad vendors and then telling the people (rakyat) to understand your problems Proton. The rakyat has been understanding your problems for the past 20 years while you have not taken much efforts at understanding their problems. When I do business, I don't make time to understand your problems. I must understand and worries mine – if I don't who would? You?

See, Proton in having to understand all of your problems, the people's own problems have been ignored and now accumulated into political salvos. They have nearly become your cash cow. See it for what it is beyond your fancy boardrooms and routines. At the end of the day, you are all just street businessman too. Therefore, give QUALITY.

Value means you put into your cars more that what you have promised your customers. You must deliver beyond promises and their expectations of you. Therefore, give VALUE added technologies with your intended OEM tie up. Create local institute to do research like what Soichiro Honda did in Hamamatsu way back in 1946 and build your scale from home turf again. The people would patriotically support you if you care for them.

Worthiness means Proton must regain its moral, pride and place again in our hearts. My grandfather had purchased one of the first Proton's in 1986 and when it first arrived at our doorstep it was a 1.3 Orion version. After nearly 24 years away and two rebuilds, it is now a 1.6 with 4 speed auto. It has been lovingly passed from one to the other and even as we speak, my cousin is already making plans to rebuild it once again to showroom condition – better or beyond. Proton achieved this sense of pride, patriotism and value instillation with the first models, what happened along the way Proton? You know that answer. So trim off all that fat and go lean. Therefore, bring back your WORTHINESS into our hearts and our homes. Just like the good old days and I know that Proton can do that with Tun's vision and values. That is our hope Tun. We love Proton, and now Proton should reciprocate that back to the nation, to the rakyat; Care. Your future is with us - know that by heart just like we do.

Tun, I got into chatting with an uncle who sells Roti Banggali. Over good coffee he explained to me all the cost and process of making that one roti which he sells for RM1.50 to RM2.00 The cost of raw materials and energy required to create the end product is high in Malaysia. When he has to factor in his cost and profit margins, it is no longer competitive. To stay competitive he has to put in value to the product and reduce the profit margins. In short, he is happy to be surviving and just providing. Same goes for Proton I think. Survive and provide, bring back quality, value and worthiness and together as a nation we can go the longest mile. Stop marching with your left foot Proton. Time for you to listen, care and provide for Malaysians again. Dont read your "out of the red economic statistic" proudly on TV3 and yet at the same time sell lemons with horrid power windows (LMST). CHANGE.

For as long as we see all the Perodua, Hicom, NAZA, Modenas still loosely ridding on their own, that would be how long it has got to be before our own "Detroit" takes off. Maybe a consolidation with proper charting is not so bad. We must add value into our cars and it may just

means technologies for the future. Hybrids, software, electrics etc. The OEM tie up should mean REDUCED COST in spare parts.

In my book, what happens to Volvo, Daimler Jaguar, Rover and Land Rover are perhaps what best defines "globalization" and what finally became of it. It was coined to serve the American economy and when they are done, the hell with it.

I am glad we did not fall for that in 1998 Tun. But now I am beginning to worry over recent liberalizations overspill and the looming AFTA. I am worried that all this 1 Malaysia liberalizations would leave us with just 1 laras 2 peluru someday? That would be very bad indeed before the apocalyptic end.

Proton don't need to look for the Mat Salleh's cash. They are nearly broke and saddled with debts and worthless papers they call currency anyway. We have all that we need here at home, all formulas and recipes are just waiting for the right cook to create a masterpiece. Maybe that cook you Tun?

By Nasejb  on November 3, 2009 4:32 AM

Dear Tun,

I wrote recently about our NAP under the Rapid KL topic.

First, I am happy that Tun picked up this topic. However, I feel really sad that Tun did not dare to say like it is as usually when Tun discussing topic that touches Malaysian's life.

We are all aware that proton sale increases due to force sale tactic from the government. Those who have the opportunity to drive cars from continental Europe or at least from Japan knows what quality is. Not only for the first 3 months but for 1 year, 3 year, 5 to 10 years.

We all know that the electric window of proton will fail in the third month if you buy from new. Nobody has the answer to this which is very sad. Enough about the low quality and don't get me start on the price. Or may be a little bit. If you are willing to pay RM500 a month in Malaysia to own a car, say with salary of RM3,000 a month, you will get the most basic car that won't have a minimum cabin protection, means you will be crushed to death upon impact. Imagine this, I earn net £3,000 and willing to fork out £400 a month for a car, I will be driving a CLS, not just sporty but will feel on top of the world about my car and its safety feature. Enough, lets go back to the topic.

The NAP is absurd. It doesn't tackle the problem that we have ie. quality, the price and the image. Look at Hyundai and Kia, they started with low quality, looks good from the outside but feels like cheap washing machine with wheels from the inside. Now look at Kia at least, they came up with Kia Ceed, with a tagline "DESIGN TO CHANGE YOUR MIND". They also came up with 5 or 7 year warranty, so confident that they have grown up and serious in the car industry and working their way to get back to the market by offering quality and something for the consumer to enjoy. Not by forcing the consumer to part with their hard earned money and get something that no one else wants.

Let be serious here. We need to grow up. Yes, protection is important. Although we have exceeded 20 years in our involvement with car industry. We need to be more efficient. We need

to be lean, effective and cut out all parts that is not working. We need to be serious in ensuring that parts for proton are of high quality.

Lets have a transparent progress report if Proton is serious. Let there be a tracker in Proton's website or better in an independent website to track certain parts that is the most to fail in a Proton car. Lets then name and shame the supplier and Proton need to take action to change or refund the consumer. Let Proton be serious and responsible. Not to make money by cheating consumers.

I let others to talk about the other part of the NAP such as prohibition of used car/parts from overseas.

And Tun,

Lets continue with more open discussion on this matter. I hope we can replicate this on other matters that concern all Malaysian.

By ahmad  on November 3, 2009 3:02 AM

kepada Tun tersayang.

1. Tun, bila Tun nak reply komen2 di bawah? dah dekat seminggu saya tunggu.

2. Lain kali Tun jangan lah nak komen2 pasal Pak Lah secara terbuka, kalau xsuka diam2 dalam hati ajelah. Dah naik muak saya dengar

Tun kutuk2 orang, sedangkan kerja Tun pun xla bagus sangat. Sebagai contoh ni kisah proton ni.

3. Tun jangan sibuk la hal2 perang ke ape kat dunia luar. Dah memang dari dulu sampai sekarang dan sampai kiamat pun diorang akan terus berperang sebagai contoh kes Palestin yg xkan sudah2 sebab bila israel xserang diorang, diorang bunuh sesama sendiri pula. Apa yang penting Tun jaga rakyat Malaysia ni aje supaya xjadi perpecahan.

4. kalau Tun sayang proton, saya cadangkan Tun beli lah sebijik kereta proton, Tun rasa sendiri. Tak kan pemimpin makan nasi briani, rakyat makan nasi basi pulak kan Tun. Tun pun jamah la sekali.

5. Tun tolong approve komen saya ni Tun. Ni kira suara rakyat juga.

By S..Tan  on November 3, 2009 12:06 AM

Dear Tun, salam mesra harap sihat sejahtera sentiasa. Kiriman saya untuk tajuk in dgn izin...

.....KACAU DAUN

The call to lay their hands off Proton should apply to politicians also (including retired ones!) Nostalgic, egoistic and kiasu politicians will get in the way of business wisdom. Managers have their butts on the line managing shareholders funds, politicians hope to get famous risking taxpayers money.

.....FEAR OR FAVOUR

No professional management will overly fear ownership change. Real managers welcome change to effect a transformation. Only deadwood, cronies and shoe polishers need to worry.

Proton managers have serious answering to do for the export failure and loss of market position to Thailand and Indonesia. Do we wait for these managers to let Vietnam and Philippines hammer us? Why are they untouchable? Proton is a civil service?

.....PARTS

Proton's failure to export (miserable 20k ut forecast 2010 after 25yrs) means no global parts market either. Look at Japanese brand vehicle assemblers who have earned the respect and recognition to produce (some) parts for export to the global market on behalf of their principal. These brands are denied car manufacturing rights to protect Proton!

Proton cornered the M'sian car and parts market (via protectionism) but lost the Asean and global market. That market is now owned by Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines. Ask where Toyota, Honda, Nissan, Mitsubishi, Isuzu parts come from now!

.....AP POLITICS

AP is a patronage system to reward Umno division warlords and Umnoputeras. No Umno politician has the guts to unravel this get rich quick scheme. The AP alone is worth RM40k a piece (newspaper report). Tak perlu keluar se sen modal atau se titik lelah pun dah untung 40 ribu sekeping.

Segelintir senang dan cepat kaya, rakyat rugi hasil cukai (penipuan AP) atau bayar kereta mahal (manafaat daripada ini jatuh pada segelintir)

.....N.A.P. IS TAKING A NAP

NAP is a no action policy. It is having a nap.

> On AP, it flip flop. NAP 2006 says abolish by 2010, NAP 2009 postpone 2015.

> On free market for car pricing, tariff barriers continue to shield Proton from competition resulting in high car prices for all.

> On industry globalization, we cut ourselves to only Proton (which struggles to make money even in a protected market!) Foreign investors unlikely to invest in M'sia (license for 2000 cc above) given the protectionist policy, small market (2000cc above), weaker support industry base, high labour cost, no established access to export market. The license is a redundant permit.

> VEL policy is a de facto buy Proton policy. The victims are poor people who have been robbed of a choice.

By Ir. Syahrizan  on November 2, 2009 11:41 PM

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By wajaperak on November 2, 2009 6:12 PM

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[[Dear Tun]]

Nice touch.

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Now you become ugly..From the "latest" news I heard AP are being phased out..And remember

Ir..It was Tun who voiced out AP "fiasco" in the first place..What was that ? You have no avenue to point this out because at that time Tun have no blog..?

Yes..I agrees with you on this one..

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By hysteria  on November 2, 2009 9:38 PM

Dear Tun and all bloggers,

this is the info that i had.....i found it in my emails. is it true or not? im not sure

Car Prices In Malaysia

*Digest this article, after that, you may need to vomit. What is the Malaysian Govt doing all these while. Ripping off our Rakyat for the last 30 yrs with APs designed to benefit a few well connected Bumis, the UMNO/BN have robbed millions of citizens in this fiasco, under the pretext of protecting our local industry. The Govt have forgotten we Malays are the largest customers in the country. What is the NEP policy doing ?? Ripping off the Malays (which forms 65% of the consumer base) to benefit a few UMNO politicians !!! *

*"We cannot choose the things that will happen to us. But we can choose the attitude we will take toward anything that happens. Success or failure depends on OUR attitude" *

Malaysia Boleh..Buy Malaysian Products...Long Live Malaysia..Malaysia Ku Cemerlang... !

BMW 535isells for RM178,000 in the US

In the United States of America (a developed country which we are also

aspiring to become by the year 2020) a 2009 model BMW 535i Sedan is

selling for about USD50,367.00. This is only RM178,000 - about the

price of a Toyota Camry 2.4L here in Malaysia . The same BMW sells in

Malaysia for about RM450,000.

BMW 328isells for RM155,000 in the US

The 2009 model BMW 328i 2 door Convertible sells for USD44,014 or

RM155,369.00 in the US . In Malaysia the same car sells for over

*RM460,000.This is an untenable situation. *

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Audi A4 2.0T Cabriolet Convertiblesells for RM142,000 in the US

The 2009 model Audi A4 2 Door 2.0T Cabriolet Convertible sells in the

US for USD40,328.00 or RM142,357. In Malaysia the same car would sell

for about RM265,000.

VW GTI 2.0Tsells for RM85,000 in the US

In the US the 2009 model Volkswagen GTI 2.0T sells for USD 24,039 or

RM85,000 only. In China the same car will cost around RM60,000. Over

*here the same VW car sells for about RM200,000. *

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*And the 2010 model Toyota Camry 2.4L sells in the US for USD 19,659.00 or RM69,396In Malaysia *

the 2008 Toyota Camry 2.4L sells for RM170,000. Toyota Camry 2.4L, 2010 model. RM69,000 in the US.

Car prices in Malaysia are about three times higher than the prices in the United States.We are a developing nation. Our land and labour costs are so much cheaper than the US . Why are our cars so expensive? It does not make any sense. Tak masuk akal.

*Then here are some car prices from our neighbour Indonesia . The Toyota Altis sells in Indonesia for about RM46,000. *

*The same car sells here for around RM 112,000. Again we are three times more expensive than Indonesia. *

The Honda Jazz sells here for RM108,000. In Indonesia the Jazz sells for RM 36,000. Three times more expensive.

We are paying ridiculously high prices (and actually impoverishing the Malays - who are the largest buyers of cars in Malaysia) to support an out of date, out of touch with reality motor car policy.

We are paying the highest car prices in the world to support the Proton and other locally made cars as well as support a mind boggling AP policy which only benefits a relatively few rich Malays. A disproportionately large number of Malays and other Malaysians are being impoverished to subsidise the wealth of a few inefficient rich.

26 million Malaysians have to pay three times more for their cars just to support Proton and 120,000 people who are directly and indirectly involved in the motor sector in Malaysia and the AP holders. That is a ratio of 216:1.

This ratio of 216:1 is too skewed. 26.0 million happier people can contribute many more votes than 120,000 members of an inefficient motor industry. 26 million unhappy people can change a Government. (The maths is not really difficult here)

And this outdated policy is impoverishing the Malays more than anyone else.

Here is some news from our DPM Tan Sri Muhyudin Yassin about our car
policy. This is truncated:

Muhyiddin assures govt support for automotive parts and component sector:

1. KUALA LUMPUR, May 26 - The deputy prime minister said special focus will be given to "facilitate and encourage" the development of the automotive parts and component sector despite the current global and regional economic downturn.

2. "Under the CEPT and Asean Trade in Goods Agreements, Malaysia has agreed to eliminate import duties on all products in the Normal Track on January 1, 2010. This includes motor vehicles, auto parts and components," he said.

3. He pointed out that . . . the motor vehicle sub sector in Malaysia will not be directly impacted because of its heavy dependence on the domestic market.

*4. "The Malaysian government recognises the contribution of the domestic automotive industry
*

towards the development of the country."

*Para 2 sounds promising but then Para 3 and 4 basically says that the Malaysian motor car industry will continue to be protected. This means we will continue paying the highest car prices in the world for automobiles. *

Cuba kita kira : kalau kereta Honda Jazz di jual dengan harga yang sebenarnya (lebih kurang RM36,000 saja) dan bukan pada harga sekarang (RM108,000) maksudnya bayaran bulanan pembeli kereta akan jadi kurang,

mungkin sepertiga sahaja daripada bayaran bulanan sekarang.

*Jika sekarang orang bayar RM1,500 sebulan untuk beli Honda Jazz, kalau harga kereta *
lebih menepati harga pasaran dunia, orang kita perlu bayar sekitar RM500 saja sebulan.

Maksudnya tanpa Kerajaan perlu membuat apa pun (merangsang ekonomi, belanja berpuluh billion Ringgit duit rakyat untuk stimulus dan sebagainya) setiap rakyat Malaysia yang membeli kereta yang seharga dengan Honda Jazz akan dapat menjimatkan sehingga RM1,000 sebulan daripada kos sara hidup bulanannya.

*This is like giving the car buyer an RM1000 pay rise without incurring any extra costs *
*for the taxpayer, the Government or the economy. *
It will greatly reduce the cost of living in Malaysia and spur greater economic growth too.

*Tapi sekarang, yang menjadi mangsa dulu dan yang menjadi miskin dulu orang Melayu juga. *
*Orang Melayu yang paling ramai sekali menjadi pembeli kereta dalam negara kita. *
*Orang Melayu kebanyakannya makan gaji - tiap bulan dapat gaji tetap. *
Bila harga kereta naik gila, yang menjadi miskin di saf depan sekali adalah orang Melayu juga.

*In absolute numbers, the Malays are suffering the most because they are the most in number *
among the fixed income people who also buy cars.

*Some folks said the other day that Proton has 150 major component suppliers, dealers, distributors *
*and about 500 other parts suppliers too. Of the 150 major component suppliers, about 15 of them are listed companies. *
*In total they employ about 120,000 people. The Proton supply chain is a mix of bumiputras and non bumiputras. *
But here is a sad fact : none of them are operating at their level best efficiency.

*Our motor car policy is forcing Malaysians to subsidise Proton so that Proton *
can sustain major inefficiencies in the Malaysian economy. This is not a good thing at all.

*We have to unwind this situation. Set a target of 18 months from now to unwind all protection for our motor industry. Remove the impoverishing AP policy also in 18 months. *
Let Malaysian car prices reflect world market prices for the same makes of cars.

*If a BMW 535 sells for RM178,000 in America , it should sell for a little less here in Malaysia *
*
(our rentals and salaries are cheaper). Fw: Car Prices In Malaysia

*The Ministers continue making pronouncements about the car industry as though nothing has happened. *
*I hope everyone will please wake up. *
*The Government has a real chance of getting thrown out of office in about three years. *
The people will not accept inept answers anymore.

*The ridiculous car prices in Malaysia is an issue that is just beginning to get more attention and publicity. *

It is going to become a really big issue in the near future. Be forewarned.

By weesg  on November 2, 2009 9:37 PM

By Jeng Jeng Jeng :

"to Ravi,

I think you are as good as a TIN KOSONG.Makes a lot of noise but the inside is empty.

Proton IS a well conceived idea.We must strive to turn it into a profitable entity.With Tun at the helm as advisor (and the whole world know what a good man like Tun can do),you can bet your bottom dollar that something good will happen.

Wanna bet? So please shut up.Your thinking reflects your devious intentions.

Jeng3"

JJJ - None of your posts provided any intelligent arguement or supported with substantive facts. You just quote people wholesale here and there, or make statements as if they are DEFINITIVE. Prove to us you can think independently and debate based on FACTS.

I think you live in a different "whole world" from the world i live in. Or is your "Whole World" your kampong? Have you owned a Toyota or Honda or Nissan or subaru before, or your kumpong only has proton? Do you know how free market works? Do you know what is the meaning of "well conceived"? If something took 25 years and did not deliver, is it still well conceived?

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Nice touch.

[[the legendary AP kings lives on making money out from thin air! Kudos]]

Now you become ugly..From the "latest" news I heard AP are being phased out..And remember Ir..It was Tun who voiced out AP "fiasco" in the first place..What was that ? You have no avenue to point this out because at that time Tun have no blog..? Yes..I agrees with you on this one..

Another blame for Tun!!

[[CONCLUSION ON NAP AND PROTON]]

Many thanks to NAP and Proton, Malaysian are forced to buy overpriced Tin Milo Proton. For

those who never drive an import car, please do so, you'll feel the whole difference; do not let your mindset narrowed down to Proton only. Its out hard earn monthly salary we are talking about. NAP and Proton are far from its original objectives, This is no longer about "National Car Protection", its all about protecting your cronies! Am I right Tun?

Ir..I really have to make you angry on this..When we go about on Tabligh "mission" we should have discuss the way to make things better..Mengatasi masalah Umat..

Unfortunately..Tabligh does not teach you much because their strong inclination of Qadariyah..

You are Ir..in profession but sadly not much professionalism in you..

Terima kasih Tun..

By Ir. Syahrizan  on November 2, 2009 6:07 PM

Asalamualaikum Tun and bloggers,
I'm overwhelmed by the sheer number of replies from other forumers, although my questions are posted to the adviser (and creator) of Proton, Tun Dr. Mahathir.

On the other hand, while waiting for Tun's replies on Proton's absurd protection mechanism;
The National Automotive Policy (NAP). Please do allow me to voice up my logical reasoning.

If anybody is still in blind and in deaf, we don't mind reciting the truth until it is seen and it is heard. When someone doesn't know (or literally ignorant), it's our duty to educate (dakwah) them. So here goes the music...

Allow me to quote first the best question in the blog so far, simple but yet meaningful...

By tz on October 31, 2009 11:18 AM

I have only 1 last question:

1) How can you tolerate a low quality power windows supplier to supply to Proton for 25 years?

Answer: Hahaha! Right on the spot brother.

Proceeding to the next secondary objectives...

That's Reality on November 1, 2009 9:02 PM

Salam Tun,

Well, that's what you think Ir. Syahrizan, if you pay peanuts, you want to get an aeroplane?

Answer:

That's an NAP mindset you have my dear brother. Refresh yourself with NAP knowledge before reading Tun's blog. I believe you've got it upside down. It's actually the other way around. Here in Malaysia, you pay Gold (in Ringgits) to buy Peanuts (Proton).

Next...

By Ibnu on November 1, 2009 12:25 AM

Wah... our Ir. Syahrizan is so knowledgeable in talking about our own national cars. Just wondering what field of engineer is he?

Answer:

Err... you don't need a Super Engineer or a Crazy Scientist to tell you that stealing (mencuri) is wrong isn't it? Don't believe me; ask a 5 year old kid (budak-budak). Tanya budak-budak tu, mencuri tu boleh ker? Tak boleh, Tuhan nanti marah jawabnya.

End. :)

By wajaperak  on November 2, 2009 5:58 PM

Dengan izin Tun..Terima kasih..

krish

[[Let these be in the record of international conference to criminalise war.Mahatir, Abdullah Badawi, and Najib be put on trial for torturing prisoners.]]

Where does this happened?..When did this happened ? How did this happened? And best of all

Why..did you let this happened??

[[2. Mahatir, Abdullah Badawi, and Najib be put on trial for killing prisoners with their PDRM, MACC and other apparatus.]]

Ditto

[[Mahatir and Musa Hitam to be put on trial for the killings of innocent villagers in Memmali]]

Who started the shooting ? Again..Why you let this happened ?

[[Mahatir to be put on trial for the Kampong Medan killings]]

Again..why you let this happened ?

[[Until than. . ., don't boast to the world that you are righteous!]]

When it was ever, Tun called himself righteous ? And dear sir..How would you like me to adress you ? Mighty righteous ? Or Super righteous ?

[[Mahatir, the operation lallang ulat, what a pot of joke? You called a kettle black]]

A penny of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure..It is popular in medical fraternity..Dear sir..which brethren are you from??

[[How did Beng Hock died? How did Kugan died? Did we hear it from you? What did Beng Hock do?]]

MACC have to report to Tun ? I thought authorities only reports to Lee Kuan Yew...:)

[[You want to pretend that Beng Hock has committed treason or what and those kept at Abu Ghraib are innocent?]]

Aha..Now I see the light..It's all about America says so..and their 'parrot' mimicked them...Amen..

[[That is no way of diverting attention from the evils committed at home in Malaysia by you and your kind]]

Ahem..And you are blameless of all kind of wrong doing?...:)

[[wat about the Penan women being raped or natives losing their customary land rights?]]

What about them..? Tun condone any wrongdoing on this part??

[[This hypocrite.'sympathetic' towards foreigners but how abt torture, abuse and murder of our fellow malaysians in MACC & police hands? that is okay with him, isn't it? Or maybe he spoke out, not out of sincere concern but his manner of passive aggressive stance against the US? Recalcitrant]]

Krish..you are a good boy of American..Or I am wrong to say stooge? An obedient one..

Atlest Abu Ghraib / G.Bay prisoners have come out alive and survived to tell their sad tales to the whole world..

How naive can you be?..Do you keep the "document" of prisoner detention..?How many that arrived at Gitmo..? How "well" they have been treated..

And how many did not make it out from Gitmo??

Here..doggie..doggie..Come and bite me...:)

Terima kasih Tun..

By watchers  on November 2, 2009 5:17 PM

Tun,

It seems that a lot of the negative comments come from small number of individuals. It would smell very much of politics.

The significance and magnitude of Malaysia's ability to have its own National car seems to escape the negative commentators above. They should relearn how the Auto industries of US (ex:ford) and Japan managed to control another countries Auto industry by using trade agreements which were one sided and more beneficial to thier own interest. At the same time the countries that import their cars from US and Japan will become just consumers of such cars without the benefit of decresing the unemployment rate. Factories from the home country would make the cars and we would import it. There is no transfer of technology and no requirement of skilled workers (engineers and such) which makes the host country poorer for it.

The existance of Proton also would create a need for outside competitors to give better quality performance and really provide good service for the Malaysian market, not just provide us with old designs and models after they have been used up by other countries.

I like the new Proton Exora.

I wish you good luck and the folks at Proton should be lucky to have you. Hope your legendary work ethic, professionalism and innovative thinking would rub off to the folks down in Proton.

By fct  on November 2, 2009 4:51 PM

Dear Tun,

Yes along the road side did increase a number of proton saga and exora and no doubt proton is doing a better job than previous.

It may because proton has made study from market and the come out this affordable price 7 seater car Exora and the entry sedan Saga.

But this is all not enough,they should do more improvement and convince the local with the Proton brand.If the local can't be convinced,no need to talk Proton in other country.

I feel what happened to proton is similiar to korean maker.So,maybe proton should learn from the korean maker in car making development,attitude and technology.

Do proton realise that whenever they used european technology,the car model will fail to sale such as tiara,savvy,waja 1.8 where people still prefer a 1980-an old technology proton 4g/13/15 engine. Why?They must go and find the answer.

Maybe now proton should not only look for euro company to JV but also more japan or korean maker.
maybe with subaru,nissan or again mitsubishi.

As for the cost of live in malaysia,an average of rm2000-3000 salary in city area and rm1500-2500 in bandar.People will only afford to buy proton.maybe proton should lower the price further down or come out more promotion to let the buyer more happy.

As we R&D campro engine last time is to reduce the cost for paying loyalty or whatever money to the Japan maker. We should have our proton car price down.

And last hope to see proton can develop bigger and reliable capacity cc engine 1800 and 2000cc and revised or facelift every 4/5 year and out phase certain model every 10 year so that we won't see 20 years ago proton still 'bersepah sana sini'.

By kamal ahmad  on November 2, 2009 3:50 PM

Salam kasih dan salam hormat Ayahanda Tun.

PAS semakin hari semakin angkuh, semakin ditolak semakin melatah. Setahu saya Islam menyuruh kepada perpaduan sesama Islam dan juga bukan Islam. Adakah selama ini PAS hanya hipokrit politik saja?

PAS akan mengislamkan DAP sekali nampaknya macam ni. Macam si Nga Kor Ming dah mula buat ceramah dengan bacaan surah Au Ra. Nik Aziz kata itu baik sebenarnya. Sepatutnya bila Presiden PAS (Nik Aziz) dah kata baik maka Pakatan Rakyat kena ikutlah. Karpa kena cakap macam Nik Aziz serba sikit. Tu pun dia dah suruh si Awar bertaubat keatas sikap pelik Anwar.

Saya rasa Najib tak perlu buang masa dengan Hadi. Sebab Hadi ni kaki jalan pusing dunia. Dia ni macam "Amazing Race Taliban Edition". Baru Mei ka Jun lepas di London ka Edinburgh rasa-rasa macam ada nampak dia. Tak tau la kut orang lain. Memang kaki jalan mamat tu. Maklumlah, dia ni bukan Presiden PAS. Pak Sanggup PAS betullah tu, Peon Kanan PAS pun boleh juga. Kalau Najib nak cakap dengan PAS kena cakap dengan Nik Aziz dengan Husam. Lain cuma pelakon tambahan/posmen saja. Hadi tak payah lah, dia Taliban Edition.

Kemudian Sivakumar yang rentap baju robe mandi renda dia, sebab apa dia berkeras nak pakai baju tu Tun? Sebab Apa? Apa sebab dia? Sebabnya Tun, selepas saya melihat semua penjurong adalah kerana Sivakumar ni perut buncit todi. Dia kena tutup malu tu. Tak ada baju robe mandi renda dia, memang nampak kebuncitan todi yang menyerlah! Betul-betul macam perut todi estate sana mari. Saya tak ada kesempatan nak kirim komen pada Tun hal PAS dengan Sivakumar ni sebab sibuk sikit. Tapi nak cakap tu saja la. Ni semua kawan Anwar la. Manusia terdesak macam Anwar tu Tun, Yahudi pun dia peluk panggil brader. Depan belakang semua jalan punya. Tak pa Sivakumar, you go to Giant got cheap bath robe sale, any color any renda can jahit where you want also can Siva.

Apa pun kita tengok kejatuhan PAS dengan keangkuhan mereka hari ini. Ini lah silapnya Melayu bila cuba nak jadi Arab, pakai serban jubah 10 kilo pun perut tetap Melayu, tetap perut busuk punya! Betul tak Tun? Can hide behind all that Taliban outfit, tapi perut busuk tetap ada bau satu Malaysia punya! Zaman kejatuhan Pakatan Rakyat!

Kerajaan perpaduan penuhi tuntutan agama, bukan politik: Najib

KUALA LUMPUR: Umno sanggup bekerjasama dengan Pas ke arah membentuk kerajaan perpaduan adalah bagi memenuhi tuntutan agama dan bukan berdasarkan politik, kata Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Perdana Menteri berkata, idea kerajaan perpaduan adalah perkara yang baik dan justeru itu, Umno sanggup mengadakan rundingan itu dengan Pas.

"Kita mempunyai pendirian jelas bahawa asalkan untuk kebaikan, kita sanggup mengadakan rundingan. Ia bukan semestinya kita terikat tangan atas apa-apa persetujuan.

"Kita hendak cari sesuatu yang baik...sesuatu yang baik adalah tuntutan agama. Umno membuat sesuatu itu bukan berdasarkan politik tetapi tuntutan agama," katanya selepas merasmikan Konvensyen Pasar Tani Peringkat Kebangsaan 2009 dan pelancaran Karavan Pasar Tani di Pusat Dagangan Dunia Putra (PWTC), di sini.

Najib diminta mengulas mengenai kenyataan Presiden Pas, Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang minggu lalu bahawa isu kerajaan perpaduan mahu pun cadangan bekerjasama dengan Umno "tidak lagi wujud dalam kamus" Pas.

Abdul Hadi juga berkata, cadangan mewujudkan kerajaan perpaduan dikemukakan ketika Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi menjadi Perdana Menteri.

Mengulas kenyataan Abdul Hadi yang beliau tidak tahu sikap pemimpin Umno sekarang berhubung idea kerajaan perpaduan itu, Najib berkata, pendirian Umno jelas iaitu jika sesuatu perkara itu memberi kebaikan, ia sanggup mengadakan rundingan dengan Pas.

"Saya tidak tahu apa pendirian Pas sebenar. Kalau nak jelas (mengenai perkara itu), kena tanya mereka (pemimpin Pas)," katanya lagi. - Bernama

By pakpandir08  on November 2, 2009 3:40 PM

tak ada fuel injection, tak apa ...

tak ada air bag, tak apa ...

bunyi enjin macam helikopter, tak apa juga ... kami beli juga kereta proton ...

tetapi, dah hampir 20 tahun proton diperkenalkan ... apa sudah jadi?

- power window selalu rosak (waja), dah tukar 5 kali dalam 3 tahun ...

- pembuka pintu belakang (waja), selalu patah ... dah tukar 6 kali dalam 3 tahun ...

- mentol selalu bakar (waja), dah tukar lebih dari 20 kali dalam 3 tahun

tanya service center, mengapa begitu ... jawabnya memang begitu ... proton iswara tahun 1998 lebih berkualiti dari proton waja yang terkini ...

apabila tanya Tun kenapa begitu ... jawabnya memang begitu, proton masih baru dan mestilah menyokongnya

20 tahun, tak pendek tak panjang ... budak sebelah rumah pun dah beranak ... **namun proton nampaknya masih tidak mampu mengeluarkan sebuah kereta dengan power window yang sempurna** apabila komplain, dikatakan tidak cintakan negara ... dan ada yang mendesak baik berambus keluar dari Malaysia ...

By Machang  on November 2, 2009 3:38 PM

Salam Tun,

I could not agree more with article by Ir. Syahrizan on October 31, 2009 3:42 PM. and would like to add few more points.

1) NAP adalah polisi perlindungan sepenuhnya yang diberi kepada Proton dan pengeluar kereta tempatan untuk tidak perlu bersaing dengan pengeluar lain dan dengan memaksa rakyat membayar cukai duti dan eksais yang tidak munasabah. Kereta adalah perbelanjaan kedua terbesar setiap isu rumah yang perlu ditanggung seumur hidup, bagi sesetengah orang adalah perbelanjaan yang paling besar sepanjang hidup mereka!. Setiap rakyat terpaksa mengeluarkan perbelanjaan bulanan yang besar setiap bulan hanya untuk menanggung cukai duti dan eksais kereta dan bukannya kos sebenar pembuatan kereta, rakyat secara amnya dinafikan hak untuk menikmati kualiti hidup yang lebih baik kerana terpaksa berhabis untuk cukai duti dan eksais kereta yang dibayar dalam bentuk harga kereta yang mahal.

2) Rakyat terpaksa menanggung kerajaan dan syarikat pengeluar kereta tempatan dengan cara yang tidak betul. Kerajaan secara konsepnya mengutip sedikit cukai daripada lebihan hasil pendapatan rakyat dan keuntungan operasi sesebuah syarikat. Bagaimanapun cukai duti dan eksais kereta dikutip secara terus daripada rakyat setiap bulan dengan kadar yang amat besar. Harga sebenar sesebuah kereta adalah 30% ke 50% daripada harga jualan, yang selebihnya adalah cukai kerajaan. Kebanyakan rakyat membuat pinjaman kereta sehingga 30% dari gaji bulanan. Ini bermakna kebanyakan rakyat telah membayar cukai pendapatan sehingga 20% daripada gaji mereka setiap bulan. Kerajaan dalam pada masa yang sama masih mengenakan cukai pendapatan tahunan sehingga melebihi 20% pendapatan bercukai setiap tahun. Cukai eksais kereta adalah berkali ganda lebih besar dari cukai pendapatan individu dan tujuannya untuk menyara industri yang tidak mahu bersaing di dalam pasaran.

Usia Proton sudah mencecah 25 tahun tetapi mereka masih lagi gagal sebagai sebuah syarikat apatah lagi untuk menyumbangkan kepada pembangunan teknologi tinggi di Malaysia. Apabila pengeluar lain beralih meneroka teknologi bahanapi baru seperti bateri dan tenaga bio, Proton terkial-kial kerana mereka tiada kemahiran dan wang, akibatnya NAP direka untuk memastikan rakyat kebanyakan terus menanggung industri yang gagal ini, siapakah yang mengagalkan industri ini ?, rakyat sudah menanggung gaji syarikat ini selama hampir 25 tahun dan masih dipaksa untuk terus membayar gaji pihak syarikat ini melalui polisi NAP.

3) Ada yang beranggapan cukai duti dan eksais yang dikutip kerajaan yang megikut pengetahuan saya melebihi RM 5 bilion adalah sesuatu yang dapat membantu kerajaan dalam menguruskan negara. Soalan saya, adakah matlamat menghalalkan cara ?. Adakah kutipan cukai dengan kaedah menindas rakyat membantu pembangunan negara, mungkin kaedah inilah yang menyebabkan hanya 20% daripada rakyat yang menguasai kekayaan negara manakala yang lain terpaksa bertungkus lumus bekerja hanya untuk membayar cukai pada kadar yang tidak munasabah ?. Agak menghairankan saya orang sebijak Tun tidak memikirkan semua ini dalam membantu syarikat swasta berniaga.

Kereta terpakai sudah tidak boleh dibawa masuk, peralatan terpakai dari luar juga sudah tidak boleh dikitar semula. Kereta melebihi 15 tahun terpaksa melalui proses yang menyukarkan urusan harian dan kos yang tidak perlu, setiap tahun apabila membaharui cukai. Ini semua adalah proses memulas tangan rakyat kebanyakan supaya mereka tiada pilihan kecuali membeli kereta tempatan. Adakah rakyat mempunyai tempat mengadu seperti makamah industri, terhadap akta yang anti persaingan begini ?. Jika di negara barat kerajaan akan mengambil tindakan makamah

terhadap syarikat yang membuat taktik pemasaran yang anti persaingan, di Malaysia kerajaan kita sendiri membuat polisi anti persaingan untuk memastikan syarikat yang gagal terus beroperasi!

4) Tun mungkin menyangka bahawa dengan membendung rasuah, rakyat akan kembali memilih BN untuk kekal memerintah. Adakah polisi salah begini dan berbagai lagi salah laku kerajaan tidak akan membuatkan rakyat kecewa. Rakyat kebanyakan yang membentuk 80% jumlah populasi, sudah pandai melahirkan kekecewaan mereka menggunakan kuasa yang mereka ada, apakah jaminan BN akan terus berkuasa jika BN terus membuat polisi-polisi dangkal yang menyusahkan 80% daripada rakyat ?

5) Rakyat terpaksa mensubsidi kerajaan dan industri yang gagal, manakala kerajaan telah memberhentikan subsidi minyak kepada rakyat! . Dalam perkataan lain rakyat terpaksa membayar lebih untuk membeli minyak bagi memastikan kerajaan untung dalam industri minyak dalam pada masa yang sama rakyat terpaksa mensubsidi kerajaan dan industri kereta negara . BN sepatutnya berkongsi kekayaan negara dengan rakyat dan bukannya memulas tangan rakyat dan hasil pulasan tersebut dikongsi bersama beberapa kerat tokeh syarikat, apa yang BN buat sekarang akan mempercepatkan proses mentalkin BN

6) Teguran saya ini memang keras, tetapi kebenaran tetap kebenaran. Saya harap Tun siarkan apa yang saya luahkan, kerana jika penasihat BN tidak berani berterus-terang, ini tidak bermakna ianya tidak benar. Rakyat sudah bersuara dan akan terus bersuara, BN hanya akan kekal berkuasa jika mereka terus membela kebajikan rakyat, yang mana mereka masih jauh daripada sasaran tersebut!.

Machangsedap

By Baiyuensheng  on November 2, 2009 3:21 PM

with you now actively giving advise, probably we will soon have a BUMIPUTRA PROTON - in line with the NEP aspiration.... why not?? give 20% discount to the Malays...

By sypatracus  on November 2, 2009 3:19 PM

Assalamualaikum TUN.

I read with enthusiasm what Ir Syarzhhan wrote on your post and I believe this is by far a true reflection of what is really happening in the national automotive industry in the country.

The bottom line is, we, the ordinary rakyat are being forced to buy over-priced national make cars. To put it differently we the poor rakyat are being robbed by Proton to feed the rich! I am myself a disgusted proton car owner who had been paying my hard-earned monthly salary to pay for a car that have sapped almost all my savings to cater for the never-ending episodes of breakdown and repairs. I am telling you of my personal experience because I used to own a proton saga before I changed to proton Iswara Aeroback, then I turned to wira before finally I trade it with a Waja. So you see the car has given me a whole lot of problem and when ever I sent it for repair, I hear almost the same story with other proton owner. I can only see with envy those who can afford to buy a non-proton cars. Thanks to my new Myvi, I can now sleep better at night without having to worry whats going to happen to the car tomorrow.

I think its about time that PROTON return back to the consumer and repay what the rakyat had sacrificed for them, for almost 20 over years they have profitted from the ordinary citizen by selling overpriced cars and having absorbed the COST of selling the cars to European Countries. Tun should advise proton to contribute more to the rakyat@consumer and not the share holders only. I hope your interest in proton is not due to you being a share holder.

By priss01  on November 2, 2009 3:16 PM

Leave Proton alone, I fully agree, no more support, no high car tax on foreign cars. Let proton succeed or fail by itslef. Hasn't the people been paying enough to support this company. I'm feedup with being burden by low qulaity services at high prices.

TNB, Telekom, proton all are huge burden on the people.

By kailan  on November 2, 2009 2:44 PM

Salam Tun.

Terima kasih kerana menyiarkan komen ini.

saya juga pangguna kereta tempatan. disini saya ada beberapa cadangan.

Untuk Proton:

Apa kata harga untuk barang alat ganti dijual lebih murah berbanding dengan yang sedia ada sekarang. sekaligus membantu untuk pengguna mendapatkan barangan tersebut dan menyokong industri permotoran negara.

By ezani  on November 2, 2009 2:04 PM

Salam Tun

I feel proud that you have come up with a national car in Proton. Nevertheless it being a national car run by government-linked officials and government style, makes it quite unsuitable. Just see what happens to MAS. If it is a monopoly, there are a lot of inefficiencies.

Here are a list of things you must change for Proton :-

1. Do not force Malaysians to buy Proton by charging high taxes on imported cars. They will despise Proton for this and will feel like they are forced to buy Proton. Malaysians must choose to buy Protons of their own free will.
2. Ensure the most brilliant, excellent dynamic and committed management to run Proton - those few who really love the car industry, have extensive business experience and brilliant academic qualifications and who are fully committed to make Proton the No 1 car maker in the world. (You have to spend a lot of time to vet qualified candidates for this).
3. Concentrate on complaints by Proton car owners for the past 20 years and try to fix this. Many complaint about the automatic car windows and engines. You need to do something about this like change suppliers or tighten quality control.
4. Run Proton like a dynamic company (like how Ellison runs Oracle) and also disciplined company (Toyota, Mitsubishi, Honda) but not as a government owned company.
5. Overwhelm the public with attractive ads, banner, super promotions, super campaigns which can produce WoW responses from the public and they will really feel attracted to Proton.

6. Make sure quality control is tip top 100% and team up with car part vendors who are already well established and have a name in their respective field such as Lotus.

Sekian, terima kasih.

Ezani

By ahmad badri  on November 2, 2009 1:34 PM

Dear Tun,

I was among the first to buy Proton Waja when it was first released and I used it for about eight years. It gave some problems after three, four years, but so did my Toyota. But the good thing is, it had a good resale value. It fetched RM30,000 after eight years, about half what I paid for.

Then I bought Satria Neo, more for its shape than performance. Cant expect much for 1.6 engine. That was four years ago, it's still ok now, problems once in a while, especially the lampu, window, and some other problems I dont understand. But my friend's BMW and Mercedes also gave problems when they get equally old. My conclusions - the Proton cars I had are generally good, road worthy, humanly priced for poor Malaysians like me, and it has value for trade ins. I had serious problems trading in for the imported Honda MPV, and the imp[orted Isuzu 4WD.

My suggestions for the Proton people:

- (a) Do a survey of Proton users and list out the main problems for each model
- (b) Work on the problems on the new models
- (c) Change the vendors supplying low quality parts; get from outside country if necessary (have to be cruel in order to be kind)
- (d) Do what Volvo did - create good prizes for suggestions/innovations from public to improve safety, fuel consumption, performance, comfort,
- (e) Bring back public trust and admiration on Proton - that means get rid of political interference (Petronas works best without political interference)
- (f) Build a 1.8 or 2.0 sports/performance car (even VW is doing extremely well with the 2.0 GTi)
- (g) Yes, I strongly believe in a partnership with established foreign brand. Even Volvo teamed up with the Americans. Such partnership sells cars the world over, enhance the branding, it creates more jobs and business opportunities in production, marketing, sales (look at Mazda & Nissan after their foreign partnership); and learn from bad partnerships.

Lastly, I was once in a 2.5 BMW going at 140 kph on the Plus highway, and one Proton came from far and zooomed at the speed of light, out of sight in seconds. Either the car was very good, or the driver was on a suicide mission. Thanks for reading my thoughts.

By Afandi  on November 2, 2009 12:45 PM

Dear Tun, Thank you for publishing this writing.

Dear bloggers, something to ponder. Enjoy!

FDI dilemma - where does Malaysia stand?

In the past we have taken bold and aggressive steps to woo foreign investors to put their money into our country. We have succeeded. It was the era where foreign company outsources manufacturing to country of strategic location with cheap labour cost and sensible tax incentives.

They also need a regional hub to reduce the logistic costs and to be able to be near to capture prospective market namely Asia.

We have been blessed because in those days we do have cheap labour cost and South East Asia is the most stable in term of politics. It makes sense to do business in South East Asia. Plus at that point of time South East Asia are on the verge of developing, because of competition among the Asia countries, incentives are very attractively formulated and the set up is very relax. Singapore at the beginning is very much into the manufacturing developing Jurong industrial area. They compete intensely to win investment over Taiwan and other prospects. Later they found out that they are lacking in term of land and manpower thus pack up their management skills to conquer site for regional office and regional financial hub.

The last few years the climate has changes where China and India politics are more open to attract investors. They are cheaper in term labour cost and outsourcing to India and China is making more sense as they provide hugh sales potential from their high population. They are even catching up in term of knowledge workers. India has a lot of competent engineers. Most of outsourcing for global call centres and global supports goes to India. China of course carries the title of World Manufacturer.

Environment has changed. Malaysia has to change. Before we come to the need justify why changes are needed to change for Malaysia, let us go back to China. Even China has to change eventually. China has become exporter of their own products. They are exporting automotive, machineries, telecommunication products. This is because they are the hard working people who always look for growth opportunities. While manufacturing other people product, they learn how the technology works and develop their by creatively imitating.

The west has seen China an emerging potentially threatening competitor. The Chinese has to change into a product developer and producer with their own branding. The west foresees this and they are taking measure to only outsource the low tech manufacturing to china. They are taking back the high tech manufacturing to their country. There reasons that I do not want to elaborate here. In short, capture and improve manufacturing techniques to themselves, to integrate R&D and manufacturing of high tech together, to reduce competition and preserve their margin and etc.

Enough of that, so where does that leaves us?. I dare not intend to elaborate here. We have a lot of strategist and economist. Let them wake up and think!. They should stop get busy with mere busyness, sit down, think and come up with one concrete plan. They should be reviewing the state that what we are in now, our current competitive advantages and our relevance. They should be thinking of what new skill and new approaches needed to be acquired. They need to argue where we are heading with the current climate. Lastly they need to think of the direction that we needed to go. Also they need to think of how to diversify our skills and future income.

By HBT  on November 2, 2009 12:09 PM

Dearest Ayahanda Tun,

The Star Online:

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PM: Reward system for public servants being considered

By MAZWIN NIK ANIS

PUTRAJAYA: The Government is considering a reward system to encourage high performance in the public administration, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said.

The Prime Minister said the system would be vastly different from the “vertical and horizontal” system (Competency Level Assessment) which he believed “is not working”.

“I believe we must reward good performance and I know that the present system is not working because there is some sort of ‘agreement’ being formed,” he told the Prime Minister’s Department staff at its monthly gathering on Monday.

“If this is my turn (to be rewarded for good service) this year, then next year will be your turn. Don’t tell me this is not happening because I know it does.”

He said high performance, be it in the private sector or among civil servants were crucial if Malaysia was to meet its target and become a successful and developed nation.

Najib added that he, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Sidek Hassan were thinking of a system that would “truly reward good performance”.

He said the system would be an effective one that would motivate civil servants to perform excellently.

The Prime Minister said the initiative to implement Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and the National Key Result Areas (NKRAs) would ultimately lead to civil servants performing well in their work, adding there should be no room for mediocrity in the government administration.

He reminded department heads not to tolerate mediocrity and should talk to staff and subordinates whose performance failed to meet the quality that had been set.

“There is no need to bang tables or throw files at them but those who do not perform must be told of their dismal performance and the need for them to improve,” he said.

Najib also said that abuse of power should also not be tolerated, adding that issues and matters pointed out in the Auditor-General’s report needed to be acted upon.

The Prime Minister on Friday had announced the setting up of a high-powered task force to scrutinise wrongdoings reported in the recently-released Auditor-General’s report, to ensure those involved in misappropriation of funds or abuse of power would not “get away with it” but face the consequences.

Comment:

"get away with it" means rasuah AG, Judges and lawyers after mis-used billions of Public Funds including PKFZ, etc.... and even a pole platform (market price RM900), government's Finance Ministry approved and paid the pole platform for RM32,000!! Malaysia Mana Boleh...

By Grimwick Leo  on November 2, 2009 11:49 AM

Syahrizan said it all
I could not agree more

Tin Milo Proton as he said

We are not advancing towards greater quality despite more than 25 years of experience
Pampering will not do good

Is the Proton management too reluctant to accept experts of other races
To share this piece of NATIONAL product

Apparently One Malaysia is failing
We have more car manufacturing experts and talents here ready to serve
Hardly any of them (of non-chocolate origin) could find their ways in Proton

Congratulations, fellow Malaysians for walking backwards
We are walking alone definitely, inspired by COMMUNISM

Where are all the DEMOCRACY as expected

SCANDALS SCANDALS

who the hell is going to explain the PKFZ thing now?

By sarjan hassan  on November 2, 2009 11:23 AM

ASSALAMUALAIKUM TUN,
I STILL REMEMBER BEING IN FORM 4 WHEN TUN ANNOUNCCED MALAYSIA'S
INTENTION OF PRODUCING OUR OWN CAR.MOST OF US JOKED ABOUT IT,BUT
TUN MADE IT A REALITY.

SOON PROTON SAGA WAS OUT.THE PRO'S AND CON'S WERE HEARD BUT WE
MANAGED.KERETA TIN MILO ETC ETC ECHOED EVERY NOW AND THEN BUT WE
MANAGED.THE RAKYAT SUPPORTED PROTON SAGA.IT WAS A MATTER OF PRIDE
FOR US.PROTON EXPANDED,WE SUPPORTED.PROTON EXCELLED,WE CHEERED.
BUT AFTER ALL THIS YEARS,WHY ARE WE....THE LOYAL AND PATRIOTIC
MALAYSIAN,TREATED WITHOUT LOVE AND RESPECT.

THE CARS WE GET LOCALY ARE ALL BELOW PAR.BAD QUALITY,LONG WAIT TO
RECEIVE OUR CAR,LONG QUEUES AT SERVICE CENTRES.MULFUCTION AND
SHORT LIFESPAN TO PARTS ETC.

REVIVE PROTON TUN,WE WILL SUPPORT.BUT WHEN PUTTING THE FINAL TOUCH
TO THE JALUR GEMILANG EMBLEM ON PROTON,PLEASE REMEMBER US THE
RAKYAT OF THIS PROUD AND MAJESTIC COUNTRY.FOR WE ARE A PART OF
PROTON AS IS PROTON A PART OF THE RAKYAT. WASSALAM

By ferris_l  on November 2, 2009 11:21 AM

Salam,

Proton....

Sentiasa menyebabkan rakyat Malaysia rase serba salah.

Baru di puji datang pula isu lain.

Baru nak di kritik ade kemajuan pula.

Mesti bersemangat patriotik.

Mesti keluar duit lebih.

Baru membeli kereta proton.

Baru masuk bengkel pula.(items pelengkap kereta, dan kekemasan detail)

Kalau nak update pro and con..bertimbun pula

Masalah Proton sudah bertahun dan perasaan sayang dan kebanggaan sudah beransur pudar.

Namun ramai yang tidak tahu bahawa Proton semakin matang terutama ketahanan kereta. Body kereta semakin baik dan dah boleh ambik lap maut dengan baik.

Namun kekemasan dalaman dan luaran sangat menyedihkan. Defect walaupun kecil, tetapi sebagai pengguna dan rakyat Malaysia sudah pasti mudah terkilan kerana lagi mendalam kasih sayang pada Proton semakin banyak kekecewaan.

Kritikan yang diberikan pada Proton sebenarnya tanda betapa sayang dan rase maruah 1 Malaysia. Jika bukan kerana rase kecewa terhadap Proton angkara pengalaman sendiri, sudah pasti tidak ramai yang ingin mengkritik.

Contohnya defect kecil seperti cat yang kurang kemas jika di hantar ke Prot-- Edar begitu mudah diedarkan. Mungkin ramai yang tidak tahu bahawa kewujudan agent pengedar lain sebenarnya banyak membantu terutama kekemasan piawai kereta yang diterima dari Proton kerana di periksa dengan lebih teliti. Bagaimana pekara sedemikian boleh berlaku pun saya kurang faham. Prot-- Edar sepatutnya diberi piawaian yang lebih tinggi tetapi sebaliknya berlaku.

Proton rosak bukan kerana tin milo tetapi rosak kerana pekara kecil sahaja yang dibiarkan menjadi parah. Pada 20 tahun yang lalu memang betul Proton kereta tin milo namun sekarang structure dan kekuatan kereta Proton semakin baik dan lebih baik dari Perodu-- seperti My--, Viv--. Namun rakyat yang kecewa masih terasa dari pengalaman lepas. Sedikit demi sedikit jangkitan pada Proton semakin membesar dan sangat sukar untuk dilawan kerana pada semua tempat terdapat penularan. Pembuangan staff yang berpenyakit juga bukan mudah, setelah silih berganti muncul semula penyakit yang sama.

Alangkah baiknya seluruh pengambilan pekerja Proton diambil terbuka kepada semua yang layak dan dari seluruh pelusuk dunia. Jika ade yang datang dari bulan sekalipun jika layak dan bagus mesti diambil kedalam Proton. Kilang Honda dan Toyota di Jepun juga ade pekerja dari Malaysia, apasalahnya pekerja dari hutan didalam Congo yang hidup dengan gorilla jika berkemampuan diambil menjadi pekerja Proton mahupun Vendor Proton.

Menyelamatkan Proton amat penting kerana ia merupakan jatidiri satu Malaysia malahan orang melayu sendiri. Jika kerana hendak menyelamatkan vendor melayu dan korbakan hak seluruh warga malaysia dan orang melayu, betapa berkatnya hasil gaji dan wang yang diterima pun tiada siapa yang tahu

Ini hanya sekadar luahan penggangur yang tidak layak bekerja dengan kerajaan mahupun swasta. Salah dan silap semua datang dari saya yang masih jahil

Moga Proton Berjaya.

By life  on November 2, 2009 11:20 AM

Tun,

Whatever i want to said thing about Proton(negative thing) already said by everyone. I'm someone see the result, the proton resulted unquality and it's nothing without the Tax. My house is not rich but we rather paid more than buy local car because life can't be bought. We are totally disappointed with Proton, if the illusion of their sales make them think they are good then think again. The buyers was just pointing gun by the government to buy Proton. If there's someone who think proton is good then he or she must be someone who always said 'whatever' till something happen. This is something citizen have suffer for more than a decade from the government.

From,
Proton the forcing brand

By haris  on November 2, 2009 11:19 AM

Tun,

Kerajaan(GLC) nak jual ayam goreng dengan harga \$3 seketul, tetapi KFC (company) dah jual \$2 seketul.

Dah tentu takde orang nak beli ayam goreng \$3. Cara mudah kenakan cukai + ape2 je company \$2 tu... jadi dari \$2 kena jual \$4.

- 1) Rakyat rugi barang jadi mahal
- 2) Beli \$3 (kerajaan), tapi tak sedap...
- 3) GLC boleh jual eksport + jual dengan harga \$2
- 4) dah lah jual eksport murah + kualiti dia lagi bagus
- 5) GLC tu tetap beli tepung takde kualiti?
- 6) Rakyat tertipu

harap tun boleh komen... nak selamatkan maruah negara + 1juta pekerja proton, moajoriti (27juta) tertipu..

kerajaan boleh jual kat company luar + separuh pekerja still bekerja..

By Anak Malaysia  on November 2, 2009 11:17 AM

The government plans to increase fuel prices again in 2010, so now we have to contend with lower RON but even higher prices. Just wait and see.

Coupled with high car prices, high fuel price, toll increases and substandard public transportation system, we Malaysian are paying way too much for our transportation. With such a large chunk of our take home income goes to transportation, no wonder recently The Star published that RM3,000 is the poverty line for the urban poor. Click here to read - <http://thestar.com.my/news/story.asp?file=/2009/10/26/nation/4974360&sec=nation>

To add salt to the wound, now 15 years old cars need inspection every year to renew road tax! What about the elderly folks, who bought their cars 20 years ago before retirement, now stayed far in the kampongs and only use their car to & fro the mosques or sundry shops? They now would have to travel the big town that have puspakom to renew their road tax. Come on Najib ...

In the course of protecting the automotive industry, Malaysia has marginalized its own people.

The socio-economic impact of lower take home pay has created so many problems and issues in Malaysia.

Saya Anak Malaysia but it's getting harder to live in Malaysia ...

By [LadyG](#)  on November 2, 2009 10:58 AM

Dearest Tun, please do not be upset over the stupid and shallow remarks which came from ungrateful minds like...well they know who they are....

Proton masih baru. Proton needs the support from the locals. Proton cars are not perfect so are Toyota, Honda, etc. but even if Proton is not soooooooooooooo good, please give Proton a break.

To all the critics, you can only criticise like Lim Kit Siang. what have you people done to your country???

you can choose either to support your Taman's Groceries Shop or TESCO or CARREFOUR. You NEVER care about Malaysian Products (yes, they are not the best but they need your support when eventually they will be among the bests in the world.....or you want to rely on MAT SALLEH'S or IMPORTED Products until you die and until they become richer and richer?????)

KUTUK KUTUK KUTUK. That is the best that can come from you critics. You critics are also not up to the standard because you are Malaysians. The Mat Sallehs and the Japaneses etc. are all better than you guys. Malaysian men, Malaysia women and Malaysian Products are not good enough so do not call yourselves Malaysians.

Other countries are not very supportive towards our products because they are so supportive and protective towards their own products.

So guys before you KUTUK again, have you GOTONG ROYONG, DERMA DARAH, DERMA ORGAN, DERMA WANG FOR THE PALESTINIANS OR MALAYSIANS, HELPED THE BLINDS CROSSING THE ROAD, HELPED THE POOR, HELPED YOUR FRIENDS OF OTHER RACES, COUNTED YOUR BLESSINGS.....you were born, attended schools and universities in Malaysia with Malaysian money to be STUPID and UNGRATEFUL engineers, lawyers, doctors, clerks etc.

If "MALAYSIA" can talk I guess she will say "Pack your bags and go elsewhere because Malaysia does not need UNGRATEFUL and UNPRODUCTIVE critics and citizens like you..."

By [Afandi](#)  on November 2, 2009 10:22 AM

Dear Tun and bloggers.

We need to drastic and dramatic!. The theme..

The country definitely needs drastic changes. It needs dramatic changes. Why drastic and dramatic?. It is because we have 2020 vision to become developed country. Dramatic changes are needed the wake people up and get them focus. I don't see a lot of drama yet!. We are running out of time! For a country to change, 10 years is definitely a short time. We wasted a lot

of time already...

Who are involved in these changes. The answer is the leaders and the people. Who has the responsibility for these changes. The leaders. They lead the followers. Whose faults it is if changes do not materialise?. The leaders.

I mention leaders not leader. It is plural not singular. I have seen small number of leaders shouting and promoting changes. They can only do best at promoting. That is all I have seen. I can guarantee little success.

The leaders need to be serious to deliver. They need to show their seriousness. The Prime Minister is good in promoting ideas and measures. He has shown seriousness promoting awareness.

He should start showing seriousness in demanding and delivering results. He should push hard and drive hard for results. The way I see it, if he is busy and serious promoting awareness, all eyes are on him only. What happened to the rest who are suppose to be executing?. They sleep and dream. His eyes and our eyes should be on ourselves and the people around the Prime Minister seeing whether we and they are doing the thing that we and they are suppose to be doing.

They were KPI. Publishes the KPI. What are the progress? Where is the results? I do not the rewards and punishment. Do you think that all the ministers are performing? I don't think so! They are busy cheering up the awareness promotion. They do not know what are they supposed to be doing. Why?. Because people and the prime minister are not demanding enough!.

By Anak Malaysia  on November 2, 2009 10:17 AM

Pengerusi Proton masuk hospital

Nov 1, 09 8:08pm

<http://www.malaysiakini.com/news/116410>

By cik Kiah Parit Sonto  on November 2, 2009 9:54 AM

Tun, anda bukan dari golongan rakyat biasa. Golongan seperti Tun tak mungkin akan membeli produk Proton & Perodua. Realitinya, produk kita tiada kualiti. Lebih-lebih lagi untuk pasaran tempatan. Cuba bandingkan kualiti plastik kereta Proton dengan kereta import. Kami sebagai rakyat biasa "DIPAKSA" secara tak langsung untuk membeli produk Proton & Perodua. Hujan emas di negeri orang, hujan batu di negeri sendiri, bodoh la kalau pilih batu dari emas...

Apa yang kami mahu adalah produk yang berkualiti (dari semua segi - rupa dan kemasan, jenis plastik, enjin yang efisien dan jimat minyak) dari Proton. Kami sudah bosan menjadi tikus putih untuk Proton.

Proton...wake up!!!

By Bahador  on November 2, 2009 9:54 AM

Salam Tuns,

Alhamdulillah, Proton is not for sale and support Tun to be there for them and country product business...

Saya adalah pengguna kereta jenis proton selama 11 tahun. Selama itu juga saya mendengar berbagai-bagai komen dan rungutan terhadap kereta proton. Cermin tingkap jatuh, tak sampai

setahun Desboard bergegar, lampu brek cepat terbakar, kotak gear (perdana) lepas 5 tahun akan wajib rosak dan perlu menabung beribu ringgit untuk menggantikannya, bahagian badan kereta selepas 4 tahun mesti akan berkarat, bumper depan belakang lepas setahun akan renggang turun dan macam-macam lagi.

Apakah tindakan proton untuk mengatasi masalah yang diutarakan? (Saya rasa mereka tahu sebenarnya). Sehingga proton BLM dikeluarkan, masalah Perdana, Wira, Waja, Gen2 dan Pesona adakah telah dikenal pasti?

Ketika Tun sebagai PM dan menyatakan Malaysia akan mengeluarkan kereta dan dihari pelancarannya, saya adalah antara kanak-kanak (yang berusia 13 tahun ketika itu)terpaku melihat kereta putih di skrin TV dengan bentuk ala-ala Mitsubishi nampak ringkas tetapi agak terkini.

Walaupun ketika itu saya tidak berapa ambil pusing mengenainya, tapi jauh disudut kamar hati saya, saya bangga kerana Malaysia telah memiliki kereta sendiri yang akan membuka ruang kerja yang luas kepada rakyat malaysia. Kawan sekolah saya bapanya seorang penjual kereta, dia pun bangga memberitau kalau ada ibubapa yang nak beli kereta, sila berjumpa dengan bapanya...fuhh memang bangganya...

Selama itu jugalah maklumbalas pengguna yang membeli kereta proton memberikan maklumat tentang apa yang mesti diperbaiki dan dikemas kini. Saya amat berharap Tun dapat memberikan perhatian tentang perkara ini dan meminta penerangan mengenainya dari pihak atasan proton disamping itu juga bertanya apakah pelan tindakan mereka dalam mengatasinya.

Pusat servis Proton itu perlu mencontohi pusat servis kereta yang lain. Benarkan kereta pemilik itu melihat kerja yang dilakukan foreman (dinding cermin di asembly area), staf khidmat pelanggan akan memberikan penerangan tentang apa yang akan dibuat, apa barangan yang perlu ditukar, apa saranan lain dan mengingatkan tentang janji temu dimasa akan datang. Pastikan sebarang masalah yang dihadapi pengguna Proton berasa dilindungi dan penting kerana mereka lah yang akan membeli produk ini. Jika tidak...??? Satu lagi, janganlah bahan alat ganti kenderaan proton lebih mahal harganya dari harga yang boleh didapati dikedai alat ganti.(sehingga kini, inilah tagline Pusat Servis Proton, "Semua Mahal")

Dan sehingga kini saya masih berharap akan ada lagi sebuah kereta proton yang bakal menjadi impian saya (seperti Proton Saga 1.5 Megavalve dulu)dan sentiasa termimpi-mimpi untuk saya miliki satu hari nanti.

Terima kasih Tun, semoga kesihatan Tun berdua senantiasa baik. InsyaAllah.

By 72hazard  on November 2, 2009 9:24 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Dalam hal ni saya menyokong 100% pendapat Ir.Syahrizan, 31 oktober 2009, 3.42pm. Tun sila jawab. Saya rasa seluruh rakyat Malaysia mahu jawapan dari Tun berhubung dengan isu ini.

Sekian wasalam

72HAZARD

Seremban 021109 10:35am

By mr right  on November 2, 2009 9:16 AM

Hi Tun,

Hope u well.

Sebenarnya rakyat takde pilihan lain,Saga la kereta yg murah yg org ramai beli kat m'sia ni..org2 yg beli kereta ni yg berpendapatan sederhana..mereka beli bkn pasal quality,actually no choice..

By shazli  on November 2, 2009 9:05 AM

Salam Tun,

I have always been proud of Malaysian industry and that includes Proton. I have had my Waja for almost 10 years and a part of the normal wear and tear, everything is running fine. The Proton Excellence Center in Shah Alam is impressive and excellent. My family has an Altis for less time than that and the shocks needs changing and the parts costs are really expensive. I am excited about the Exora and budgetting to see if I can afford it.

However, as with any other products, there is always room for improvement. The VIOS takes up less fuel then the Waja and other cars have more features. And not to be ignored is that without the NAP, foreign cars are cheaper than the national makes. I do believe a Joint Venture with other automotive manufacturers is a good idea and with this, Proton will survive. In other companies, a senior or junior employee will be punished if he is not performing and Proton is no different. Any true Malaysian should support the national car.

Regards,
Shazli

By Sentra  on November 2, 2009 8:46 AM

SALAM, TUN

1. NAMAPKNYA SEMENJAK NAJIB MEMERINTAH MALAYSIA INI DAN MENDAPAT SOKONGAN DARI TUN, MALAYSIA TELAH KEMBALI HEBAT. KERETA NASIONAL TELAH MELAMBAK DIJALAN RAYA DAN PELABUR DARI LUAR NEGARA PUN TELAH DATANG MENCURAH-CURAH. NAMPAK TUN JUGA MULA DAN SEMAKIN SEBUK MENJADI PENASIHAT DAN KERAP KELUAR DALAM TV. KITA SAMA-SAMA DOAKAN SEMOGA MALAYSIA AKAN CEPAT MAJU.

2. TAMBAHAN PULA KONSEP 1 MALAYSIA TELAH MENDAPAT SAMBUTAN DARI SELURUH RAKYAT MALAYSIA DAN TUN JUGA NAMPAKNYA MENYOKONG KONSEP INI. SEMOGA MALAYSIA AKAN CEPAT MAJU DAN BERSATU PADU.

3. YANG CANTIKNYA JUGA DALAM PEMERINTAHAN NAJIB, ISTERINYA ROSMAH TELAH JUGA AKTIF MEMBANTU SUAMINYA. NAMPAKNYA HIGH PROFILE , TAK SEPERTI ISTERI PERDANA MENTERI SEBELUM INI.....INI SATU PETANDA POSITIF DAN JUGA MEMPERCEPATKAN MALAYSIA AKAN MAJU DAN BERSATU PADU. NAMPAKNYA TUN PUN RESTU PENGLIBATAN ROSMAH MEMBANTU SUAMINYA.....

4. NAMPAKNYA JUGA TUN TIDAK LAGI DIPINGGIRKAN DAN TUN TERUS MENYUMBANG IDEA DALAM MEMBANTU NEGARA SAMA ADA DALAM BIDANG POLITIK DAN EKONOMI.

5. TAPI TUN KATA DULU NAK PENCEN TAPI NAMAPK TAK PENCEN PUN.....
SEKIAN.

4.

By antisekular  on November 2, 2009 8:10 AM
askm

TUN,

SAYA HARAP TUN DAPAT KOMEN ISU DR ASRI KENA TANGKAP SEGERA.

By pakuAlam9  on November 2, 2009 2:40 AM

salam tun..berpijaklah d bumi yang nyata..rakyat malaysia beli kereta proton n perodua kerana itu jer yang mereka mampu..bukan kerana quality ataupun semangat belilah barangan buatan malaysia..cukai kereta import 300%..tun fikirlah sendiri...banyaknya kereta proton di jalanan sekarang ini bukan apa..tun pun faham lebih lagi dari saya..tepuk dada tanya selera..jangan di buai perasaan

By Jeffry Suresh Abdullah  on November 2, 2009 1:23 AM

Assalamualaikum Dr.Mahathir and Dr.Siti Hasmah,
I'm Jeffry Suresh Bin Abdullah.

SELL THE PROTON TO ME AND WE WILL PROOF IT WORTHY!
I'm your Aloq Staq boy and I can do it better!

My wife, Hafizah Yaani and I are just the owners of a small education & training companies.Namely; Jonbarr International Academy Sdn.Bhd & Jonbarr Management & Consultancy Sdn.Bhd.

But, since we're "SUPERDET"s Aloq Staq home grown champs, we will proof to the world that PROTON of Dr.Mahathir can survive.

Simply because we love you and we see your soul in PROTON.

As saying goes; "People rarely succeed unless they have love and fun in what they are doing".

If Idris Jala turned around MAS to a profitable company without having any experience in aviation sector, We also can!

Because, we're your kids Dr.Mahathir!

Even if you and me we're no longer around, our souls will be with what and who we love and will keep them energized!

This is not a joke or sentiments.This is the BELIEF.

PROTON MUST BE PRIVATISED FOR ITS SURVIVAL!

Cheers always!

Jeffry Suresh Bin Abdullah

By NOM Airbus  on November 2, 2009 1:12 AM

Tun,

I must asked you NAP is there to protect the National automotive industry ie proton/perodua right??

I had had Malaysian Made cars for 3 months and met into an accident driving in it at the speed of 100km/hr when the wheel lock without the ABS at that time. It did bother me as I survived and that was history of the malaysian made cars in my driving days.

Many blogger condemned the quality ,the management of the car company, the Vendor program, the banking institute and also in many aspect from Design, Quality and value for money. These are too long to be debated and Proton NEVER LISTEN. They bully and bullshit the rakyat.

We have Malaysia boleh, Malaysia Tertipu and now 1Malaysia era and I am waiting and wanting to hear what is the Malaysia Transportation Policy MTP?? Have we got one?? After 52 years of independence!!

Please Tun, it do not need a stateman like you to be Proton advisor and save the company and their management. Better take all the money and develop more to the train and trains system. Look at the develop countries and car manufacturing countries their train system is there to provide the public transport from point A' to point B', be it in the city and/or countryside.

Forget the pride of the nation as look at the other side of it. 25 years is half the national independence period and our Menteri pengangkutan and their ministry did not even think of this?? How about this below

Less fuel consumers, no need subsidy
less Accident on the road, no much doctors and nurses
less hutang rakyat, money can be used on some things else
less traffic jams lest stress
less toll
Less insurance
Less parking in the city
less headache
less police cases. The list can go on.....Tun.

If the railway system is seriously review and study and developed this will help and Government will not subsidised the fuel and for the poor they will enjoy riding the train and eat better food and health.

Look at the policy of Airasia Now everyone can take the speed train and connecting people north south eandt and west for the national railway company. let japanese/germans to leads first.

Let start the ball rolling.

Can the rakyat money and effort being look into as the pencapaian di dahulukan dan rakyat di utamakan

I am please if mu comments take some factor.

Thank you Tun.

By NOM Airbus  on November 2, 2009 1:07 AM

Tun,

I must asked you NAP is there to protect the National automotive industry ie proton/perodua right??

I had had Malaysian Made cars for 3 months and met into an accident driving in it at the speed of 100km/hr when the wheel lock without the ABS at that time. It did bother me as I survived and that was history of the malaysian made cars in my driving days.

Many blogger condemned the quality ,the management of the car company, the Vendor program, the banking institute and also in many aspect from Design, Quality and value for money. These are too long to be debated and Proton NEVER LISTEN. They bully and bullshit the rakyat.

We have Malaysia boleh, Malaysia Tertipu and now 1Malaysia era and I am waiting and wanting to hear what is the Malaysia Transportation Policy MTP?? Have we got one?? After 52 years of independence!!

Please Tun, it do not need a stateman like you to be Proton advisor and save the company and their management. Better take all the money and develop more to the train and trains system. Look at the develop countries and car manufacturing countries their train system is there to provide the public transport from point A' to point B', be it in the city and/or countryside.

Forget the pride of the nation as look at the other side of it. 25 years is half the national independence period and our Menteri pengangkutan and their ministry did not even think of this?? How about this below

Less fuel consumers, no need subsidy
less Accident on the road, no much doctors and nurses
less hutang rakyat, money can be used on some things else
less traffic jams lest stress
less toll
Less insurance
Less parking in the city
less headache
less police cases. The list can go on.....Tun.

If the railway system is seriously review and study and developed this will help and Government will not subsidised the fuel and for the poor they will enjoy riding the train and eat better food and health.

Look at the policy of Airasia Now everyone can take the speed train and connecting people north south and west for the national railway company. let japanese/germans to leads first.

Let start the ball rolling.

Can the rakyat money and

By Adam  on November 2, 2009 12:08 AM

Proton could be revived, even without the cost of policies. There are other mechanism instead of pressing the people to "forced-buy" the cars.

Proton must remain competitive and innovative, in order to keep on the standard.

The executives should know what mechanism can be used to improve proton and do it, instead of being disturbed by the news.

It is a waste of time and money if we are going to lose Proton, but it is also something disgraceful to pressure our own people just to save Proton.

So both are important.

By roketbulan  on November 1, 2009 11:38 PM

salam tun,
tengok-tengokkan.

kecacatan proton yg telah merosakkan keyakinan rakyat kpd proton.

1. atap wira berkarat & bocor. model selepasnya dalam perhatian.
 2. body proton saga aeroback model terakhir amat nipis dan lembik.
 3. tayar belakang proton savvy & saga baru menganggang macam tiara.
- saya sayang proton.

By ANAK MUDA  on November 1, 2009 9:20 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Saya seorang pekerja sektor swasta/perkilangan & merupakan salah seorang pengguna proton.

Saya dapat rasakan proton skrg berusaha untuk memulihkan imejnya kembali. Saya percaya 20thn ++ bukanlah dikira sebagai sudah terlambat utk proton terus maju. Tapi sokongan rakyat & pengurusan yang peka pada perkembangan semasa amat penting.

Saya amat sedih bila melihat rakyat malaysia sendiri "mengutuk" habis-habisan mengenai kereta proton padahal kadang2 mereka sendiri menggunakan proton tapi di "modified" bermacam2 kononnya utk lebih laju & nampak "gempak" tapi bila hujung bulan mulalah "mengeluh" kerana tak cukup budget. Sedangkan kereta proton tu di rekabentuk dgn spesifikasi & had yang tertentu, bila di "modified" & timbul masalah disalahkan pulak proton sepenuhnya. Memang diakui kereta keluaran proton tidaklah sehebat kereta keluaran Jepun & Eropah tapi dgn adanya protonlah kita boleh mewujudkan byk peluang pekerjaan disamping memberi peluang kepada bangsa Malaysia mencuba & seterusnya membuktikan kita mampu.

Saya beumur 30thn & boleh dikatakan zaman remaja saya dari sekolah hingga ke universiti berada dlm zaman pemerintahan Tun. Walaupun Tun tak berjaya mengubah Malaysia sepenuhnya tapi zaman Tun lah Malaysia mula dikenali. Tiada manusia yang sentiasa dpt melakukan dgn sempurna apatah lagi hendak memerintah negara.

Saya yang bekerja kilang pun yang mempunyai beberapa "downline" pun kadang2 pening kepala.

Di universiti dulu saya agak terkena kejutan budaya apatah lagi universiti tu di K.Lumpur & akhirnya saya mendapat keputusan yang hanya memuaskan. Tapi saya tidak beputus asa kerana gagal sekali bukan bererti gagal selamanya.

Bila mula bekerja saya tidak memilih gaji, hantam saja apa yang halal. bermula dari bawah malah gaji pokok saya selepas keluar universiti tahun 2003 sekitar RM1000. Tapi alhamdulillah skrg saya dapat mengubah kesilapan saya di universiti dulu dgn bekerja keras & berusaha & rezeki Allah utk saya & anak / isteri sentiasa ada walaupun belum mencecah 5 angka sekurang2 gaji pokok dah mencecah separuh darinya. Malah berpeluang melawat negara2 eropah seperti Germany, Perancis & etc & Jepun (Semuanya kilang yang hantar).

Saya amat berbangga menceritakan apa yang ada di Malaysia seperti KLCC, Menara KL & Proton sebagai kereta nasional. Malah saya pernah membawa beberapa org "vendor" & adviser dari site lain ke Kuala Lumpur. Saya amat berbangga selepas ke KLCC & Menara KL, Petaling street, Pasar Malam Jln TAR. Walaupun KLCC & Menara KL tu satu pelaburan yang mencecah RM Bilion tapi inilah peluang utk memastikan org luar tahu ia berada di Malaysia. Tapi saya agak terkilan bila ramai antara mereka kurang tahu mengenai Putrajaya. Saya cuba memastikan mereka tidak salah anggap Kuala Lumpur itu penuh dgn kesibukan & kadang2 agak kotor, maka di Putrajaya saya dpt tunjukkan yang disana keadaan lebih peaceful & mereka agak excited. Tapi bukan semua rakyat malaysia berbangga dgn semua ini mereka lebih suka menceritakan keburukan2 yang ada di Malaysia kepada org luar yang hanya akan membawa persepsi itu ke negara mereka & seterusnya akan menyebabkan mungkin ada dikalangan kawan2 mereka adalah bakal2 pelabur yang berpotensi.

Percayalah wahai rakyat Malaysia menceritakan keburukan Malaysia tidak akan mengubah kita kepada lebih baik malah memburukkan lagi persepsi kepada bakal2 pelabur.

OK lah Tun dah panjang sgt saya dok berceloteh, tapi ia satu kepuasan bila dpt memberikan pandangan & buah fikiran, samada semuanya boleh diterima atau tidak itu lain cerita. Tapi ini usaha saya utk negara bernama Malaysia.

Wassalam

By That's Reality  on November 1, 2009 9:02 PM

Salam Tun,

Well, that's what you think Ir. Syahrizan, if you pay peanuts, you want to get an aeroplane? All people deserve a choice and budget invests in the future, protects the most vulnerable among Malaysians and helps to create jobs and economic security. That's what Proton did for years for Malaysia. Am I right Ir. Syahrizan?

Selamat Berjuang Tun

By am98  on November 1, 2009 7:37 PM

Salam Tun,

PROTON cars always been criticised due to its quality and the price once comparison made with others. Many have seen that the technical problems of PROTON cars were not been handled handsomely for long donkey years. This something PROTON need to take it seriously onboard in order to fullfill their customer satisfaction.

Nevertheless, vast majority of Malaysian still purchased PROTON cars even though the local banks always put a higher interest rates for the Hire and Purchase Agreement.

Is Malaysian being force to buy PROTON as being claimed???

As I recall, most of the PROTON cars always exceed the demand than the supply once it was launched. At times, customer being forced to wait for more than 6 months to get their new car but Malaysian people sober enough to continue supporting the Malaysian product.

However, PROTON always lacking in catching up with the market situation. For instance, when the first MPV (Juara) was announced years ago. Many Malaysian including myself were ambitiously waiting for the model...but...unfortunately the model was not well fit into the Malaysian society. Then PROTON started to lose it market to NAZA once the NAZA Ria was launched. By now many have already purchased MPV or many models are already in the market, thus the new PROTON MPV (EXORA) may not be able to compete as it expected to be.

When the economic situation was good couple of years ago, many of my friends purchased 2.0L engine cars, unfortunately, it was not the PERDANA. Many of them claimed PERDANA model was old and no longer attractive although many of them would like to support the Malaysian product.

In my humble opinion who is naive about economy, the "critical economic cycle" of any new product need to be study and high consideration need to be given. PROTON should not lose the market situation especially from Malaysian.

Perhaps the move in technological partnership as Tun trying to do may provide an amicable solution to ensure PROTON is moving in the right direction.

InsyaAllah with little blessing and hard work, I believe PROTON will stand high in the near future.

Salam.

By Liew  on November 1, 2009 7:24 PM

Tun,

You are very right that proton is on the rebound. People should support the national car by buying Proton and keep it in the garage as the car is not road-worthy and it is just good for keep and not driving then you will be a happy Proton owner. Proton should advertise with the following term “ Buy Proton but don’t drive it”

How can you be so blind not to see how the Malaysians are suffering with the same monopoly, cepat-kaya scheme and highway robbery installment? 100% agree with Ir. Syahrizan that JPJ & Puspakom officers will be getting very rich. If anyone is about to start any business, I would advise them to look for things you can sell to these offices.

When will BN Govt learn? Don't rob the poor to feed the rich! We are no more stupid and can smell a rat from far.

By gubelin  on November 1, 2009 6:04 PM

Tun Dr Mahatir Yang Mulia lagi terhormat

Generally, anything under your supervision had flourished and will continue to boom, if you are still at the steering-wheel. However, the reverse is true when Pak Dol took over the wheel.

He is not a stupid man but we have to respect him for being like one of the many typical politicians of this modern era – why not make hay, while the sun shines? Quote unquote Allahyarham P Ramlee: 'Otak geliga otak penipu.'

Thank you.

By wanfahmi  on November 1, 2009 6:00 PM

YABhg Tun,

Moga PROTON sentiasa sukses dan berkembang maju selamanya..

By danial the fox  on November 1, 2009 5:23 PM

Is there anybody who can get me a list of countries which had developed as rapid as our country??..

Stop condemning our own products.. Who are we to be compared with those countries like USA or Japan, but yet we dare to give a challenge by establishing an automotive company even though we were still a 'kid' back then..

Even those big companies had suffering much much greater than us, but yet they could managed to survive until today. Since those companies are an established companies, no wonder they could sell their product with better quality but in cheaper price. I bet, they also had faced the same problem which proton are facing right now. Even the one of Honda's car had been laughed and being labeled as a 'box' back then. But now.....think by yourself la..

The title 'wow..branded tu..' couldn't be achieved in mere 25 years. Yet, we the foolish-who-knows-nothing dare to say 'jual la proton tu, barang mahal, bla..bla..'etc..etc without realize how hard to maintain a company especially in a competitive market like automotive itself. No one can denied that Proton is being support by government, but that is one of the way to keep our brand alive.

What those big car maker companies had achieved is a result of a century worth of hard work and we, still have a lot to be achieved in order to 'berdiri sama tinggi duduk sama rendah' with them. To make it realize, it's our job.

What's left is to reconstruct the managements, board directors or anybody in the proton itself to make sure there is no 'songlap2 duit'..And make sure our hard earn money, to be used wisely and not 'u ambil part2 murah saja..duit lebih kasi masuk ini poket la..lu kaya..saya kaya...'..I think that's why the proton user always face the same, small, wasting money problems..

Dear 'ExcellentThoughts' my dad also own a Perdana V6 but never deal with a big problems like yours even though it's the same 4 years. Its true that perdana a little bit 'manja' but with proper care, there should be no problem. I don't come from a rich family which my father was an airman and quit around '95 and join a private company. And now he's starting a business of he's own. Even I myself relying on government scholar to pursue my studies.

Last but not least, thanks Tun..To others, stop blabbering. And sorry for bad English usage.

By fareast  on November 1, 2009 4:05 PM

PROTON

Tun,

Firstly, i wish you fine and god bless you in whatever you're doing. I agree with the way you handle the PROTON issue by comforming that the national proud car maker, PROTON is not for sale. As stated, of course it is to avoid demotivated of PROTON's staff.

I realize the efforts have been taken start form the goverment side till the consumers side just to make sure that PROTON is still alive and competitive. Malaysian sacrifice not to having their interested car because duties and taxes imposed make the car is too expensive. The restructuring/transformation has been planned to make PROTON still relevant. Is it enough?

If we look at the most successful car manufacturers, TOYOTA, they are not only concentrate on administrative devision but the products and services are well developed. Look at PROTON's products, the technology and service offered. PROTON is only manage to sell a car without SRS Airbag, Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA), electronically assisted power steering, intelligent resposned engine (NA engine), digitally air conditioning setting at estimation price of RM100K. The after sales service provided by PROTON is not as good as TOYOTA. Like TOYOTA, they will give service and labour charge cost for free for 3 times after the car out from the showroom. This will make customers still continuing engage with the service centre although after the free period is over.

Currently, we're still able to proud with PROTON achievement. The market is not only limited to Malaysia, in fact it has spread to middle east country. But, improvement is required to widen the market of PROTON's car. PROTON is really needed a strategic partner which can help the development of PROTON's product. To me, PROTON is still not ready to stand alone. PROTON needs to pay Malaysian sacrifice by offering good and competitive products and be more sensitive to customers demand. I believe that Malaysian will continue supporting PROTON as long as it is belong to Malaysia and make to Malaysian. We will continuing criticise PROTON as long as we care and love of it.

Congratulations and good luck for PROTON.

By RA  on November 1, 2009 3:03 PM

Assalamualaikum W.B.T Yg Bhg Tun,

Yg Bhg Tun dan masyarakat yang berbangga dengan kepesatan pencapaian kemajuan rakyat Malaysia merekacipta berbagai-bagai peroduk berbekalkan semangat jati diri, kreativiti, inovasi dan mengaplikasi ilmu sains dan teknologi.

Kereta Nasional Proton yang diilhamkan oleh Yg Bhg Tun sendiri sewajarnya menjadi satu kebanggaan rakyat Malaysia. Jika dirujuk kepada urutan sejarah, kereta Nasional Proton telah mengalami sedikit penurunan atau kemerosotan dari segi sambutan umum semasa dibawah Kepimpinan Perdana Menteri ke 5. Mungkin kepimpinan negara pada waktu itu amat kurang memberikan sokongan kepada perkembangan pembangunan kereta Nasional Proton, dan memberi fokus lebih kepada kemajuan kereta berjenama lain. Kerajaan amat wajar secara serius dan konsisten menyokong penuh perkembangan dan kemajuan kereta Nasional Proton. Kereta Nasional Proton sudah menjadi satu asset Negara.

Sumbangan daripada rakyat Malaysia golongan profesional seperti jurutera dan sebagainya terhadap pembangunan kereta Nasional amat wajar diberi sanjungan dan penghargaan yang tinggi oleh kerajaan dan menjadi kebanggaan rakyat Malaysia. Mutu kereta Nasional Proton mestilah dipertingkatkan bersesuaian dengan kepesatan sains dan teknologi terkini dan di masa hadapan.

Sekain, terima kasih.

Wassalam Yg Bhg Tun.

By marzuki  on November 1, 2009 2:53 PM

Salam Tun,

Saya amat menyokong idea Kereta National. Sekurang-kurangnya ianya memberi peluang kepada rakyat Malaysia untuk belajar mengenai industri kereta dan bukannya setakat berbangga menggunakan kereta buatan Luar Negeri.

Berbanding Proton dan Perodua, saya lebih suka Kereta Produa kerana kualiti keretanya lebih tinggi dan kebanyakannya amat praktikal untuk kegunaan seharian kita.

Saya pernah menggunakan kereta proton iaitu SAGA dan WIRA. Apa yang mendukacita mengenai kereta-kereta ini adalah aksesori, amat teruk kualiti. Tun boleh buat survey, tanya pengguna proton, kebanyakan akan menyatakan perkara yang sama iaitu aksesori hanya dapat bertahan paling lama setahun sahaja.

Pada saya, ada beberapa kelemahan dalam pengurusan Proton (Harap Tun boleh buat sesuatu).

1. Vendor Proton

Kebanyakan vendor ini adalah kroni bagi pegawai atau orang-orang atasan proton atau Kerajaan. Untuk pengetahuan Tun (Mungkin Tun lebih tahu), banyak berlaku rasuah di dalam perlantikan Vendor-Vendor ini. Saya cadangkan Tun buang semua vendor-vendor ini dan dapatkan vendor-vendor baru.

2. Kualiti

Kualiti aksesori proton amat rendah dan ianya amat mahal berbanding produk luar yang mana kita boleh mendapatkan produk berkualiti dengan harga yang lebih rendah. Kualiti enjin amat bagus.

3. Penyelenggaraan dan Sokongan

Bengkel-bengkel proton amat tidak tersusun dan menyedihkan berbanding mula-mula ianya ditubuhkan. Kebanyakan mekanik yang ada tidak berpengalaman.

Selain daripada itu, saya dapati tiada sokongan berterusan daripada proton keatas model-model yang dikeluarkannya sebagai contoh, Proton Perdana V6 yang kita ketahui banyak mempunyai masalah mengenai Gear Box, apa yang proton buat untuk menangani masalah tersebut? tidak ada langsung. pandai-pandailah pengguna menyelesaikan masalah tersebut.

4. Harga yang mahal

Sepatutnya buatan Tempatan, harga proton amat rendah dan sepatutnya tidak perlu mengenakan cukai yang tinggi untuk kereta luar untuk menaikkan harga proton.

Proton sekarang ini, sepatutnya telah matang dan berani menghadapi cabaran pasaran global. Kenapa perlukan 'Government Protection'? Kenapa rakyat perlu di bebankan untuk membayar lebih keatas kenderaan yang sepatutnya berharga lebih murah.

5. Rekabentuk dan kejuteraan kereta

Selain daripada wira, perdana dan exora, kereta-kereta proton yang lain mempunyai rekabentuk yang tidak menepati citarasa pengguna. Samada terlalu sempit, penggunaan minyak yang kuat, enjin yang tidak sepadan dengan berat badan kereta, rekabentuk yang ketinggalan zaman dan banyak lagi.

Sekian, wasalam

By Hussein Ismail  on November 1, 2009 1:45 PM

Tun,

Pandangan saya adalah Tun terus menerus menunjukkan secara tidak sedar tentang sifat/sikap hipokrit sebenar Tun sejak menulis dalam blog ini. Alhamdulillah sekarang rakyat sudah jelas bagaimana mereka selama ini dipimpin oleh pemimpin yang sebegini. Dulu kita semua hanya dengar Tun bersikap sebegini daripada cakap dan dengar orang ramai sahaja...sekarang sudah pun jelas tentang tanggapan itu.

Semua yang Tun risaukan di atas telah terlalu banyak berlaku semasa zaman Tun dulu, kalau tidak percaya "please ask your Datuk Nadzmi Salleh" sendiri bagaimana perasaan Datuk CEO itu ketika itu.

Tun seharusnya menyumbang kepada kesejahteraan rakyat jelata bukan hendak memaksa dan menggalakkan orang berhutang membeli kereta Proton. Tun sepatutnya menyumbang kepada projek-projek rakyat seperti peningkatan tahap khidmat pengangkutan awam yang Tun telah terlepas pandang semasa memerintah dahulu kerana sibuk dengan projek mega.

Alangkah elokny kalau kita memiliki sistem khidmat pengangkutan awam yang baik dan efisien, tidak payah kita bersusah payah hendak berhutang membeli kereta.

Untuk makluman Tun, rakyat Malaysia hanya bawa balik ke rumah 33% sahaja daripada gaji mereka. 33% pertama diperuntukan untuk membeli rumah dan 33% kedua untuk beli kereta Proton, walupun dengan modal RM500 dan terpaksa berhutang kerana tahap pekhidmatan awam sedia adalah tidak efisien. Dan cuba bayangkan adakah baki 33% itulah boleh kita mendapat makanan dan kehidupan sekeluarga yang bermutu?.

Fikir-fikirlah Tun!...kereta tidak akan diperlukan kalau kita mempunyai sistem pengangkutan awam yang baik dan berkesan. Ini sebenarnya keperluan harian rakyat jelata...kenapalah Tun tidak mahu faham-faham.....sampai bila agaknya Tun hendak berubah cara pemikiran Tun dalam mendepani permasalahan dan keperluan rakyat

Oleh kerana selama ini Tun hanya lebih fokus kepada memenuhi KEINGINAN tetapi BUKAN KEPERLUAN RAKYAT, maka inilah hasilnya kualiti insan yang ada dalam negara ini. Nampak semua elok pada zahir tetapi kosong di dalamnya dan macamlah buih-buih yang mudah cair dipanah matahari. Itukah kejayaan Tun yang banggakan!

Wallahua'alam.

By Halimsagrod  on November 1, 2009 1:38 PM

Dear Tun,

You are looking good and very vibrant by the day. Alhamdullillah. Proton matters, Criminalising War, and I can't imagine what else. Don't ignore 'The Loft' must have more outlets, maybe its the right time only need right people.

1) When you speak about Proton for sale issue and put this to rest, I wish it will be effectively ignore the local cronies barking at your door step again.

2) "China Safari", a book about how the chinese succeed in Africa is worth learning from. Hope I can be the Malaysia Safari startup where I plan to start a base in Sudan for Africa soon, insyallah. Proton have to move out of comfort zone. QUICKLY, QUICKLY, QUICKLY.

3) The Exora seem good . DNA from Gen 2, Persona rather than Savy, Waja etc. I assume the profit margin is good too for Proton. At least advice Proton not to manipulate the pricing too much. Although it is about demand and supply. Proton can't generate cars like Toyota/Daihatsu, that have a pipeline of models that can be dump into the market easily.

I am looking forward to hear the news of your source of Technology Partner for Proton from Tun before I decide my next year car a Proton. currently on the list is only Exora and the coming Perodua MPV. (below 60K)

Salam
halimsagrod

By kfs  on November 1, 2009 1:27 PM

Tun, saya adalah penyokong setia Tun. Saya harap Tun dapat baca dan fahami secara mendalam apa yang saya akan komen.Tun tak usahlah siarkan komen saya ini. Hanya untuk pengetahuan

Tun.

Saya terlibat dalam bidang automotif semasa bekerja di Hicom-Honda (5 tahun) dan antara pekerja terawal di Modenas.

Saya mula bekerja sebagai Operator II dan naik hingga ke Pegawai Vendor Development. Oleh kerana saya aktif dalam sukan saya juga ada banyak kawan-kawan didalam syarikat-syarikat kumpulan DRB-Hicom.

Saya telah menggunakan beberapa kenderaan keluaran Proton. Kereta Proton saya yang pertama adalah Proton Wira 1.5 Manual, kemudian Perdana V6 dan sekarang Waja 1.8 Auto.

Semasa menggunakan ketiga-tiga kereta ini saya ada melakukan servis di pusat servis Proton Edar. Semasa itu saya berjumpa dengan banyak penggu lain dan mendengar rungutan dan sungutan mereka. Secara amnya membeli kereta Proton seolah-olah bermain loteri. Banyak yang 'terkena' dari yang untung. Kebanyakan kerosakan adalah komponen tempatan dan hanya rosak selepas 'warranty'.

Saya berpendapat bahawa ianya mungkin satu perkara yang cuba dibesar-besarkan oleh pihak yang suka komen hinggalah saya menggunakan Waja 1.8 Auto full accessories. Untuk pengetahuan Tun kereta ini saya beli pada harga RM 77,000. Saya sudah bayar (dalam masa 5 tahun ini) lebih kurang RM 46,000. Tetapi kos maintenance disebabkan komponen rosak sudah mencapai RM 30,000. Ini belum mengambilkira komponen yang ditukar kerana 'wear and tear'. Antara komponen yang rosak adalah pemegang pintu (keempat-empat), clock spring, ECU, gear speed sensor, vehicle speed sensor, EVM sensor, ABS sensor, alternator, motor power window (keempat-empat), fuel pump, alarm system dan banyak lagi yang kalau saya nak senaraikan mungkin jadi terlalu panjang. Secara purata saya belanja RM 500 sebulan untuk kerosakan sahaja.

Semasa saya keluar masuk pusat servis Proton Edar, kedai servis dan semasa kereta saya ditunda, saya berbual dan mendengar banyak komen tentang Proton. Boleh dikatakan komen paling utama ialah kualiti komponen. Saya setuju sebab kereta Kancil pun susah nak dengar pemegang pintu patah, tetapi ini kereta RM 77,000 pemegang pintu patah semua dan bukan saya seorang sahaja menghadapi masalah ini.

Harga alat ganti juga terlalu tinggi. Saya tahu harga dari kilang, tetapi bila dibandingkan dengan harga jualan ianya langsung tak masuk akal.

Tun, kereta saya sekarang sedang menjalani overhaul. Dalam masa 2 bulan ini saya membelanjakan hampir RM 10,000 untuk mengganti kerosakan. Bayangkan kesusahan saya.

Tun, saya mohon 30 minit masa Tun untuk saya buat 'presentation' tentang masalah pengguna Proton dan bagai mana pekerja dan pembekal Proton sendiri merosakkan Proton.

Fikirkanlah bagai mana pekerja Proton bermain golf diserata Malaysia sedangkan kalau mengikut gaji tak seberapa. Vendor boleh book meja buka puasa sebulan di hotel mewah untuk pekerja Proton buka puasa. Material yang sepatutnya ratio virgin to recycle 25:75 jadi 55:45.

Lawatan ke vendor dimaklumkan 2 minggu awal. Barang reject tidak dimasukkan dalam sistem maklumat sebaliknya vendor disuruh tukar barang tersebut. Inipun jika ada yang sedar, jika tidak vendor dan pihak tertentu sahaja tahu.

Tun boleh hubungi saya di waja1968@yahoo.com.my. Saya tahu saya akan dapat membantu Tun memperbaiki Proton. Saya perlukan 30 minit masa Tun tetapi saya boleh beri maklumat yang Tun tidak mungkin dapat dengan mudah. Saya nak supaya tak ada orang cakap Tun gagal di Proton dan saya tak nak orang lain lalui pengalaman pahit saya hingga tiada satu sen pun simpanan kerana baiki kereta.

By nazar  on November 1, 2009 1:19 PM

Salam Tun;

Diharap Proton tidak menjadi seperti syarikat pembuat kereta US yang hampir muflis kerana melakukan berbagai kesilapan dan tidak peka kepada kehendak pasaran.

Di samping itu syabas diucapkan kepada Tun dengan dedikasinya mempelopori usaha kearah tertubuhnya Tribunal Jenayah Perang K.L(KLWCC) demi untuk keadilan dunia sejagat.

Seperti yang ditegaskan oleh Profesor Hans Von Sponeck, dalam ucapannya, US dan Britain telah melanggar Artikel 51 Piagam PBB yang dengan jelas mengatakan tidak boleh melancarkan perang keatas sesebuah negara lain tetapi hanya berhak untuk mempertahankan diri sahaja.

Dengan itu jelaslah bahawa tindakan US dan Britain itu yang berselindung dibalik cogan kata membasmi keganasan adalah palsu dan mempunyai faktor lain, iaitu faktor ekonomi.

Kenyataan Profesor Michel Chossudovsky pula; yang juga berhujah di hadapan Tribunal tersebut ada benarnya. Beliau berkata perang yang dilancarkan ke atas Afghanistan dan Iraq atas faktor ekonomi dan bukannya untuk mewujudkan keamanan.

US telah merasakan bahawa ekonomi mereka sudah mula menampakkan tanda-tanda ketenatan. Syarikat-syarikat gergasi mereka telah merasakan keperitan, jesteru itu mereka rasakan perlu melakukan sesuatu. Satu cara yang mereka telah nampak dan dapat membantu ialah dengan menguasai pasaran minyak dunia.

Profesor Chossudovsky dengan jelas menyatakan; atas desakan pihak-pihak yang berkepentingan dalam firma-firma kewangan di Wall Street dan syarikat gergasi minyak yang ada hubungkait dengan kontraktor-kontraktor utama US yang terbabit dalam industri minyak di seluruh dunia; telah mendorong US melakukan serangan keatas Afghanistan dan Iraq.

Ketua-ketua kerajaan yg melancarkan perang keatas Afghanistan dan Iraq telah menjadi penjenayah perang. Oleh itu memang elok lah bagi mereka yang terlibat diheret kemahkamah keadilan sebagai penjenaya perang terutama keatas ketua-ketua negara yang melanggar Artikel 51 piagam PBB tersebut. Sokongan komuniti dunia melalui blok serantau seperti EU, Asian, Afrika dan sebagainya perlu dicari.

Berbalik kepada Proton, rakyat Malaysia seharusnya bersikap patriotik dan diseru harus bersatu padu bersama Tun, tunjukkan komitmen kita bersama menyokong usaha kearah menjadikan industri kita berkembang maju dan dapat bersaing diperingkat antarabangsa, demi untuk kebaikan kita dan anak cucu kita bersama juga.
End.

By [akupunya](#)  on November 1, 2009 12:31 PM

proton cars?

go to hell with proton!

no more mercy for proton!

buy proton beause it is your national car, but hiddenly make someone profit..and not bring the cars' quality to rakyat..

damn proton!

By musmt  on November 1, 2009 12:23 PM

Salam Tun dan semua yg lain,

Selepas 25 tahun Proton ditubuhkan, Malaysia dah buktikan kita juga boleh produk kereta. Walaupun dalam keadaan yang agak sukar, kita berjaya "survive". Terima kasih kerana masih ada rakyat Malaysia yang sayangkan negara dan ingin melihat negara maju dengan kepakaran sendiri (walaupun mungkin bukan 100%). Syabas kepada semua warga Proton dan rakyat Malaysia yang terus menyokong. Sebenarnya kita banyak rintangan kalau dibandingkan dengan Jepun dan Korea, kerana kita tak punya ramai rakyat yang ingin lihat bangsa kita maju. Tapi sebaliknya kita ada lebih ramai rakyat yang nak menjatuhkan sesuatu cubaan untuk maju. Oleh kerana saya sekarang tinggal di Jepun dan sudah pun berada di sini lebih dari 15 tahun, saya beri contoh tentang rakyat Jepun supaya mudah dibuat contoh. Pada ketika Toyota mengekspot kereta ke US, jenama Toyota bukanlah bagus macam sekarang ini. Ramai orang US yang panggil kereta Toyota kereta tin jugak. (Kalau tak percaya baca sejarah pembuat kereta Jepun) Mungkin kena belajar bahasa Jepun dululah kalau nak baca sejarah mereka ini. Kita ada ramai rakyat yang sanggup menghabiskan duit untuk bayar kepada syarikat2 kereta asing yang mahal2 tapi kita tak punya rakyat yang sanggup salurkan wang mereka supaya syarikat tempatan dapat lebih keuntungan dan kemudian dapat buat R&D untuk berdaya saing. Lebih ramai yang beri komen menjatuhkan dari komen membina. Kalau tengok antara 2 syarikat kereta di Malaysia (Proton dan Perodua), penyokong mereka sampai sanggup memburuk-burukkan sesama sendiri. Ini tak berlaku di kalangan pembuat dan penyokong2 kereta di Jepun. Mereka saling bantu membantu dan memberi sokongan moral sesama mereka. Toyota, Honda dll. boleh maju kerana rakyat mereka lebih sanggup beli barang tempatan dari barangan luar. Mereka lebih sanggup membantu barangan tempatan jadi kerajaan Jepun pun tak perlu adakan DAN untuk melindungi syarikat2 mereka kerana tak payah suruh pun rakyat dah lindung. Kalau dilihat keupayaan dan pendapatan rakyat Jepun, ramai dari mereka mampu untuk membeli BMW 5series atau 7 series. Tapi mereka lebih selesa beli kereta Jepun yang biasa. Mereka membeli pun bukan untuk menunjuk2 yang mereka mampu tetapi lebih kepada mengikut keperluan. Doktor2 di Tokyo misalnya, ada yang tidak mempunyai kereta pun, kerana dah biasa naik keretapi. Kepada rakyat Malaysia yang tidak mempunyai kereta tempatan, saya sarankan tak payah lah nak komen tentang kereta Malaysia. Kerana anda akan hanya menjatuhkan semangat rakyat yang ingin melihat negara kita maju dengan teknologi tempatan. Anda juga tidak layak memberikan buah fikiran kerana anda tidak menyokong usaha ke arah memperbaiki diri. Anda boleh memilih untuk tinggal di negara maju dan hidup di sana sebagai rakyat mereka kerana dunia sekarang dah global. Tapi saya percaya anda tidak akan memberi faedah juga kepada negara tersebut kerana sikap negatif yang anda miliki.

By Sapatchai  on November 1, 2009 11:19 AM

Dear Tun,

I support almost every project of yours, even Putrajaya I feel it does benefit the rakyat but I have to say otherwise for Proton.

What pride and what joy is Proton bringing Malaysia, we have to the extend subsidizing richer country to sell this piece of junk.

I believe in open market here and abroad, one sell when one is good, one should tutup kedai when one is lousy, not bleed the rakyat with one incompetent, dragging every one down is definitely not patriotism.

I would say the money spend if invested for better public transport and other infras would better

benefit the rakyat more.

I do not believe Proton employees will die from hunger if they tutup, more infras also mean more jobs, right.

I not saying they should tutup but at least tell them they have to be competitive to survive no more pampering, they must learn to survive on their own.

Most people will put in their best effort if their livelihood is at stake, who would bother if kerajaan will jaga them sampai pension.

Talking bout jaga them, you are still around, many present leaders simpan Proton so as not to tick you off, they would not like to taste your wrath, after what the last PM went through.

But if you're no more with us (touch wood), what will happen- another RM1 sales, become Eurostar or just another abandon project.

If you love Proton, if you do not want it to rot, please dont spare the rod.

Try using Proton cars as a ordinary user like us, get a nobody to buy one for you and you will know what we are talking about

Take care, Tun & Thanks

By ahmad  on November 1, 2009 10:58 AM

Salam Tun,

Malaysia tak patut buat macam tu kat rakyat Tun. Dah la kami terpaksa beli Proton sebab gaji kecil, Kereta Proton pula tak ada standart.

Adakah orang yang susah tak layak guna benda yang sedap tun? kereta Proton kat Malaysia ni dah la tak sebagus yg di export ke luar negara, harga pun lebih mahal. saya rasa macam di aniaya oleh kerajaan sendiri pulak.

memang sampai mati pun mungkin kami mati dalam proton lah Tun saya rasa. tak kan ada perubahan.

By observer  on November 1, 2009 10:02 AM

assalamualikum tun and bloggers,

First if all,thank you tun for coming back to proton.Honestly,as malaysian,I do love proton because a lot of malaysian especially malays are working there to support their living but,I can't deny what kamal ahmad and Ir. syahrizan wrote is true.I am a proton car owner and the quality is quite dissapointing.I am driving waja,after 4 years,I had to change my power window on the driver's side twice.My car started making noises everywhere,brakes,door..etc. Tun,nothing is perfect,even the luxury car manufacturers do make mistakes sometimes but today,the perception of malaysian to proton is that,foreign car is better. When the proton car owner facing a problem with their cars and their remarks is "biasalah..proton".We need to change this. I can't but I know you will..

Thank you.

By Mohd Peter Davis  on November 1, 2009 9:45 AM

RETOOL PROTON FACTORIES TO PRODUCE PARTS FOR HIGH SPEED TRAINS AND NUCLEAR PLANTS.

It is very heartening to see Dr Mahathir reinstalled by the Prime Minister as the intellectual leader of Proton which did more than anything to put Malaysia on the road to modern industrialization. This good move is in the nick of time with the world economy collapsing all around us.

The car industry in Europe, America and Japan is dying and Proton must be restructured to survive. The car industry and the aerospace industry represent the advanced machine tool capacity which can make not only cars and planes but anything and everything else that is made out of metal, including such cutting edge products as high speed trains and inherently safe 4th generation nuclear power plants..

A quick economic explanation will explain the needed transformation of Proton factories into making not just better cars, but electric cars and very high value parts for high speed trains and nuclear power plants.

Two weeks ago, yet under reported in the Malaysian and world media, Russia and China signed a spectacular historic development treaty. China, now the most advanced nation in railway technology and construction, will build a vast railway network in northeast of Russia which in return will greatly accelerate China's peaceful nuclear power program and space mission.

Another 20 high technology treaty agreements for modernizing the basic infrastructure of both nations were also made. India too, is joining the development program. How will it be funded?

This is the beginning of world economic breakthrough by the 4 great powers, Russia, China, India and America, crafted for decades by the American economist Lyndon Larouche which in effect will convert the 2 trillions unpayable U.S. dollar debt owed to China by a bankrupt

America into development Credit Bonds. Suddenly, this mindset change can create the infrastructure and hundreds of millions of high paid jobs in modern agriculture and new industries needed to rescue the world economy. (see www.larouchepac.com for daily updates).

The world is on the brink of changing from the British dominated Monetary system to the American constitutional Credit System, last seen under President Roosevelt. No longer will poor countries with infrastructure projects to fund have to go with the begging bowl to the World Bank, the IMF and international bankers which act exactly like loan sharks, imposing horrific repayments and political terms that enslave rather than develop poor nations. The China Credit Dollar can be the essential first step in building the infrastructure to get developing nations out of hunger and poverty.

Proton, under Dr Mahathir's leadership sparked the auto industry in Malaysia by making first modest parts for cars then building up to complete cars. But now our ultra modern car factories have large overcapacity for cars. Retool Proton to do the same thing by producing first simple parts, progressing to ever more complex and valuable parts for nuclear plants and Maglev trains and electric cars and other infrastructure needed by developing countries.

Where will the big funding come from to retool Malaysian car factories and retrain our workforce? ASK CHINA!

There is no better person to pull off a win-win Treaty than Dr Mahathir, sitting round a table with representatives from the Chinese Government and leading Japanese and Korean industrialists.

Mohd Peter Davis, Bandar Baru Bangi

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By Alan  on November 1, 2009 9:35 AM

Tun glad you have this blog. A blog has to accept both constructive as well as destructive comments. Even though it is a private blog.

In 1997, I had a Proton Saga as a company car, my 94 Wira & a 318i. So from Mon-Sat I drove to work in the Saga. Every fortnight, there was something weird happening but it was under the company's care.

I gave my Wira to my partner to drive and sure enough, every once every 2 months there wld be some mechanical problems. I know that my Wira had water leaked thru the windscreen, water into the boot as well. Took it to the authroised Proton repairer, was told tht it was a prevalent problem. Somehow Proton must have a good QC/QA approval system before dishing it out to the public as well as making good their defects. I then let my partner drive my 318i. Glad to say that the 318i did not give any problems for several years.

I am now working overseas and have been driving a Camry 03 model and it has run almost 250,000km and it had never bothered me at all with any mechanical problems.

In summary, I do not wish to advertise but with so much money poured to our NAP project, surely we need to buck up. Tell the designers to buck up and design a world acceptable car with good mechanical car too. Look at Hyundai and Daewoo, it has surpassed standards and almost in same league with the Japanese brands. We need to push the locals to perform and then outperformed the known cars (Daewoo & Hyundai). We could also borrow technology from Lotus to improve Proton as well.

Must we wait till Cherry & otheer Chinese cars overtake us before we do something positive? Sometimes I wonder our mentality?!!!

By kamal ahmad  on November 1, 2009 9:33 AM

Salam kasih dan salam hormat Ayahanda Tun.

MCA, Gerakan and the one stream school system. You what all this means today Tun? Well most likely it is an attempt at breaking up BN for a snappy GE. That is the only one avenue Anwar could ever hope for at making a clean break again. Anwar's recent US whirlwind trip, Richard Haass; that name and the connection and clout it brings may suggest that a maneuver that may involve very large American/Zionist Washington foreign policy interest/maneuver is in the making here. Things have conceivably moved to this stage with Anwar, Wolfowitz and Haass? Anwar is the culprit and Abdullah Badawi was the idiot who sponsored this culprit in 2004. I don't like to call anyone idiots, especially on a Sunday when I am due as best man at a wedding somewhere. But an idiot is by all means a total jack ass for all eternity.

In keeping with the posting Tun, I am driving my Savvy R3 AMT there. I feel bad enough running out of topic often enough here Tun. So I'll keep that part and take the Savvy. Bro JJJ and Omar Khayam, many thanks for the read and the mention. Have a good weekend all. And let us all pray hard (very) that Najib knows what Anwar is up to now. Dangerous water, perilous game; treacherous outcome for this nation we call Malaysia, we call home.

By zj  on November 1, 2009 8:57 AM

Salam Tun,

Orang kampung seperti saya tak mampu nak beli proton baru, hanya dapat pandu proon saga lama sahaja. Kalau tiap tahun nak pergi chek puspakom, susah jugak lah nampaknya. Saya

kecewa dgn cara kerajaan buat perubahan tanpa mengira kemampuan kami orang kampung yang pakai kereta lama.

Salam Tun

By haniza  on November 1, 2009 8:57 AM

salam Tun yang dikasihi...

Rumours on the selling off?? Hmm... I believe this is stirred to create instability of Proton itself by a person who always condemned his own country and who is trying to deny a fair trial to a regular malaysian citizen in court by keep postponing it.

In addition please look into some of the senior staff who are still in proton. To all the rakyat a brand new proton car is expecting to be spoilt in several parts even it is below 5000km. I have stopped buying national cars looking into bitter experience (1 iswara, a wira, and the last one is a waja) when it is not value for money while I'm a struggling regular malaysian private workforce who is "kais bulan makan bulan"

By observer12  on November 1, 2009 8:40 AM

Leave proton alone.

That means let the management operate without any interference.

It also means remove import taxes so consumers can choose which is the best value for their money.

But it seems what Tun really means to say is keep the import duties in place and leave Proton alone to continue to make and sell low quality products for the next twenty five years.

Of course we Malaysians would like to have a home grown car, but consumers should be given a choice not forced to buy a home grown car because the imports are made to expensive from import taxes.

Maybe we have to face up to the reality that we are not going to be able to compete with foreign manufacturers in the auto industry. Our internal talent pool is already ruined by the NEP.

The ones who are still in Malaysia are not strong enough to compete internationally because they are spoon fed. The ones who are good enough to compete internationally left for overseas opportunities because here in Malaysia only political cronies can advance themselves.

By HBT  on November 1, 2009 8:26 AM

The Star Online reported:

//Saturday October 31, 2009

Kick hubby out of PKR, Ezam tells Wan Azizah

By SIRA HABIBU

KUALA LUMPUR: Former PKR Youth chief Ezam Mohd Nor has challenged party president Datuk Seri Wan Azizah Wan Ismail to kick her husband Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim out of the party.

He also called on Anwar to stop hiding behind Wan Azizah's skirt.

Ezam said it was high time Wan Azizah made a choice, as she should not serve the interest of her husband at the expense of the party as Anwar is facing sodomy charges.

"Azizah should resign as president if she does not have the heart to sack her husband from the party," he said yesterday.

Ezam was commenting on Port Klang assemblyman Badrul Hisham Abdullah's decision to quit PKR on moral grounds.

Ezam said Wan Azizah should support Badrul's decision to quit if she is consistent in upholding the principle of morality.

"As a wife, Wan Azizah has a responsibility to her husband, and she cannot possibly tell all to the public.

"But Wan Azizah should remember that she also has a responsibility to the party and its members,

"If there is conflict of interest, Wan Azizah should just resign," he said.

Badrul, when announcing his decision to quit PKR on Thursday, said Wan Azizah knew what was happening in the party and asked why she had been evasive.

He also said Wan Azizah was willing to cover up her husband's weaknesses for the sake of her family but at the expense of the party and the rakyat.

He said as a PKR member and an elected representative, he had a right to ask for the party president's explanation on the matter.

Wan Azizah's failure in fulfilling her duties and in addressing the serious moral problems affecting the party, was the main reason he quit, Badrul claimed.//

Comment:

Ezam is not a man when he asked Wan Azizah to kick her husband out from the party. I am wondering who is behind Ezam? If a man speaks like Ezam, then he is a Naught (Zero). Like Bahasa Cantonese says "Lam Yan Tai Cheung Fu, Wo Pat Kap Chai Yi" - If you are a man, never involve the wife and the children of the man you perceived as enemy!!!

Why so hot, Ezam? Ingin dapat projet besar??? Takut kerana Anwar tidak akan dihukum sodomy???

Manusia Mudah Lupa beraksi macam "samseng" kerana kuasa dan kemewahan, not fit to be one of the future leaders. Badrul Hisham Abdullah sama jugak. If UMNO & MCA want to take him, please go ahead. Typical example of Spy2, "Yi Ng Chai" in B. Cantonese "Yi" = 2, "Ng" (5), "Chai" = boy - 2 5 boy !!!

By Saladin  on November 1, 2009 6:36 AM

Salam Hormat Tun,

Technology...Proton must now concentrate more on this. Hybrid cars are the way to go. Must get the best engineers or even scientist to develop this new hybrid engine. Proton now has the infrastructure to assemble cars. Innovation is the key. High standards are required by vendors. If they do not perform, out they go.

Protect...Those who says that it is unfair that Proton is protected by NAP is crazy. The Italians and the Germans protect their car industry, why not Malaysia.

Taxi and government cars...Protect should design a car targetted to taxi and the government.

Niche and unique...Proton should build a car which has a following like Daihatsu Copen, Mazda MX5, Volkswagen Beetle and etc.

Malaysia Boleh.

By krish  on November 1, 2009 6:29 AM

Let these be in the record of international conference to criminalise war,

- 1.Mahatir, Abdullah Badawi, and Najib be put on trial for torturing prisoners.
2. Mahatir, Abdullah Badawi, and Najib be put on trial for killing prisoners with their PDRM, MACC and other apparatus.
3. Mahatir and Musa Hitam to be put on trial for the killings of innocent villagers in Memmali.
4. Mahatir to be put on trial for the Kampong Medan killings.

Until than. . ., don't boast to the world that you are righteous!

Mahatir, the operation lallang ulat, what a pot of joke? You called a kettle black.

How did Beng Hock died? How did Kugan died? Did we hear it from you? What did Beng Hock do?

You want to pretend that Beng Hock has committed treason or what and those kept at Abu Ghraib are innocent?

That is no way of diverting attention from the evils committed at home in Malaysia by you and your kind.

What about the Penan women being raped or natives losing their customary land rights?.

This hypocrite.'sympathetic' towards foreigners but how abt torture, abuse and murder of our fellow Malaysians in MACC & police hands? that is okay with him, isn't it? Or maybe he spoke out, not out of sincere concern but his manner of passive aggressive stance against the US? Recalcitrant.

Atlest Abu Ghraib / G.Bay prisoners have come out alive and survived to tell their sad tales to the whole world

By S..Tan  on November 1, 2009 2:56 AM

Dear Tun, salam mesra harap sihat bahagia bersama keluarga. Kiriman saya untuk tajuk ini dgn izin...

.....THE SAGA OF PROTON

>> Doom of M'sian automotive globalisation.

When Proton production commenced in 1985, M'sian automotive industry is most advanced in Asean. It is also a bigger market than Thailand and Indon. Proton is the biggest plant.

By 2008 M'sia (530K ut) is behind Thailand (1.4mil ut) and Indon (600k ut). Indon and Thailand dont have national car, but look at the production capacity growth. Obviously Indon and Thailand export to achieve that growth. Proton exports only 15000 cars in 2006.

This is the cost of tariff, monopoly and price controls to protect a pet.

>> Loss to the nation

Thailand came from behind M'sia to become 'Detroit of the east'. M'sia now imports cars from Thailand when we had the biggest manufacturing plant in Asean in 1985! While Proton beats its chest making money from M'sians (via monopoly and tariffs), Thailand exports 600k uts.

Thailand now has access to global markets (via its global partners) while naive M'sians crow about a local piece of steel, but lost an entire industry to Thailand! Penny wise pound foolish. Look also at the loss of support industries now resident in Thailand. Yg dikejar tak dapat, yg dikendong tercicir.

Thailand is blessed and lucky Mahathir was born in M'sia (as far as motor industry concerned)

> Juara kampung

Export of 15k ut in 2006 is hardly a pride of the nation after 25yrs. M'sians paid dearly to maintain this champion via artificially high prices due to high tariffs, monopoly rights, price controls.

Someone advocates a strong opposition to check the govt, but does not think a strong competition will help check Proton?

> Taxpayers sacrifice

Why must 27 mil pay (via higher car taxes and regulated pricing not free market) to maintain the livelihood of 10000 Proton employees and their vendors.

As shown above, we keep 10.000 jobs but forgo at least 50K jobs from loss of export opportunity to Thailand (1.4mil prod) Jaga periuk nasi 10,000, 27juta tanggung kerugian. Sebenarnya 10k pekerjaan tak hilang (diganti kerja baru bila industri berkembang bebas) jika tiada Proton.

> Politics and pride

Inilah contoh kerugian negara bila politik dan maruah bercampur dlm perniagaan. There is no room for sentimentalism and politics in business. Even family businesses must sacrifice the founders name and his family by recruiting outside talent to survive or fade away.

Ego is a Mahathirism business strategy? In Proton we have personal ego, race ego and national ego to contend with.

.....PROFIT OR PRIZE

Making profit from regulated market is different from profit in a free market. Worse still making profit from regulating your own citizens. It is different from making profit from foreign countries. Proton is not making profit but getting prizes from the govt.

.....RETURN OF DEALING AND WHEELING

Tun conferred rights over Proton? Negotiating deals like the good old days? Watch out for stellar mega projects by Proton!

See the return of Mahathirism? Getting his way (no deal on sale), when given half a chance! (Proton affairs refer Tun). Only his views matter, damn the chairman, CEO, public shareholders.

MACC need to expand their expertise. They must now deal with both sitting and ex PM's negotiating deals! Bahaya ini. MACC kena belajar main galah! Silap, dua dua bolos.

By [jimi](#) on November 1, 2009 1:54 AM

dear Tun,

In short, from the majority that commented wanted Proton to immedietly improve on quality and certainly price reduction. This is indeed not a tall order considering Tun will be 'spear-heading' Proton and can also influence the NAP, in my opinion.

I personally feel privately owned cars to be cheaper to buy and also to maintain but a little bit expensive to operate in car infested cities....slowly watch car sales increasing and slowly watch the usage of public transportation rise.

Hope Tun will study the impact...we always doa for Tun's health

By [bujangrm](#) on November 1, 2009 1:52 AM

Assalamu `Alaikum YBhg Tun and bloggers,

(01) I wish to congratulate Proton for the awesome improvement.

(02) Though for many years critic of having Proton is continually heard but Proton have prove to us that they can survive with or without government help. Even a very big Ford Automobile need government backup what more to say a small company like Proton, isn't.

(03) The most important thing to me is that, Proton become Nucleus in our automotive industry and it mean a lot. Being assigned as nucleus in our automotive industries, one can expect that special care should be tendered to Proton, be it by hook or by crook.

(04) Just that, Proton have been slight unfair to the local buyer. If Proton can produce such a very high standard quality for its' export car, why can't the same high standard to be put in local domestic. By now, i really feel that the domestic buyer have been degraded as second class buyer. At one part domestic buyer wants to support our own product but at the same time domestic buyer have to suffer buying "double standard quality" car. Hope Proton will look into this.

(05) And, I wish Proton can have their assemble plant in Kuching or anywhere in Sarawak, so as to give chance to the people of Sarawak severally or jointly contributing to Proton wellness.

Sincere,

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By orang2kilang.blogspot  on November 1, 2009 12:37 AM

Bicara tentang Kawalan

Teringat sewaktu mula berkerja di sebuah syarikat di Saitama Jepun di awal tahun 1994. Pada suatu hari, saya dan Pengurus membuat lawatan ke salah satu pelanggan syarikat kami. Syarikat yang kami lawati adalah syarikat pembuat tayar Bridgestone (Ishibashi).

Sebelum kereta kami dibenarkan masuk, Pengawal Keselamatan mengelilingi kereta kami dan melihat sepintas lalu kearah tayarinya.

Kereta yang tidak menggunakan tayar Bridgestone tidak dibenarkan masuk ke dalam kawasan kilang.

Semua pekerja kilang tayar bridgestone yang menaiki kenderaan sendiri ke tempat kerja, dipaksa menggunakan tayar Bridgestone yang mereka sendiri hasilkan. Kalau inginkan jenama lain, terpaksa letakkan kenderaan di luar kawasan kilang dan masuk dengan berjalan kaki.

Tujuannya,pekerja akan lebih bertanggungjawab untuk menghasilkan tayar yang berkualiti yang akhirnya mereka juga yang akan menggunakannya.

Proton bagaimana?

Harapnya semua pekerja dari bawah hingga ke pangkat tertinggi, memandu Proton yang terhasil dari titik peluh mereka sendiri. Pekerja Proton memandu kereta selain Proton adalah pekerja yang tidak yakin dengan kualiti kerja yang mereka sendiri buat.

Semoga Proton terus sukses...

Dari orang2kilang.blogspot.com
Ayah, ibu, adik2 dan saya sendiri memandu kereta2 Proton

By akumelayu  on November 1, 2009 12:30 AM

Salam hormat buat Tun...

Terlebih dulu saya ingin mengucapkan tahniah diatas rasa kagum 2 org diplomat PBB terhadap Tun yg berusaha menjenamakan jenayah adalah perang. Teruskan usaha murni Tun.

Berbalik pada Proton ... saya amat cintakan Malaysia. Saya sahut seruan kerajaan utk membeli barangan buatan M'sia. Bermula dgn membeli kereta Kancil saya agak berpuas hati dengan kualitinya. Walaupun telah digunakan selama 5 tahun masalah hanya dari segi tayar saja. Oleh kerana bilangan anggota keluarga yg semakin bertambah saya manukar kancil saya ke Proton Iswara Aeroback yg agak besar sedikit. Untuk pengetahuan Tun beberapa bulan saja menggunakan kereta proton saya yg baru masalah pertama pun timbul. Karpet dibahagian lantai hadapan sentiasa basah . Terpaksalah kami berulang-alik ke pusat servis untuk dibaiki.

Kami terpaksa menunggu berjam2 untuk pekerja pusat servis mengesan puncanya. Bermacam2 ujian dibuat. Setelah dibaiki didapati masalah sama timbul lagi walaupun baru diperbaiki . Terpaksalah pergi semula ke pusat servis tersebut. Tunggu berjam2 lagi untuk diuji dan dibaiki. Hingga kali ketiga pergi ke pusat servis barulah masalah selesai.

Sudah mula timbul ketidakpuasan hati saya terhadap proton. Selang beberapa bulan pula cermin di bahagian penumpang belakang pula tidak dapat ditutup . Terpaksa lagi ke pusat servis walaupun under guarantee saya terpaksa tunggu lagi beberapa jam untuk mengantikan alt yg telah rosak . Bukan berakhir disitu power window di bahagian pemandu pula buat hal tak boleh di tutup tingkapnya . Motor power window bermasalh Tunggu lagi berjam2. Selang beberapa bulan sebelum tamat tempoh waranti panel lampu kecemasan pula rosak . Maka lampu kecemasan tidak dapat dihidupkan.

Tunggu lagi untuk dibaiki tup tup rupanya dah terlepas pula masa waranti maka tidak dapat nak dibaiki secara percuma lagi . Nak ganti panelnya RM 60. Hingga kini keadaannya masih belum dibaiki. Dlm tempoh 3 tahun setelah tamat tempoh waranti POWER window bahagian pemandu rosak lagi. kali ni cermin tingkap jatuh pecah disebabkan motor power window bermasalah. Hingga ke hari ini setelah cermin tingkap itu diganti ...dah setahun motornya jam lagi tak boleh nak buka tingap itu lagi....hinggalah ke hari ini....

Cubalah Tun fikirkan nasib rakyat seperti saya yg terpaksa membeli kereta Proton dengan kualiti seperti ini.... Inikah tahap kualiti PROTON. Bayangkanlah perasaan kami sebagai rakyat biasa yg terpaksa berhutang selama 7 tahun hanya untuk kereta seperti ini... Inikah nilai duit kami.... Renungkanlah sejenak Tun..... Maaflah jika bahasa saya ini agak keras..... Semoga Tun memahami apa yg kami terpaksa lalui dengan membeli sebuah daripada kereta keluaran PROTON...

By Ibnu  on November 1, 2009 12:25 AM

Wah... our Ir. Syahrizan is so knowledgeable in talking about our own national cars. Just wondering what field of engineer is he? May be by appointing him to the board of Proton or put him as senior executive (the one that he asked to replace) could bring Proton to be better than all Japanese cars, European cars and the rest of the world. Why not give him the chance because he could write a lengthy note in his comment, so he could equally be talented as to how to improve Proton instead of just to condemn.

By irzan  on October 31, 2009 11:40 PM

Tun,

Terlebih dahulu tahniah kerana Proton kini mula mencatatkan keuntungan. Saya percaya di bawah pimpinan Tun, Proton boleh bangun semula sebagai sebuah industri automobil nasional yang membanggakan seperti seketika dahulu.

Tun, izinkan saya berkongsi sedikit pengalaman sebagai seorang pemilik kereta nasional negara ini. Maafkan Tun, sebenarnya saya ini seorang yang patriotik terhadap negara dan akan menyokong sebarang barang ciptaan keluaran negara, bagaimanapun baru-baru ini saya memilih untuk membeli kereta import dari Jepun.

Perkara ini terjadi disebabkan saya mula hilang keyakinan terhadap kereta buatan nasional setelah saya mengalami pelbagai masalah dengan kereta nasional yang saya beli.

Untuk makluman Tun, kereta nasional pertama yang saya beli tidak banyak masalah cuma biasalah kerosakan kecil seperti terpaksa menukar alat ganti setelah kereta yang digunakan agak berusia.

Bagaimanapun, pengalaman ngeri saya bermula apabila saya mula membeli kereta nasional kedua, bukan Proton, kerana berharap dengan membeli kereta nasional yang baru akan dapat mengelakkan saya daripada berhadapan dengan masalah kerosakan kereta di jalan raya disebabkan kereta yang telah berusia.

Keputusan saya membeli kereta nasional kedua yang baru rupanya mengundang masalah kepada saya kerana kereta baru tersebut bermasalah sejak mula ia dipakai. Mula-mula radiator bocor, lepas itu pintu kereta mempunyai kejutan elektrik, masalah motor power window dan pelbagai lagi sehinggalah masalah gear box rosak.

Ada orang mengatakan masalah kerosakan kereta sebagai nasib malang terhadap seseorang itu kerana ramai yang lain tidak menghadapi masalah yang begitu teruk.

Saya mungkin setuju dengan pendapat itu jika saya menghadapi satu atau dua masalah dengan kereta baru adalah kerana nasib tidak menyebelahi saya tetapi kalau terlalu banyak masalah yang berturut-turut dengan sebuah kereta yang baru adalah sesuatu yang tidak dapat diterima secara logik oleh akal?

Tun, satu pengalaman menarik mengenai kereta nasional ialah mekanik-mekanik kita tidak lagi sampai ke tahap yang membanggakan kerana kebanyakannya gagal untuk mengatasi masalah yang dihadapi oleh pelanggan.

Cuba Tun bayangkan, jika seorang pesakit pergi berjumpa doktor untuk rawatan, doktor tersebut memberitahu pesakit bahawa beliau tidak tahu bagaimana hendak merawat pesakit tersebut, ke manakah pesakit harus pergi untuk mendapatkan rawatan?

Perkara ini berlaku kepada diri saya dan bukan senang untuk meyakinkan mekanik kereta nasional kita mengenai masalah yang dihadapi sehingga menyebabkan saya terpaksa mendapatkan nasihat daripada mekanik luar.

Bagaimanapun mekanik luar tersebut telah menasihatkan saya supaya pergi balik berjumpa mekanik terbabit kerana kereta yang saya beli masih baru dan masih ada tempoh jaminan.

Tun, baru-baru ini kereta saya menghadapi masalah pendawaian elektrik sekali lagi dan seperti biasa mekanik kereta nasional kita gagal mencari punca masalah dan mengatasinya.

Saya sudah serik Tun, menyebabkan saya memilih untuk membeli kereta Jepun kali ini.

Saya juga ada cerita remeh tetapi menarik untuk memberitahu Tun mengenai sikap jurujual kereta baru bumiputera dengan bukan bumiputera.

Jurujual bumiputera lebih risau mengenai keupayaan pelanggan Melayu untuk membeli kereta baru yang mahal lebih-lebih lagi jika pelanggan itu bekerja dengan syarikat swasta.

Saya juga mendapati jurujual kereta bumiputera lebih suka mengurus niaga dengan kakitangan

kerajaan kerana mentaliti gaji kakitangan kerajaan lebih terjamin daripada swasta. Kadangkala saya terfikir sama ada jurujual atau bank yang memberi pinjaman wang membeli kereta? Jurujual bukan bumiputera pula akan berusaha bersungguh-sungguh memastikan pelanggan tidak kira swasta atau kerajaan membeli kereta mereka. Mereka juga tidak pernah bosan dan serik menghubungi pelanggan walaupun pada tengah malam mengenai tawaran menarik kereta yang mereka tawarkan. Mereka nampaknya lebih yakin terhadap kemampuan orang Melayu dan pekerja swasta membeli kereta baru.

Saya rasa Tun sendiri tahu jurujual mana kah yang akhirnya berjaya memenangi hati saya semasa membuat keputusan membeli kereta baru?

Salam Tun.

By GOMO-no1  on October 31, 2009 11:14 PM

salam Tun, saya berbangga dapat menaiki kereta proton ni. saya juga berbangga dengan apa yang Tun laksanakan demi meningkatkan keupayaan proton bersaing dengan jenama luar.

terbaru saya dah pun membeli proton exora, kira memang puas hati lah Tun. minyak save!!! harap proton terus berdaya saing dalam permotoran dunia yang akan datang.

Tun Pahlawan Terulung.

Sebelum tamatnya perkhidmatan Pak Lah sebagai Perdana Menteri Malaysia, Anwar telah mengadakan rundingan dengan Pak Lah di Hulu Langat. Rundingan apa dan untuk apa???

<http://www.papagomo.com/2009/10/altantuya-atau-liwat.html>

By weesg  on October 31, 2009 10:39 PM

Tun should drive a proton wira for two years to discover what kind of a masterpiece proton has produced.

If a survey was done on the un-reliability of a car, I am quite sure proton will do malaysia proud.

To save proton for what? So that malaysians can continued to be screwed?

By Capt.Jag2020  on October 31, 2009 10:24 PM

Assalamu'alaikum Dear Tun and to all Chedet fans,

I was wondering what would happen to Proton's market share price, if Tun were to be the Nobel Prize Winner for promoting the global peace. It would be great, I imagine.....

Allow me, a little something from a song.....,

You May Say I'm a Dreamer,

But I'm Not the Only One,

I Hope Someday You'll Join Us,

And The World Will Live As One.....

May Allah Bless You and Grant Us The Great Victory..... Wassalam

By Mohd Faried  on October 31, 2009 9:01 PM

Salam Tun dan Toh Puan

Saya tidak menafikan bahawa kereta Proton sekarang sudah banyak berada di jalan raya.

Oleh itu cadangan PROTON untuk bergabung dengan syarikat luar negara dalam proses "membeli kepentingan" PROTON saya sama sekali tidak bersetuju. Tetapi kalau bertukar-tukar ilmu dan teknologi saya sokong.

Saya berharap kakitangan PROTON dapat memberikan yang terbaik buat rakyat Malaysia.

HIDUP PROTON! HIDUP TUN!

By watchers  on October 31, 2009 8:55 PM

Tun,

Thanks for staying and making sure that one of national prides will continue to grow and maybe innovate. Many car manufacturers in the world was not created over night.

Some of the comments made above hasten me to remind them that Malaysia is a small developing country in SEA and yet we have our own national car. Which when a Malaysian purchase the car will benefit the Malaysian Auto industry which not only create jobs but proved to the world that Malaysia is a country of capable people and capable leadership.

Proton have the new Proton Saga which is a cheap but quality car. The Proton Savvy which the Germans says is a good car. The many other models Perdana V6 and The Waja are all good cars. The standard which could rival any Japanese, Korean and other Asian model. To rival continental cars will require huge capital and proven by how expensive the spare parts are. But I still hope one day we could rival Audi, BMW and others but maybe that is a long way. I drive a Proton and I am proud to know that I have (in my little part) contributed to the Malaysian Automotive sector.

By prof_ridcully  on October 31, 2009 8:51 PM

Salam Hormat Tun dan dengan izin,

Ravi

You said, *so you're claiming you will help put proton back on it's feet, when proton was ill conceived right from begining.*

I am not saying that the National car project is wrong -but you anti-competitiveness legislation put proton on a crutch....

Make up your mind. In one sentence you say Proton is an ill-conceived project and in the next you say that the project is not wrong. Which is which? So is it OK by you to have an ill-conceived project? Then why are you complaining?

...Its operations, quality control, expansion strategies were all immature.

You sound like you've had decades of experience running a car company. May I ask which? Mercedes-Benz? No? Toyota perhaps? Also no? What about Mitsubishi? Still no? Or maybe Fiat? Maybe Ford? No and no? Perhaps Nissan or VW then? No and firmly no?

Have you sat down for coffee with the chairmen of companies that manufacture cars? OK perhaps chairman is too high for you. How about the MDs and Plant Directors? Still far too high? How about the HODs then? Still too high? How about the Line Leaders? Still a bit high for you? Well then, perhaps you've met machine operators who've built those cars and spoken to them? No, no, no, no and, furthermore, no?

May I also ask if you have you visited the plants that make those cars? No? OK, visiting -- and getting a really good briefing on production principles along the way [Tun takes written notes on his visits, I am told by the MD of a Japanese MNC] -- the overseas plants may be difficult if you were not PM of a country but surely you have visited and been given a thorough brief on the operations at Proton's or Perodua's plants? Also no and, unfortunately, still no?

I agree with the posters (sw, Koe, Mad Hatter, etc) who have pointed out the problems besetting Proton and have said so succinctly in their posts. Proton has problems, no doubt. I'd also like to add that I think some of them are related to internal inefficiencies -- ask the vendors. I agree that Proton needs a good shakedown.

You on the other hand, Ravi, write intending just to insult and even then you got it wrong. Tun has opened this blog to all. What an opportunity not to be missed! Some of us just can't resist taking cheap potshots at him, don't we, Ravi? We basically have nothing sensible to say but just enjoy writing nonsensical putdowns to a distinguished individual just because he gives us the opportunity to do so. What a thrill to be able to insult an ex-PM, eh Ravi?

We don't have to agree to what Tun says. In fact, we can be violently opposed to what he says. We are allowed to register that disagreement but we need to do so graciously; if not anything else, Tun age demands it. Perhaps your parents didn't teach you this?

Do yourself (and us) a favour, Ravi. Read some of the dissenting comments and see how well-brought up people do it. Think before you write, try not to contradict yourself and spare us your crassness. Most of us are not fools and we enjoy intelligent comments in this blog (even those that don't agree with Tun's views).

Thanks for your attention Ravi [As Tun's frequent visitor, I have to be polite and add this 'thank you' line -- for all we know, people, Ravi could be the chairman of GM]

By ahh  on October 31, 2009 8:31 PM

Askum ayahanda,

Saya menyokong pendapat ayahanda bahawa sekarang bukan masanya yang terbaik dan sesuai untuk menjual proton. Proton seharusnya mendapat sokongan samada dikalangan rakyat Malaysia mahupun Pemimpin negara. Cuma yang menjadi persoalannya dari mana bermulanya cerita berkenaan penjualan proton ini. Macam nak sabotaj jer...:)

Semoga ayahanda sihat dan dipanjangkan umur disamping keluarga tersayang. Alang-alang dah memberi komen nie nak tanya ayahanda benarkah artikel berkenaan ayahanda TDM di web Syed Hamid. Kalau ayahanda ingin membaca artikel tersebut lihatlah dilaman web Syed Hamid di www.syedhamidalbar.net yang bertajuk Kacang Lupakan Kulit.

By [rarunasalam](#) on October 31, 2009 7:49 PM

Jeng

for someone who writes with an "assumed" name, obviously you can talk about what is fact and what is fiction.

And please sir - don't continue ridiculing those who see things for what they are just because you believe blindly - my comment is directed at Tun, not to you. So stop with your shut ups... THAT is rude!

And if you still want to argue after all this, do so with facts, not with your incessant babbling.

(Ravi)

P.S how does your proton drive btw?

By [mirej](#) on October 31, 2009 6:00 PM

PROTON SAGA

Satu 'jenama' yg membanggakan negara. Walaupun murah tapi mampu mengangkat tinggi harga diri rakyat Malaysia.. hidup SAGA!!

Proud to be Malaysian..

By [OrangLama](#) on October 31, 2009 5:14 PM

Salam,

Saya bukan pakar ekonomi. Cuba bagi idea, mana tahu kot2 berkesan.

Berkaitan pasaran anatarabangsa, saya fikir pihak pengurusan Proton dah tahu kat mana depa boleh pi dan kat mana depa ada ruang dan peluang. Bagaimanapun untuk pasaran dalam negara, kenapa kerajaan tak wujudkan peraturan semua kakitangan kerajaan dan GLC yang bercadang beli kereta dan wakil rakyat BNasional mesti beli sekurang2nya satu kereta Proton. Adakah terikat peraturan antarabangsa seperti AFTA? Kalau ada peraturan pun, sentiasa ada jalan penyelesaian kalau mahu.

Tak kiralah samada pinjaman kerajaan atau pinjaman bank, kakitangan kerajaan mesti beli sekurang2nya kereta Proton kalau bercadang nak beli kereta. Kalau tak mahu sokong dasar kerajaan, jangan kerja kerajaan.

Pegawai tinggi kerajaan yang bawa kereta Proton tu pun kebanyakan kereta itu kepunyaan kerajaan. Depa sendiri tak sokong dasar kerajaan. Ada yang tiga biji kereta kat rumah. Satu kereta proton,itu pun kereta kenderaan kerajaan. KETUA2 JABATAN YANG TAK SOKONG INDUSTRI TEMPATAN TAK LAYAK JADI KETUA! Cakap tak serupa bikin. Ada yang anak depa berkemampuan beli kereta mahal2, tapi tak nak beli Proton. Tak de kelas kot!

Kalau kereta Proton selalu buat hal, apalah salahnya berkorban sikit. Pekerja2 Proton itu kebanyakan anak2 Melayu. Bantulah dan kasihanilah anak orang lain seperti anak sendiri. Anak orang juga anak kita. Orang Muslim bersaudara. Bagilah semangat kat depa. Tapi yang malas2 tu, tolong pihak pengurusan Proton buat sesuatu. Bahagian servis Proton sangat lemah tetapi boleh dibaiki , malangnya pihak pengurusan nampak macam tak peduli apa pelanggan kata.

By Ir. Syahrizan  on October 31, 2009 3:42 PM

Dear Tun,

I beg to differ Tun, the reason you're seeing more Proton cars is because Malaysians are forced to buy one. Many thanks to the one-sided NAP policy, all import cars are charged with insanely high duty and tax. Making both Proton (and Perodua) "look" cheap while in fact there are not! Not to mention the quality.

Forgot to tell you Tun, can you justify (via Proton) why Sarawakians and Sabahans are charged with insanely high duty and tax import for Proton cars! Although they're Malaysians? Example, RM8,000 duty and tax for a GEN 2 in Sarawak? Looks like another "skim cepat kaya" by government.

NAP (National Automotive Policy) which protects our local car manufacturer (Proton and Perodua) is not entirely good news.

Among the new unfair ruling on NAP highlighted;

- 1) Vehicles which are 15 years old will need to be sent to Puspakom on yearly basis. (More "kantau" for JPJ and Puspakom, kudos to Najib!)
- 2) Ban on second hand import of car spare parts (all kedai "potong" will be out of business and Malaysians will be forced to buy expensive imported original parts).
- 3) Foreign firms can apply for manufacturing licenses to hold 100% shares in firms to produce vehicles with engine capacity of larger than 1,800cc and costing more than RM150,000. This will open up the upper end of the market while keeping the lower end where Proton and Perodua are protected. (Read it through, they still want to "pamper" Proton).

More info at this website below.

<http://paultan.org/2009/10/28/national-automotive-policy-2009-review-results/>

<http://paultan.org/2009/10/29/the-full-nap-review-released-by-miti/>

PROTON ABSURD PROTECTION?

There is NOTHING great with Proton, after 20 years protected by the “rakyat’s” money, they are still like the same old Proton Saga. If Proton higher management has the balls, please remove those non-performing senior executive in your office. These people should find ways to improve Proton’s QC/QA and not to find ways to squeeze more money from rakyat via NAP.

PROTON’S ABSURD CRONY VENDOR?

Even Hyundai is getting better than Proton! Imagine a car that hasn’t touch mileage 10,000 km already condemn! Battery down, suspension knocking, steering squeaking, power windows failing? Well, those are the fine trademark of a Proton. Anybody who owns a Proton knows all of these facts! When asked why it is like these? Just blame the vendor. Guess who are the vendors? Jeng jeng jeng!

NAP CREATED ANOTHER FIELD OF OPPORTUNITY FOR AP KINGS...

While Proton is car manufacturing entity (or rather I should called it as car assembler as most parts are outsourced from outside), the legendary AP kings lives on making money out from thin air! Kudos!

CONCLUSION ON NAP AND PROTON

Many thanks to NAP and Proton, Malaysian are forced to buy overpriced Tin Milo Proton. For those who never drive an import car, please do so, you’ll feel the whole difference; do not let your mindset narrowed down to Proton only. Its out hard earn monthly salary we are talking about. NAP and Proton are far from its original objectives, This is no longer about “National Car Protection”, its all about protecting your cronies! Am I right Tun?

By Hajar  on October 31, 2009 3:23 PM

Dearest YAB Tun,

1. Yes, I also notice that more new proton cars are around. Definitely that indicates something positive about the sales.
2. I support Tun’s move to make sure that Proton fully RECOVERS.
3. But as usual, some people are *UNHAPPY* (“hasad dengki”) to see such recovery, and try very hard to spread *RUMOURS* that can hinder the recovery process. Luckily, Tun can explain directly to the public through this blog.

Thanks so much Tun.

*** May Allah SWT bless Tun & family ***

By JJJ  on October 31, 2009 2:24 PM

salam Tun,

to adamjohari

"Comments should be constructive, or at least funny. They shouldn't be condemning like sypatracus'. Or sarcastic (in a bad way) like jalapeno's. Or just blatantly rude like Ravi's.

Biasela, small dogs bark the loudest."

Spot on Mr Adam.I couldn't have said it any better!

Bro Kamal Ahmad and Antikmalaya,
always looking forward to your writings..

wassallam

Jeng3

By JJJ  on October 31, 2009 2:09 PM

salam Tun,

to Ravi,

I think you are as good as a TIN KOSONG.Makes a lot of noise but the inside is empty.

Proton IS a well conceived idea.We must strive to turn it into a profitable entity.With Tun at the helm as advisor (and the whole world know what a good man like Tun can do),you can bet your bottom dollar that something good will happen.

Wanna bet? So please shut up.Your thinking reflects your devious intentions.

Jeng3

By al-Din  on October 31, 2009 1:54 PM

The epitome of buat kerja is the Palace (what a name?)of Justice, Putrajaya "KAMI BUAT KERJA" monstrously painted at the entrance of the building. Whose idea was it?. It is as if they are the only ones buat kerja.

The epitome of cari kerja (splitting hairs)is by the Nefarious One on Proton. He was harping on the poor quality of the cars but did not say how to improve it. He was about to get Toyota Camris for the police. VW was 'demanded' to be Proton's partner. Yes, he could call the shots at will. Was he dangling the RM200 million or so (from Petronas) carrot?

I wanted to be a strategic partner of Proton but landed with Perodua via Kancil and Rusa.

Now that Proton is backed by Tun, part of Vision 2020 will materialise. With regards to Vision 2020, I would like to advertise with your permission Tun:

By a stroke of luck I have the CAR PLATE NUMBER BY2020. It's for sale to the highest bidder starting with RM10K lowest (car not included for its already cannibalised). Contact me at <http://www.bookscape.blogspot.com>

By sully  on October 31, 2009 1:53 PM

Salam Hormat Dr Mahatdir

Saya mengucapkan selamat usha Tun memperjuangkan kebanggaan industri bangsa.Makin lama bangsa ini hanyut ke rah harus kehancuran perseketuan Tanah Melayu.Banyak penghianat bangsa coba menghancurkan bangsa dan tanan melayu.Mereka memang sudah tdk sadar diri.Yang paling untung ada lah bangsa asing dan mereka melaung2kan dan mencaci dan menghina

pemimpin2 kita. Kalau kita baca di Malaysiakini hampir 100% menentang kerajaan dan tidak hormat dengan Raja2 Melayu. Saya tidak faham mengapa kerajaan tegur atau haramkan Malaysiakini. Koment2 mereka menyinggung perasaan bangsa yang majority di tanah tercinta. Kami sudah terlalu sabar jangan sampai anggap kesabaran kelemahan kami. Coba lihat case nya Teoh belum ada yang jelaskan motifnya kalau kejadian tersebut kes pembunuhan. Mudah2an Tun dapat menyelamatkan project yang miliki bangsa ini.

By ExcellentThoughts  on October 31, 2009 1:35 PM

Dear Tun,

Its good to know you are helping to put Proton on the right track.
I find the proton parts very expensive I drive a Perdana v6 been driving for almost 4 years and now the gear box is giving problems.

I sent the car to proton to get it inspected they gave two options
either I replace the gear box which is staggering RM 21,000 or get it over haul for RM 10,000.

What saddens me is most V6s have got gear box problems and talk to people about perdana oh be careful gear box problems should I buy a new vehicle I am reluctant to go for proton cars.
they have kill the brand for ages people have been complaining about the substandard parts and it quality I hope proton will go forward and listen to its customers.

Take care Tun

By GenY  on October 31, 2009 1:11 PM

Dear Tun,

What makes you so sure that you can revive Proton?

Who on earth wants to partner with Proton?

I think you know very well what kind of cars or wheels they produced.

I bought a Waja and I can tell you that Malaysian cars are not up to the standard to compete locally let alone internationally.

Blame it on yourself by all your protective policies making Proton relying on the Government. They have never able to stand on its own without the Government's help. I REALLY DOUBT YOU CAN REVIVE IT.

Unless, you change all the staff in Proton that makes all those lousy cars with capable and knowledgeable people. Only then, you will have some hope.

You must realise that time has changed especially from your time.

By sikenit  on October 31, 2009 12:43 PM

Salam Tun berdua dan pembaca semua,

1. Semasa Proton Saga pertama dilancarkan, saya di UK, back in 1984, kalau tak silap.
2. Many English friends laughed at the idea that minnows Malaysia wanted to be a car producer.
3. In fact, many Malaysians back home also laughed at Tun's big and ambitious idea, can Malaysia really do it???
4. We did, and we continue doing it, till now. Along the way, there were hiccups, but we managed.
5. PROTON is MALAYSIA. Lest we forget.
- 6. Those who feels that it is okay to let go of Proton or even part of Proton, shows that they are willing to let go of MALAYSIA, or even part of Malaysia.**
7. These are people who doesn't love the country. FULL STOP.
8. Such people should leave the country and become citizens of other more developed country than Malaysia. After all, Malaysia is not good enough for them. And I am quite sure, Malaysia would do better without such people as her citizens.
9. When i recall how hard we had to justify Malaysia producing her own cars to the British, it irked more than just a little then, and it still irks me now when I hear Malaysians looking down at their own Proton. Yes, Proton is not totally high-end brand yet, but does that mean we should condemn it without giving our input to make it better? Jom lah kita kerja kuat untuk barangan kita, kenapa kita nak kutuk saja? Tahu kutuk saja kita-kita nih....
10. I rest my case.

Salam hormat semua, jaga diri, jaga solat. Pada ALLAH SWT jua kita berserah.

sikenit

By jayzek  on October 31, 2009 12:17 PM

Salam Tun,

Harap dapat sekiranya lambang Proton, kucing ternganga tu dapat ditukar. Lambang itu tidak commercial langsung.

Wassalam

Jayzek.

By Afandi  on October 31, 2009 12:06 PM

To let people grow – after giving the training and making clear of their expectation, is to let them have the free hand to manage. Giving them free hand has to come with consistent monitoring. It has to be periodic. For people with proven track record we check on them at the end of time given to finish their task. For new or a rookie we have to check on them regularly within the given time for their assignment to see if they are on the right track.

In the case of GLC, many say that PROTON and other GLC such as Telekom has to be left alone. It should not be left alone!. The questions to ask

- 1) It is to be left alone but from whom?
- 2) Does this guarantee the best performance?.
- 3) What are the better things to do?

It should be left alone from whom?

I am pretty sure as that it is true as per my writing in my blog “ Why Malaysia is a good country and almost the best?” that Proton and other GLC’s have all in place proper systems and procedures I place. Yup, I guess everybody knows the answer.

It should be left alone from its abusing and ineffective managers. They are to be retrained, reassigned, demoted or even removed.

It should be left alone from politics or politicians in term of intervention of operation and decision making. Especially in term of procurement and vendor programs.

Government should intervene and are responsible as they are the largest and substantial shareholder. But how do they intervene? By appointing qualified board of director (not those director who has retired and retired on the directorship without much aggression for the sake of allowance and contributes nothing). It has to be a powerful board of director!. By appointing the qualified CEO and senior executives.

Does this guarantee the best performance?

Not necessarily. The management skills and awareness has to be balanced. They have to carry performance and they have to carry good cause.

Recently Telekom has come under attack for awarding contract direct to foreign entity. Zam Zam, the CEO defended the move saying that it is to ensure that the project is smooth because it is critical and Malaysia does not have the expertise and experience.

I don’t think that is true. And I don’t think is wrong either. I think it is wrongly done and tackle. The problem is, in the past was the principle doest not perform and fully committed to perform as they have the local partner to blame. They only think of their profit and refused to support and commit because they are not contractually binded. Telekom are stuck. So Telekom devise and decided to sign direct with the principle.

The truth is they still have and need local partner. The principle DOEST NOT HAVE the expertise to install, to manage the whole project because the principle does not want to invest in too many people for short and medium term projects.

The failure is that Telekom let principle dictate all the pricing. To win these tender, principle cut the cost. Unfortunately they cut the cost in the area of jobs to be given to local partner.

What alternative that should possible be devised? Maybe the principle are to be awarded directly but Telecom need to dictate the fix percentages of especially the job scope to be given by the principle to local partner. Telekom is to see through that the percentages are given!.

This might happened if you let GLC a free hand without monitoring. CEO of the GLC should be performance driven professional with good cause in mind.

What are the better things to do?

Government need look for talents outside of its current database. Government really needs to establish independently strong, aggressive and knowledgeable board of directors for GLC.

<http://www.afandi-bereng.blogspot.com>

Ps. Malaysia macam tu lah... kalau ada benda baru ..semua ikut nak buat..imitate but creative executelah...tanya org kalau tak tau... jgn syok2 sendiri je..

By [HOT ZOOM](#) on [October 31, 2009 12:00 PM](#)

Salam,

Sebab apa harga kereta proton kat malaysia mahal berbanding ngan harga untuk luar negeri.

Kereta proton yang di eksport lebih berkualiti dan harga lebih murah.

tapi keta proton yg dijual kat malaysia mahal dan kualiti jauh lebih rendah dari yg dieksport.

jadi jangan kejaan marah kalau ramai rakyat malaysia tak nak beli keta jenama proton dan lebih cenderung kepada krta import

<http://www.zoompanas2.com/2009/10/hangat-dr-asri-akan-sertai-parti.html>

By [tz](#) on [October 31, 2009 11:18 AM](#)

I have only 1 last question:

1) How can you tolerate a low quality power windows supplier to supply to Proton for 25 years?

By [tz](#) on [October 31, 2009 11:15 AM](#)

1) The only reason why Proton can survived is in a protective market, and sacrifice all consumer's choice.

2) The company is not competitive in world wide or the region, since the Government keep feeding them with tax payers money as R&D, etc

3) Government should not involved in Proton any longer, and let it be run privately and compete in the region. After 25 years of giving so many money and still failed, it is time to reconsider this is a worth tax payer's money anymore.

4) Isn't it the purpose is providing a competitive price of car to the public instead of making Malaysia's car price is the 2nd highest in the world? Our earning is not the 2nd highest in the world!

5) Please do not torture the future generation anymore with this auto-industry policy. All the people spending more than half the earning to own a CAR! that is crazy.

Those who is given fish, will not learn how to fish. This has been proven for 25 years.

Tun, please look from the low level income people point of view rather than protecting the high income people. They have earn enough for 25 years.

By Hanom  on October 31, 2009 10:50 AM

Thank You Tun, you are a saver. I'm still a strong believer of your dreams, for Malaysia to have its home grown cars, and now Proton can proudly stand on its own. With your dreams becoming the reality, my family and many other Malaysians can own a car for almost 25 years since it was introduced (kami berpijak di bumi nyata). Insya'allah Tun with your passion and love for Proton, the company and our cars can prosperous. True Malaysian supports you and Proton.

By nahar  on October 31, 2009 10:20 AM

Tun ;

PROTON ADALAH MARUAH BANGSA.

Olih itu kepada Tun lah rakyat berharap agar berusaha terus mengekalkan kesinambungan dan kelangsungannya agar mejadi sebuah KONGLOMERAT(conglomerate) Malaysia yang berjaya yang menjadi kebanggaan rakyat. Barangkali Tun mempunyai banyak idea agar Proton terus maju.

Untuk menjayakan sesuatu projek besar seperti Proton bukanlah satu perkara yang mudah kerana memerlukan usaha yang lama hingga puluhan tahun malahan ada yang hampir satu abad(Mercedes, Volvo, Fiat, Austin, Opel, Ford, Mitsuhishi, Toyota dll) untuk menikmati kejayaan atau hasil kerjanya yang sebenar. Walaupun ada yang telah gulung tikar tetapi itu harus menjadi contoh dan pengajaran kepada kita(mempelajari melalui kesilapan mereka)

Kita lihat sahaja pengusaha kereta lain di dunia(Jepun, Korea dan Cina) yang berusaha begitu gigih puluhan tahun malahan melebihi setengah abad dengan menempuh berbagai liku-liku dengan melakukan berbagai strategi untuk menempa kejayaan demi kejayaan bagi memenuhi matlamat perjuangan bangsa mereka

Tetapi jika kita membuat keputusan menutup atau memusnahkannya; hanya memerlukan masa yang pendek sahaja untuk bertindak, sekaligus usaha yang kita telah lakukan selama bertahun-tahun itu menjadi sia-sia.

Saranan agar Proton dijual bukanlah satu saranan yang bijak, sebaliknya merupakan saranan yang melemah dan melunturkan semangat perjuangan.

Proton adalah kebanggaan rakyat Malaysia dan perlu diteruskan dengan mungkin boleh melakukan beberapa strategi:-

1 Sentiasa menerajui dari segi harga yang munasabah dan mampu dibeli oleh semua orang tanpa mengorbankan kualiti. Proton tidak terlalu memikirkan keuntungan yang terlalu besar sehingga gandaan billion ringgit pada peringkat awal persaingan untuk mencari populariti dan keluasan pasaran tetapi tidak pula harus rugi sehingga membebankan negara dan yang berkepentingan.

2 Untuk tidak bersifat statik, Proton seharusnya berusaha sendiri dan mampu manipulasikan kemudahan dan peralatan sedia ada diguna sepenuhnya. Barangkali Proton harus secara proaktif memanfaatkan chassis dan platform sedia ada(Saga, Wira, Satria, Waja, Savy, Gen2) untuk menghasilkan model harga murah yang diubah suai bentuknya(diolah semula melalui usaha

kreatif dan inovatif secara proaktif mengaplikasikan semula model tersebut kepada bentuk lain melalui ubahsuai). Mungkin Proton telah berusaha kearah itu.

3 Secara proaktif dan inovatif, kebarangkalian Cassis model VAN JUARA yang kurang popular itu; jika boleh diusahakan oleh unit R & D Proton diguna untuk buat MPV, SUV dan model HiLux atau Storm(kerana perlukan kerangka tetulang yg kukuh) yang kini kian diminati ramai.

4 Proton seharusnya berusaha untuk lakukan sendiri(tanpa menunggu rakan kongsi) bagi menghasilkan model baru bagi memenuhi citarasa pengguna yang cepat berubah dan inginkan sedikit kelainan serta pilihan yang pelbagai atas jenama/model yang sama; seperti yang dilakukan oleh Jepun, Korea dan kini diikuti Cina juga.

5 Proton harus menjadi peneraju di Malaysia; memulakan projek kereta berkuasa elektrik atau hybrid bagi kegunaan tempatan dan eksport.

6 Walaupun Proton telah menampakkan usaha kearah itu(syabash diucapkan), tetapi apa yang perlu ialah melakukannya secara berterusan dalam unit R & D mereka bagi menyediakan seberapa banyak model prototype(model-model pelapis) dan teknologi mesin terkini agar dapat secara berterusan mengeluarkan model baru bagi memenuhi citarasa pengguna yang sentiasa cepat berubah.

7 PROTON TIDAK PERLU BIMBANG DENGAN KOMEN-KOMEN NEGATFF TENTANG PENCIPTAAN MODEL KELUARANNYA YG DISUARAKAN OLEH BANYAK PIHAK, TERMASUK PESAING DAN PIHAK YG IRI HATI; kerana sebenarnya Proton mampu lakukan walaupun tidak setanding dengan model terdekat yang diimport.

8 Lambat laun Proton juga satu hari nanti akan dapat setanding dengan kereta import seperti Jepun & Korea(lihat saja Cina yang sedang giat berusaha ke arah itu).

9 Kita harus ingat bahawa Jepun(dalam era 60~70an dahulu) mengalami nasib yang sama, malahan kereta buatan Jepun ketika itu menjadi bahan ketawa pengeluar Barat dan pengguna. Saya masih ingat ketika zaman persekolahan orang kata kereta Jepun dibuat dari tin milo kerana lembut.

10 Unit R & D Proton sudah pastinya boleh lakukan jika yakin dan mahu berusaha melakukannya kearah yang lebih kreatif membuat kajian terhadap model-model sedia ada agar dapat diubahsuai menjadi model MPV atau SUV mengikut trend kegemaran sekarang.

11 Ini tidak mustahil, kerana jika dilihat beberapa model MPV dari Jepun dan Korea mereka melakukannya adalah berasaskan kepada chassis kereta saloon juga yang diubahsuai sistem gantungan, saiz roda, seat serta bumbung yang ditinggikan dan chassis diperkukuhkan(lihat saja model Hyundai Matrix, Kenari, Harrier/Lexus, Getz, Honda Stream, KIA Carens dan banyak lagi).

12 Hanya dengan menguasai bidang membuat acuan sendiri(dilakukan dinegara ini) saja satu-satunya jalan yang membolehkan Proton dapat membuat perubahan bentuk dan model dengan cepat. Ini tidak mustahil dilakukan jika ada minat dan kerajinan berfikir dikalangan Jurutera yang berdidikasi..

13 Jika Foundry Besi haram milik orang Cina yang banyak didapati diseluruh negara boleh lakukan kerja-kerja yang bermacam-macam seperti membuat acuan mould ini dan komponen tiruan yang bermacam; kenapa pula tidak Proton yang mempunyai banyak kelebihan untuk keperluannya sendiri?.

14 Jika tidak Proton harus mempelajari dan menguasai bidang ini, atau paling tidaknya melantik vendor yang boleh diharap dan sanggup berkerjasama rebah bangun bersama Proton, terutama dikalangan pengusaha tempatan yang betul-betul komited..

15 Dalam hal ini cuma kemahuan dan komitmen yang kreatif, rajin dan proaktif sahaja perlu ada di kalangan kakitangan bahagian R & D nya. **UNTUK ITU PROTON HARUS MEMBERIKAN GANJARAN KEPADA PEREKA CIPTA ATAU PEKERJA YANG KREATIF INI.**

16 Jika tiada orang yang berinisiatif dan bermotivasi sedemikian dalam Proton, maka Proton harus memupuk budaya kerja seperti mana yang dimiliki oleh Jurutera-jurutera di Jepun, Korea, Taiwan dan Cina. Hanya dengan cara itu sajalah Proton boleh lakukan design sendiri atau lakukan reverse engineering tanpa perlu membeli teknologi atau bergantung kepada bantuan dari luar selama-lamanya.

17 Jurutera-jurutera harus dapat mengaplikasikan bidang mereka(seperti mana bidang kedokteran yang meletakkan tangan mereka sendiri kepada pesakit) pada landasan yang betul dan tidak hanya berminat melakukan kerja-kerja mirip kepada pengurusan yang lari dari bidang atau profesionalisma yang dipelajari.

18 Mungkin banyak alasan-alasan boleh diberikan, tetapi persoalannya, kenapa orang lain (Korea, Cina, Jepun dan juga Taiwan) boleh lakukan sendiri sehingga boleh mencipta bermacam-macam mesen sendiri; sedangkan kita pula tidak. Apakah kelebihan mereka itu?. Atau adakah kita ingin mengekalkan tanggapan stereotype(malas berfikir, tidak kreatif, tidak berinovatif dan tidak boleh di harap) oleh golongan tertentu itu?.

19 Apakah Barat lebih agung dari Timur yang diketahui masa silamnya banyak mencuri, merompak dan menciplak serta mengkaji khazanah ilmu dari Timur(tanpa ada sesiapa mempersoalkannya) dan kini telah menjadi peneraju yang angkuh dalam berbagai bidang?. Sikap rajin, kreatif, inovatif dan proaktif mereka itu telah menjadikan mereka lebih maju sekarang.

20 Proton harus maklum bahawa harapan kepada bantuan kepakaran luar selama-lamanya belum tentu dapat berlaku secara berterusan. Dari segi keikhlasan mereka untuk membantu kepada tahap seratus peratus tanpa ada apa-apa kepentingan kepada mereka.

21 Harapan untuk technology transfer selalunya sukar atau jarang berlaku atau lambat atau jika berlaku ianya ada masaalah dan separuh jalan, terutama yang berkaitan dengan hak reka cipta dan hak intelek yang boleh mendatangkan keuntungan dari segi ekonomi dan perdagangan.

22 Ketakutan paling utama yang kita harus terima hakikatnya ialah apabila Proton boleh memberi saingan ketara kepada mereka kelak. Jadi jika ingin dapat lebih dan terus maju kenalah berusaha sendiri sepertimana mereka(negara industri lain) juga yang bersusah payah sebelumnya bagi mendapatkan sesuatu hasil ciptaan untuk dibanggakan.

23 Barangkali Proton harus lakukan reverse engineering jika ingin terus maju dan berkembang bagi menghasilkan rekabentuk. Cara remeh ini kurang dilakukan Jurutera tempatan. Mungkin mereka tidak berminat atau menganggap satu kerja bodoh. Tetapi itulah yang dilakukan oleh Jepun, Cina dan Korea sebagai satu jalan untuk mereka menguasai teknologi tersebut yang tidak mahu bergantung selama-lama nya kepada Barat.

24 Sebenarnya kaedah mencuri, meniru, meniplak dan mengkaji teknologi orang lain ini telah lama dilakukan oleh Jurutera-jurutera Barat seperti Amerika, Rusia dan negara Barat lainnya. Ini dapat kita lihat dalam industri pertahanan, angkasa lepas & nuklear. Mereka saling mencuri teknologi antara satu sama lain untuk dikaji dan dimajukan di negara mereka.

25 Kita biasa dengar pihak USA pernah mencuri teknologi supersonik MIG, Sukhoi dan program angkasa lepas sputnik Rusia dan begitulah sebaliknya Rusia pula pernah mencuri teknologi F-18 dan teknologi kapal terbang pengitip USA ketika mendarat kecemasan di Cina(pakar-pakar Rusia dan Cina bekerjasama). Mereka sanggup DISMANTLE dan pasang semula kepada keadaan asal.

26 Kaedah itu kini ditiru pula oleh Cina, Jepun, Korea dan negara lain dalam berbagai industri pembuatan. Adakah Jurutera-jurutera dan cindikiawan kita sanggup lakukan sehingga sedemikain rupa.?

27 Apakah kita ingin mahu terus kekal dengan pandangan stereo-type yang kita dilebelkan(iaitu malas berfikir, tidak inovatif, tidak kreatif, tidak boleh diharap dan tidak proaktif) sedangkan bangsa lain itu terlalu gigih sehingga sanggup berusaha mengintip dan meniru rahsia teknologi dan kelebihan terbaru pihak lawan dengan cara smart; untuk diaplikasi dan dimajukan di negara masing-masing.

28 Proton telah mengambil alih Lotus & MV Agusta(telah dijual). Tujuan pembeliannya sedia maklum iaitu agar dapat menggunakan kepakaran sedia ada daripada mereka. Harapan itu mungkin ada sedikit pencapaian tetapi tidak secerah yang diharapkan.

29 Kita harus maklum, bahawa tidak semua orang dengan sewenang-wenangnya sanggup menurunkan seluruh ilmu yang dimiliki, (terutama yang mempunyai ciri-ciri dan nilai-nilai strategik ekonomi dan perniagaan) tanpa sebab-sebab tertentu.

30 Jalan yang paling terbaik ialah berusaha sendiri mengembangkan ilmu asas yang telah diperolehi itu dengan berusaha sendiri sama ada dengan mengintai-intai cara yang dilakukan orang lain untuk mengetahui cara yang mereka lakukan untuk mempertingkatkan rekapipta.

31 Kita harus yakin pada kebolehan diri sendiri(anak bangsa sendiri). Jadi kepada rakyat Malaysia janganlah saja-saja membesar-besarkan perkara dengan buat komen melulu yang tidak menunjukkan semangat perjuangan bangsa(pengisiannya masih belum selesai) dan tidak menunjukkan sikap patriotik(seperti mana patriotik nya orang Jepun, Korea, Cina dan orang Barat juga).

By omarkhayam  on October 31, 2009 9:51 AM

Salam Tun,

I agree with the suggestion by Encik Kamal Ahmad, that you spend a few days in a month to meet or have lunch or breakfast with the working level at the plant. They can tell you alot, be it

negative or positive. But please do not penalise the 'messenger' as he or she is talking on behalf of the working group. It may be a negative comment but he or she will open up to you. If possible, do it at Petronas as well. You can hear what they will tell you. You do not need the Managers to accompany you during the chatting session. You can learn alot. Thanking you in advance.

By RA  on October 31, 2009 9:47 AM

Salam hormat & salam 1 Malaysia Yg Bhg Tun,

Sebagai rakyat Malaysia yang menghayati jati diri yang tulin, kita sewajarnya amat bersyukur ke hadhrat Allah S.W.T kerana dengan taufik hidayah dan keizininannya kereta buatan rakyat Malaysia berjenama PROTON berjaya dilaksanakan. Kita juga sepatutnya berbangga dengan kejayaan Negara Malaysia mencipta kenderaan buatan sendiri. Yg Bhg Tun semasa mengetuai Kepimpinan Negara sebagai Perdana Menteri ke 4 selama 22 tahun (1981 - 2003) dengan minda bernas dan bijaksana kurniaan Allah S.W.T telah mencetuskan berbagai idea dan berjaya direalisasikan untuk pembangunan Negara Malaysia diantaranya mewujudkan Kereta Nasional buatan sendiri. Kereta Nasional PROTON telah melalui tempoh pasang surutnya dari segi pembangunannya. Namun demikian dengan usaha gigih Kumpulan Pengurusan, seluruh tenaga kerja Proton dan sokongan rakyat, Proton dapat terus bertahan dan mencapai kemajuan sehingga ke hari ini.

Kereta Nasional Proton sewajarnya mendapat sokongan penuh dari kerajaan dan rakyat Malaysia untuk ianya terus maju dan mencipta nama Malaysia dipersada dunia. Sewaktu saya berpeluang melancong ke beberapa buah negara luar saya amat berbangga melihat kereta Nasional Proton berada di jalan raya negara yang dilawati. Inilah satu diantara mercu tanda kebanggaan negara yang dipelopori oleh Yg Bhg Tun. Harga kereta Nasional Proton haruslah lebih kompetitif (lebih rendah) dari kereta jenama lain termasuk yang diimport dari luar supaya rakyat Malaysia dari semua lapisan mampu memilikinya.

Kereta Nasional seharusnya kekal milik Negara Malaysia untuk sepanjang zaman. Amat malang jika ada usaha untuk menjualnya ke pihak lain (dalam atau luar negara). Berkongsi teknologi dengan negara lain yang lebih berpengalaman dalam sains dan teknologi automatif amatlah digalakkan demi meningkatkan mutu kereta Nasional Proton dari masa ke semasa. Kereta Nasional Proton janganlah dijadikan isu politik oleh mana-mana parti politik samada parti kerajaan atau pembangkang. Ambillah contoh seperti negara Jepun dan Korea yang telah begitu berjaya merekacipta kereta nasional mereka dan menjadi kebanggaan semua rakyatnya. Saya pernah berpeluang belajar di negara Jepun dimana semangat jati diri rakyatnya amat tinggi dalam semua aspek yang menyentuh kemajuan negara mereka.

Sekian, terima kasih.

Moga-moga Allah S.W.T. sentiasa memelihara kesejahteraan Yg Bhg Tun dan terus menyumbang kepada pembangunan negara. Wassalam.

By shahrul  on October 31, 2009 9:20 AM

Sales of Saga & Exora souldn't be a good indicator to the investors. The advisor should look at the total cars sales & the internal conflict. Why the senior staff worried when they are the one who lets Proton go to its downfall. Poor proper business planning, poor execution, poor talent development & unsustainable etc2. Many good people from Proton left because of "kecil hati".

Proton also failed to develop vendor & sustain local vendor. Many Exora & Saga parts are made from ASEAN countries & yet they claim its locally produced. Why Proton go to Lotus to develop engine with High Torque when others prefer high power engine with hibryd or green policy & light weight? Why won't Proton learns from others to develop new car passenger in various segment and won't canibalize each others? No 4x4 segment, no Luxury, no trucks or no heavy machinery then how to compete globally?

Perodua of compact segment market in Malaysia is only 30 to 35%, but Others percentage is shared with Toyota, Honda, Isuzu, Hyundai, kia, Naza..bla..bla..

Proton is still young at age of 20s compares to others. Wise people always say if you wat cut down a tree in 8 hour, it is better to spend 6 hour in sharpening your axe and better to make your roots stronger if you want to grow stronger. Looking at Hyundai history, Proton may end up the same if no proper action is taken. And try to learn from Chevrolet in 1970s blunder, Daihatsu blunder, UK car automaker, & others. Why India & Chinese automaker are getting stronger?

Their governments help them to acquires European companies and they are utilizing it completely. At this economy condition, Proton should acquires another European car when they are saling at cheap price such as Volvo, Saab, and others. This is what Chinese automakers do. Not only the brand they are lacking of but they also get the Technical knowledge from the automaker the acquired in which Proton failed to do.

Writing too much also wasting our time as we know, like Proton will listen?

By Redhuan D. Oon  on October 31, 2009 8:36 AM

Tun,

Proton in some ways survive in a protected market. Nothing wrong. The West does it with their overwhelming political arm-wrining via their global WTOs.

But what it can is to cushion the imminent threat - global competitiveness, of which we are way far too outclassed. We do have stars but sadly Asians have a thick kiasu syndrome - they are in denial of their weaknesses and cover them up.

We only rile in the good news. Pretty much like yesterday's journalists, writing about yesterday's news. No one dares to give the bad news.

Our top university, University Malaya is ranked 180th in the world. We are still nowhere compared to Hong Kong or Singapore. And we refused to admit where we are. We call 180th ranking as progress because previously UM was at around 230th.

Yes, we must think positive. But we have to accept where we stand, then only we strive endlessly. Today we see our people's lack in urgency and mediocre consumeristic lifestyles. We build a bridge that fails and kills 3 kids recently. No one bothers to slam the contractor involved. It is still the tidak apa attitude true and true.

It is time we wake up to the fact that we need stronger and visionary leadership that does not shows it is satisfied with the status quo and keeping up with the kiasus next door.

It is time Malaysia produce its own 'gift to the world'.

Redhuan D. Oon

Leader of the ADempiere Project

By Koe  on October 31, 2009 8:21 AM

Assalamualaikum (w.b.t) Tun,

I'm a proud Malaysian, especially during the time when you were at the helm. I hope the current PM can bring back the glory since all are one now. Anyway, I have no problem with Proton and I support them with all my heart. But I would like to bring your attention to other area so called 'used auto parts business'. We discussed this before albeit short one during your son's raya open house about 2 years back.

There is a proposal to ban the importation of used auto parts by June 2011. I honestly think that this has to be reconsidered thoroughly before being implemented. Although I suspect the reason behind it is to protect the local industry, the loss that will result from the ban is quite enormous in terms of pecuniary and non pecuniary. The reasons are;

1. Used auto parts is an established and an international business with players from all over the world.
2. The used items are comprised of all small parts like starter, alternator, power steering pump, steering rack, as well as engines and half cuts.
3. Currently also in existence is a rebuild industry for buses and trucks which are legally done with the approval from the Miti, Custom, Ministry of Transport etc. I believe some of the companies involved are also listed in Bursa Malaysia. In doing so some of the parts (used) are brought in either from Japan or Europe and are assembled here (rebuild).
4. Inter alia, the players involved are importers (mainly Malaysians) , exporters (Japan, Australia, New Zealand , UK and other European countries), workshops (both local and international), Customs, forwarders, freight forwarders, bankers (perhaps as long as well), and end users (local-very small number but international buyers-so many of them).
5. Even in Malaysia alone, there are many buyers coming from Saudi Arabia, Emirates, South Africa, North Africa, West Africa, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, USA, Europe etc. Some of them also buying direct from Japan but many of them prefer buying from Malaysia because it's more convenient for them in terms of language, lodging etc.
6. As a matter of fact, in some countries this industry is regulated and monitored properly and is also known as 're-cycling industry' whereby a certain standard of ISO is given to ensure that it's clean, safe and does not create any pollution.
7. Even Thailand (since Miti like to use this country as a comparison) , has this established business and they also have vast network worldwide. In Bangkok alone there is at least four huge areas that specifically catered for this kind of business.

Finally I seriously hope that the government will consider again the proposal and take into account all the factors I mentioned herewith because I can't stand to imagine the huge loss it results to the government income.

Yours Faithfully,
A Barrister

By aghani  on October 31, 2009 6:53 AM

Salam Tun,

You are right. Leave PROTON and PETRONAS alone. They should be managed by professionals. Dont let the politicians run PROTON and PETRONAS.

Best regards

By abdrahim1953  on October 31, 2009 6:52 AM

salam tun sekeluarga.saya ni orang biasa aje.nak komen sikit tentang kereta malaysia nih.saya ada beli 4 buah semuanya kereta baru.tak ade komen.TUN BOLEH TAK UPAH ORANG BUAT RUPA MODELNYA CANTIK SEDIKIT DARI HONDA CIVIC,BMW 318i,baru nampak GAH.NI TENGOK PROTON SAGA YANG NIH LAA...RUPA DIA TAK BEST.

By Mohd Azwan Abu Bakar  on October 31, 2009 5:35 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Semoga sihat sejahtera hendaknya...

Proton merupakan produk kebanggaan negara namun ada beberapa persoalan yang membuatkan saya terfikir mengapa Proton seperti 'double-standard' kepada rakyat Malaysia sendiri.

#1 - Mengapa harga kereta Proton diluar negara jauh lebih murah jika dibandingkan di Malaysia (setelah nilai tukaran wang dilakukan)

#2 - Mengapa kereta Proton yang dieksport ke luar negara jauh lebih baik dari segi kualiti dan tawaran pembelian juga amat-amat jauh lebih menarik daripada di Malaysia.

#3 - Mengapa Proton tidak menjaga perasaan pemebeli kereta Proton yang mana dengan sewenang-wenangnya menurunkan harga sesebuah model Proton setelah sedikit aksesori dikurangkan pada kereta tersebut.

#4 - Mengapa kereta Proton yang dieksport ke negara China perlu ditukar namanya ke 'Eurostar' sedangkan ini hanya akan mengurangkan popularitu Proton disana.

Di harap Proton sedia maklum tentang 'mengapa' ini.

<http://ralatitunormal.blogspot.com>

By EzaqFarid  on October 31, 2009 4:58 AM

Syabas Proton...

Saya ingin memberi sedikit pandangan serta komen.

Pada pandangan saya harga kereta keluaran Proton agak tinggi berbanding harga kereta Proton yang di eksport keluar negara.Mengapa ini berlaku???

Contoh 1:

Harga Persona di Saudi = SR 36,100

Harga Gen2 di Saudi = SR 33,600

Harga Waja di Saudi = SR 37,950

1 Saudi Riyal = RM 0.94

Maknanya harga Persona di Saudi = RM 33,934
Maknanya harga Proton Gen2 di Saudi = RM 32,256
Maknanya harga Waja di Saudi = RM 35,673 aje...

Berapa harga kereta yang saya sebutkan itu di Malaysia??? lebih mahalkan?

Contoh 2:

Harga sebuah proton Gen2 terpakai tahun 2008 sekitar 6500pound di Britian. Sekiranya di tukarkan ke nilai ringgit bersamaan RM36000.

Memang masuk akal. Tapi sedarkah kita, harga set Tandoori di Britian sekitar 6pound, bersamaan RM34 mahalnye...! Berapa harga Set tandoori di kebanyakan restoren nasi kandar di Malaysia? sekitar RM 6 sahaja. Saya berkata begini kerana gaji seorang pekerja di Malaysia contohnya RM3000 jika dia dipindah bekerja di Britian adakah dia akan diupah 530pound?. Nak makan tandoori pun tak lepas. Nak sewa rumah lagi..Nilaian mata wang di Britian berbanding kos sara hidup di sana jika di congak adalah lebih kurang sama dengan di Malaysia. Mengapa harga Gen2 terpakai di Malaysia tidak berharga RM 6500???

Harga yang murah ini telah termasuk pelbagai kos pegimportan, pengangkutan, cukai dsb..tapi yang menghairankan, ia masih murah berbanding di Malaysia.

Saya sekadar memberi pandangan, kerana kita harus sedar bahawa rakyat makin cerdik dan celik IT. Segala maklumat di hujung jari. Kita akan melihat deretan kereta keluaran nasional di jalan-jalan raya Malaysia sekiranya Proton mengkaji semula harga jualannya. Mungkin ia akan lebih memberi keuntungan kepada Proton...Fikirkanlah.

By der Ausländer  on October 31, 2009 4:51 AM

Dear Tun,

1. In order to be successful, Proton must be given a free hand.
2. We have seen many failed GLC's in the recent years.
3. Not to mention many failed GLC leaders too.
3. In my research, one of the reasons being a lack of empowerment given to the leaders of the GLC's.
4. The government should let these leaders manage the companies.
5. How do we expect these chosen or appointed (by the government) leaders to perform and turn the companies around if they are continuously being shackled by the Board of Directors who are mainly government officers?
6. Why is it so difficult to give these leaders the empowerment?
7. If the government cannot trust these leaders to manage the companies, why appoint them in the first place?
8. Surely they should be given the mandate to make decisions in the best interest of the company?
9. Surely these leaders were appointed to steer the company rather than being bogged down by the government bureaucratic processes not to mention the rims and endless Board Papers and Business Plans?
10. Perhaps they were appointed merely as scapegoats?
11. Alas, I am absolutely certain that Proton will continue to defy the odds and continue to be a success story.

12. I also hope Proton will be a long lasting legacy for our future generations.

13. With your great passion, I can't see it will fail.

By CCB  on October 31, 2009 4:36 AM

Tun,

ini kali pertama saya menulis dlm ruangan ini, mohon maaf sekiranya terlanjur kata. pertama, kenyataan Tun yg menggambarkan seolah2 majoriti masyarakat msia menggemari jenama proton adalah salah sama sekali. Tun sendiri sepatutnya tau bahwa satu-satunya sebab proton laris dijual d pasaran tempatan adalah kerana harga kereta import yg mahal, tupun sebab kerajaan kenakan 200% cukai import. itu menjadikan kenderaan impot msia paling mahal d dunia!!! walaupun dah berdekad porton ditubuhkan, sampai skarang kualitinya dari segi keselamatan dan mekanikal masih d paras kesian~(tuk makluman pembaca lain, sbm proton bole dijual kat eropah, kena modify dulu tuk upgrade safety feats). atas sebab itulah jugak yg menyumbang keatas peningkatan kes2 kematian d jalan raya. kalo tak percaya, baca akhbar harian dan buat kajian sendiri, saban hari menyatakan si mati adalah pemandu kereta nasional(kebetulan kot? =).

kedua, apa salahnya kalo proton dijual? dah tiba masanya pun tuk bersaing secara sihat walhal dah berbilion ringgit dibuang tatkala menjaga 'air muka' negara. kerajaan seharusnya mendedahkan betapa tenatnya proton kini. kan volkswagon dah berminat nak beli 51% pegangan saham, sampai bila kerajaan msia nak berkelakuan 'bodoh sombong'? kalian fikirkan la faedah yg mampu diperoleh sekiranya wang yg dibazirkan tu digunakan tuk tujuan pertanian, pendidikan dll. kena ingat, maruah tak boleh mengenyangkan perut. juga sekiranya teda proton, maka teda cukai import 200%. bermakna semua lapisan masyarakat msia termasuklah berpendapatan rendah akan mampu perolehi kereta2 import yg jauh lebih berkualiti demi keselesaan dan keselamatan keluarga. tuk makluman kalian, kereta toyota camry hanyalah berharga rm75-80 ribu di pasaran antarabangsa. tak percaya, selidik harga pasaran s'pore, brunei, indon etc. sedangkan proton waja lebih kurang rm60ribu. malaysia boleh? buat malu saja.

ketiga, kalo benar pun segelintir pekerja kilang proton akan dibuang kerja, biarkan lah saja. dah menjadi lumrah kehidupan zaman globalisasi. takan demi segelintir pekerja, seluruh 27juta penduduk msia dipaksa berkorban demi menjaga kesinambungan dan air muka kereta nasional? pada hemat saya, dah berpuluh tahun proton diberi peluang tuk memajukan diri. tongkatnya pun wajar dikembalikan. kalo masih tempang, biarkan la dia mati berkubur. sekian.

sekiranya ada sebarang kesalahan bahasa mahupun fakta, diharap Tun betulkan. saya ni dah lama tak berbahasa msia sebenarnya, maklumla bersekolah d luar negara.

By Gopal Raj Kumar  on October 31, 2009 2:53 AM

It is a necessity for developing countries to find their own alternatives to importing goods like automobiles that are a drain on precious foreign exchange reserves. Cars are but one of these goods.

For all intents and purposes the Proton has done its job in this respect. It now needs to diversify its activities into manufacture of automotive related products (essential hig turnover spares) instead of relying on the car alone.

There is a very large and significant international market out there for quality affordable generic parts (fast moving parts) a niche which Proton may be able to satisfy with a little planning.

Cars like Proton have been the staple of fuel economy conscious markets. That trend is unlikely to abate for obvious reasons.

If Proton took a creative approach to marketing its vehicles such as by offering 'free roadside assistance' for say 2 years on each new car purchased, and support a safe driver, safe driving education programme, it will gain the upper hand, increase work opportunities (including private automobile contractors throughout the country) and assist in reducing road accidents.

The car and the company will be associated with quality drivers, quality assurance, endorsed by a statement of quality from its manufacturer with the 'free roadside assistance' guarantee (conditions attached of course) to set it in a class of its own. Branding is everything these days

Sales is something that requires creativity. You can sell anything if it can be financed. And it is in the financing of the product that the real money is made.

My two cents worth.

By sitinur  on October 31, 2009 2:09 AM

Asalamualaikum...nak ngadulah kut kat bapak ni....la ni makin lama rasa mcm pm n d gang nak buat duit atas kedhaifan kebanyakan org m'sia....dulu depa buat cadangan keta lbh 15thn suh beli keta baru..

la ni suh p puspakom pulak biler nak perbaharui roadtax...aiyooo...

insurans dahlah mahai..gaji ciput...kaler boss kata ekonomi tak baik tak naik gaji lak....segala menda mahai...abis kami2 yg duk keja kilang ni bertambah sempit lah....ceq yg sensorg ni pun tak cukup duit....o..senang gini lah kut apa kata kerajaan buat asrama

mcm asrama sekolah...mana2 yg tak kawin lg duk asrama..kerajaan pun dapat duit masuk..kaler asrama yg org persendirian buat mmg banyak tapi duit takde lah masuk kat kerajaan...kami2 yg gaji ciput miput ni lega ckit perasaan...

tapi jgnlah pengangkutan awam bagus giler...sian kat kami2 nak heret beg balik kg...nak2 time raya...ye lah tingin gak nak bawak buah tangan kat kuarga kt kg.....ye lah rakyat didulukan kan na....

paper pun kaler nak perah..perah rakyat dulu....7thn lg belum tentu saya mampu nak tukar keta baru....utang bank lg...aiyooo semaknya fikiran.....hanya Allah yg boleh dipercayai dan hanya padaNya tempat bergantung.....

By Jamal  on October 31, 2009 1:18 AM

Dear Tun,

Kudos to Najib for giving you the chance to guide Proton again.

Tun we all wish you and the Proton team all the best to bring the local car to a higher level..perhaps a car where all the parts including the engine and systems are all locally designed and made.

But going to the Proton website..we will be confused as to the real Goal of the company, which are;

To Spearhead the Development of Component Manufacturing Industries.

To Acquire and Upgrade Technological and Industrial within the Automotive Manufacturing Industries.

To Strengthening the International Competitiveness of Malaysian Industrial Capability.

Wow all these goals are a real mouthful if not mind boggling.

Perhaps TUN have a real focused goal for Proton. It will be good if Tun can tell everyone including the Proton Team where they want to bring Proton to.

Look at the confusing 3 existing goals right now it is a wonder that Proton is unfocused and groping around for a success path.

For most of us we just want to see Proton be a world competitor equal if not better than Toyota, Ford and Hyundai.

Allah be with you and the Proton Team to achieve this goal in 8 years time.

By Akif Atan  on October 31, 2009 1:09 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun...

1st saya nak ucapkan terima kasih pada Tun sebab menubuhkan proton ni...bagi saya soal Tun memajukan Malaysia seharusnya rakyat Malaysia memandang dari satu sudut yg positif dan bertamadun..ini kerana masyarakat antarabangsa di luar sana sudah lama bertamadun...tapi kita masih takut takut untuk membuat negara ikut cara kita "MY WAY"....oleh yang demikian amat tepatlah PROTON BUKAN UNTUK DI JUAL...ianya adalah harta negara seharusnya di jaga dan di tambah,di baik pulih dan di wariskan....biarlah ianya satu platform atau tempat seolah oleh sebuah universiti untuk sesiapa anak tempatan yg nak terus belajar dan berjaya dalam bidang AUTOMOTIF...saya lihat engineer di negara jepu, italy, jerman dan US mereka betul betul faham tentang AUTOMOTIF tetapi mereka tak tinggal perkara yg paling penting dalam kejuruteraan iaitu SENI...bagi saya SENI adalah satu mata pelajaran teras untuk kita mengimajinasi seterusnya mencipta dan seterusnya di ENGINEER kan seni itu seperti karya LEONARDO DAVINCI....percayalah...seni memainkan peranan yg penting dalam kemajuan kejuruteraan dan teknologi...jadi TUN..tolonglah...bagi tahu semua jurutera di Proton..mereka seharusnya mahir dengan SENI...bagi saya kalau kereta BMW tu di letak logo PROTON mesti laris juga....terima kasih lah tun kalau sudi membaca artikel saya ini...

yang benar..

Akif Atan
PEREKA KENDERAAN

By priss01  on October 31, 2009 12:34 AM

With new Chairman how long would it be before the old cronies start to suck Proton's blood again by providing sub-standard parts, then the rakyat must pay to support Proton. It's always the same story.

Anyway I sold off my Wira and bought a more fuel efficient car. Had to pay double the car price because of gov. tax.

I don't understand this gov., always make noise about fuel sub. but do not want to reduce tax for hybrid or fuel efficient car.

By nazar  on October 31, 2009 12:31 AM

Tun ;

PROTON ADALAH MARUAH BANGSA.

Oleh itu kepada Tun lah rakyat berharap agar berusaha terus mengekalkan kesinambungan dan kelangsungannya, agar Proton menjadi sebuah KONGLOMERAT (conglomerate) Malaysia berjaya yang menjadi kebanggaan rakyat. Barangkali Tun mempunyai banyak idea agar Proton terus maju.

Untuk menjayakan sesuatu projek besar seperti Proton bukanlah satu perkara yang mudah kerana memerlukan usaha yg lama (masa, tenaga & wang) hingga puluhan tahun malahan ada yang hampir satu abad, untuk menikmati kejayaan atau hasil kerjanya yang sebenar.

Kita lihat sahaja pengusaha kereta lain di dunia yang berusaha begitu gigih puluhan tahun malahan melebihi setengah abad dengan menempuh berbagai liku-liku dengan melakukan berbagai strategi untuk menempa kejayaan demi kejayaan bagi memenuhi matlamat perjuangan bangsa mereka

Tetapi jika kita membuat keputusan menutup atau memusnahkannya; hanya memerlukan masa yang pendek sahaja untuk bertindak, sekaligus usaha yang kita telah lakukan selama bertahun-tahun itu menjadi sia-sia.

Saranan agar Proton dijual bukanlah satu saranan yang bijak, sebaliknya merupakan saranan yang melemah dan melunturkan semangat perjuangan bangsa.

Proton adalah kebanggaan rakyat Malaysia dan perlu diteruskan dengan melakukan beberapa strategi:-

Sentiasa menerajui dari segi harga yang munasabah dan mampu dibeli oleh semua orang tanpa mengorbankan kualiti. Proton tidak terlalu memikirkan keuntungan yang terlalu besar sehingga gandaan ratusan juta pada peringkat awal persaingan untuk mencari populariti dan keluasan pasaran tetapi tidak pula harus rugi sehingga membebankan negara dan yang berkepentingan.

Untuk tidak bersifat statik, Proton seharusnya berusaha sendiri dan mampu manupulasikan kemudahan dan peralatan sedia ada.

Barangkali Proton harus secara proaktif memanfaatkan chassis dan platform sedia ada (Saga, Wira, Satria, Waja, Savy, Gen2) untuk menghasilkan model harga murah yang diubah suai bentuknya (diolah semula melalui usaha kreatif dan inovatif secara proaktif mengaplikasikan semula model tersebut kepada bentuk lain melalui ubahsuai).

Secara proaktif dan inovatif, Cassis model VAN JUARA yang kurang popular itu; jika boleh diusahakan oleh unit R & D diguna untuk buat MPV, SUV dan model HiLux atau Storm(kerana perlukan kerangka tetulang kukuh) yang kini kian diminati ramai.

Proton seharusnya berusaha untuk lakukan sendiri(tanpa menunggu rakan kongsi) bagi menghasilkan model baru bagi memenuhi citarasa pengguna yang cepat berubah dan inginkan sedikit kelainan serta pilihan yang pelbagai atas jenama/model yang sama; seperti yang dilakukan oleh Jepun, Korea dan kini diikuti Cina juga.

Walaupun Proton telah menampakkan usaha kearah itu(syabash diucapkan), tetapi apa yang perlu ialah melakukannya secara berterusan dalam unit R & D mereka bagi menyediakan seberapa banyak model prototype(model-model pelapis) agar dapat secara berterusan mengeluarkan model baru bagi memenuhi citarasa pengguna yang sentiasa cepat berubah.

Proton tidak perlu bimbang dengan komen-komen negatif tentang penciptaan model yg disuarakan oleh banyak pihak kerana sebenarnya Proton mampu lakukan walaupun tidak setanding dengan model terdekat yang diimport. Lambat laun Proton juga satu hari nanti akan dapat setanding dengan kereta import seperti Jepun & Korea.

Kita harus ingat bahawa Jepun(dalam era 60~70an dahulu) mengalami nasib yang sama, malahan kereta buatan Jepun ketika itu menjadi bahan ketawa pengeluar Barat dan pengguna. Saya masih ingat ketika zaman persekolahan orang kata kereta Jepun dibuat dari tin Milo kerana lembut.

Unit R & D Proton sudah pastinya boleh lakukan jika yakin dan mahu berusaha melakukannya kearah yang lebih kreatif membuat kajian terhadap model-model sedia ada agar dapat diubahsuai menjadi model MPV atau SUV mengikut trend kegemaran sekarang.

Ini tidak mustahil, kerana jika dilihat beberapa model MPV dari Jepun dan Korea mereka melakukannya adalah berasaskan kepada chassis kereta saloon juga yang diubahsuai sistem gantungan, saiz roda, seat serta bumbung yang ditinggikan dan chassis diperkukuhkan(lihat saja model Hyundai Matrix, Kenari, Harrier/Lexus, Getz, Honda Stream, KIA Carens dan banyak lagi).

Hanya dengan menguasai bidang membuat acuan sendiri(dilakukan dinegara ini) saja satu-satunya jalan yang membolehkan Proton dapat membuat perubahan bentuk dan model dengan cepat. Ini tidak mustahil dilakukan jika ada minat dan kerajinan berfikir dikalangan Jurutera yang berdidikasi.

Jika Foundry Besi haram milik orang Cina yang banyak didapati seperti cendawan tumbuh diseluruh negara boleh lakukan kerja-kerja yang bermacam-macam ini(seperti membuat acuan mould ini; kenapa pula tidak Proton yang mempunyai banyak kelebihan untuk keperluannya sendiri?).

Atau jika tidak Proton harus mempelajari dan menguasai bidang ini, atau paling tidaknya melantik vendor yang boleh diharap dan sanggup berkerjasama rebah bangun bersama Proton, terutama dikalangan pengusaha tempatan.

****Dalam hal ini cuma kemahuan dan komited yang kreatif, rajin dan proaktif sahaja perlu ada di kalangan kakitangan bahagian R & D nya. UNTUK ITU PROTON HARUS MEMBERIKAN GANJARAN (r&r) KEPADA PEREKA-CIPTA ATAU PEKERJA YANG KREATIF INI.****

Jika tiada orang yang berinisiatif dan bermotivasi sedemikian dalam Proton, maka Proton harus memupuk budaya kerja seperti mana yang dimiliki oleh Jurutera-jurutera di Jepun, Korea, Taiwan dan Cina. Hanya dengan cara itu sahaja Proton boleh lakukan design sendiri atau lakukan reverse engineering tanpa perlu membeli teknologi atau bergantung kepada bantuan dari luar selama-lamanya.

Jurutera-jurutera harus dapat mengaplikasikan bidang mereka (seperti mana bidang kedoktoran yang meletakkan tangan mereka sendiri kepada pesakit) pada landasan yang betul dan tidak hanya berminat lakukan kerja-kerja mirip kepada pengurusan yang lari dari bidang atau profesionalisma yang dipelajari.

Mungkin banyak alasan-alasan boleh diberikan, tetapi persoalannya, kenapa orang lain (Korea, Cina, Jepun dan juga Taiwan) boleh lakukan sendiri sehingga boleh mencipta bermacam-macam mesin sendiri; sedangkan kita pula tidak.

Apakah kelebihan mereka itu?. Atau adakah kita ingin mengekalkan tanggapan stereotype (malas berfikir, tidak kreatif dan berinovatif) golongan tertentu itu?.

Apakah Barat lebih agung dari Timur yang diketahui masa silamnya banyak mencuri, merompak dan meniplak serta mengkaji khazanah ilmu dari Timur (tanpa ada sesiapa mempersoalkannya) dan kini telah menjadi peneraju yang angkuh dalam berbagai bidang?. Sikap rajin, kreatif, inovatif dan proaktif mereka itu telah menjadikan mereka lebih maju sekarang.

Proton harus maklum bahawa harapan kepada bantuan kepakaran luar selama-lamanya belum tentu dapat berlaku secara berterusan. Dari segi keikhlasan mereka untuk membantu kepada tahap seratus peratus tanpa ada apa-apa kepentingan kepada mereka.

Harapan untuk technology transfer selalunya sukar atau jarang berlaku atau lambat atau jika berlaku ianya ada masalah dan separuh jalan, terutama yang berkaitan dengan hak reka cipta dan hak intelek yang boleh mendatangkan keuntungan dari segi ekonomi dan perdagangan.

Ketakutan paling utama yang kita harus terima hakikatnya ialah apabila Proton boleh memberi saingan ketara kepada mereka kelak. Jadi jika ingin dapat lebih dan terus maju kenalah berusaha sendiri sepertimana mereka (negara industri lain) juga yang bersusah payah sebelumnya bagi mendapatkan sesuatu hasil ciptaan untuk dibanggakan.

Barangkali Proton harus lakukan reverse engineering jika ingin terus maju dan berkembang bagi menghasilkan rekabentuk. Cara remeh ini kurang dilakukan Jurutera tempatan. Mungkin mereka tidak berminat atau menganggap satu kerja bodoh. Tetapi itulah yang dilakukan oleh Jepun, Cina dan Korea sebagai satu jalan untuk mereka menguasai teknologi tersebut yang tidak mahu bergantung selama-lama nya kepada Barat.

Sebenarnya kaedah mencuri, meniru, meniplak dan mengkaji teknologi orang lain ini telah lama dilakukan oleh Jurutera-jurutera Barat seperti Amerika, Rusia dan negara Barat lainnya. Ini dapat

kita lihat dalam industri pertahanan, angkasa lepas & nuklear. Mereka saling mencuri teknologi antara satu sama lain untuk dikaji dan dimajukan di negara mereka.

Kita biasa dengan pihak USA pernah mencuri teknologi supersonik MIG, Sukhoi dan program angkasa lepas Rusia dan begitulah sebaliknya Rusia pula pernah mencuri teknologi F-18 dan teknologi kapal terbang pengitip USA ketika mendarat kecemasan di Cina. Mereka sanggup DISMANTLE dan pasang semula keadaan asal.

Kaedah itu kini ditiru pula oleh Cina, Jepun, Korea dan negara lain dalam berbagai industri pembuatan. Adakah Jurutera-jurutera dan cindikiawan kita sanggup lakukan sehingga sedemikian rupa.?

Apakah kita ingin mahu terus kekal dengan pandangan stereo-type yang kita dilebelkan (iaitu malas berfikir, tidak inovatif, tidak kreatif, tidak boleh diharap dan tidak proaktif) sedangkan bangsa lain itu terlalu gigih sehingga sanggup berusaha mengintip dan meniru rahsia teknologi dan kelebihan terbaru pihak lawan dengan cara smart; untuk diaplikasi dan dimajukan di negara masing-masing.

Proton telah mengambil alih Lotus & MV Agusta (telah dijual). Tujuan pembeliannya sedia maklum iaitu agar dapat menggunakan kepakaran sedia ada daripada mereka. Harapan itu mungkin ada sedikit pencapaian tetapi tidak secerah yang diharapkan.

Kita harus maklum, bahawa tidak semua orang dengan sewenang-wenangnya sanggup menurunkan seluruh ilmu yang dimiliki, (terutama yang mempunyai ciri-ciri dan nilai-nilai strategik ekonomi dan perniagaan) tanpa sebab-sebab tertentu.

Jalan yang paling terbaik ialah berusaha sendiri mengembangkan ilmu asas yang telah diperolehi itu dengan berusaha sendiri sama ada dengan mengintai-intai cara yang dilakukan orang lain untuk mengetahui cara yang mereka lakukan untuk mempertingkatkan rekacipta.

By [Rimba Emas](#) on [October 31, 2009 12:08 AM](#)

SALAM BUAT TUN BERDUA MOGA DIRAHMATI ALLAH S.W.T

1) NABI MUHAMMAD S.A.W MEMBERI CONTOH BAGAIMANA PENDEKATAN TERHADAP HARTA YANG DIMILIKINYA DIHABISKAN KEJALAN AGAMA ISLAM DAN BUDI PEKERTINYA YANG PEMURAH DENGAN SEDEKAH KEPADA MEREKA YANG MISKIN SEHINGGA BELIAU MENINGGALKAN HARTA SEHELAI SEPINGGANG SAHAJA.

2) NAMUN BEGITU MASIH RAMAI YANG MASIH TIDAK MAHU MEMELUK AGAMA ISLAM DAN YANG MASUK ISLAM PULA LEBIH SUKA MENIRU GOLONGAN YANG MEMELUK ISLAM SELEPAS DARIPADA KHALIFAH SAIDINA OSMAN R.H.U .

3) KHALIFAH YANG SELEPAS ITU TIDAK ADA BEZANYA DENGAN MEREKA YANG TAKSUB TERHADAP GELARAN SEBAGAI KHALIFAH YANG TERLALU SUKA MENGAJAI DAN MENAMBAH KONONNYA ATAS PERALIHAN ZAMAN DARIPADA MENGAMALKAN APA YANG DISURUH 100% DALAM AL-QURAN.

4) AKIBATNYA SIFAT NABI INI TIDAK TERSERLAH MASUK DALAM URUSAN JUAL - BELI YANG TERMAKTUB DI DALAM AL-QURAN.

5) SIFAT YANG TIDAK BAIK INI SEPERTI ADANYA HIRAKI ANTARA GOLONGAN KAUM INI TERBAWA OLEH MEREKA YANG DI BERI KUASA DALAM MENETAPKAN HARGA SERTA CARA UNTUK MENJUAL. GOLONGAN INI KALAU TIDAK BERIMAN DENGAN ALLAH S.W.T SENTIASA SAHAJA Mencari JALAN MENGUBAH HUKUM- HUKUM ASAL SUPAYA TIADANYA KESAMARATAAN DARJAT.

6) GOLONGAN INI PEKAK ATAS KELOHAN RAKYAT YANG MENGATAKAN HARGA KERETA DI MALAYSIA TINGGI JIKA DIBANDINGKAN HARGA YANG DIJUAL DILUAR NEGARA. DIKATAKAN SEMUA INI DEMI MENJAGA NAMA KERETA MALAYSIA.

7) ADAKAH SESEORANG YANG DI ANGKAT MEMEGANG TERAJU KERETA NASIONAL DIANGGAP PATRIOT DENGAN RAKYATNYA PULA HARUS BERKORBAN MENYELAMATKAN KERETA NASIONAL ??

8) RAKYAT MARAHKAN PEMIMPIN BUKAN SEBAB TIDAK PATRIOTIK TAPI TIDAK SUKA KALAU ADANYA IDEA MELAWAN HUKUM ASAL KESAMARATAAN SEPERTI ORANG YANG MISKIN HANYA PAKAI MOTOSIKAL, KERETA BESAR MESTI ORANG GAJI BESAR SAHAJA BOLEH PAKAI.

7) CONTOH YANG TERBARU KAD KREDIT, SEBELUM INI ADA YANG MAMPU PAKAI KERETA BESAR TERPAKAI WALAUPUN INSURANNYA TINGGI KERANA DIBANTU OLEH KAD KREDIT INI. MALAH KEBURUKAN KADKREDIT INI DAPAT MEMBANTU DALAM KECEMASAN BAGI YANG KEHABISAN GAJI BULANAN.

8) TAMBAHAN RM 50 OLEH BANK AKAN MENANBAH BEBAN MEREKA (JALAN BANKRAB) UNTUK YANG DISIPLIN, KALAU HENDAK HALANG ORANG PAKAI KAD KREDIT PATUT DIKENAKAN MEREKA YANG BARU HENDAK MEMBUKANYA.

9) BEGITU JUGA JANGKA HAYAT KERETA KEPADA 15 TAHUN. KENAPA SEKARANG BARU DIBERI NYAWA. ALLAH S.W.T SENDIRI MERAHSIAKAN DARI PENGETAHUAN KITA. NIKMAT YANG DI BERI PUN PERCUMA DAN KITA DI BERI PELUANG MENIKMATI DUNIA INI. PENGGUNA PERLU DI BERI HAK ATAS PEMBELIANNYA DAN DI BERI PELUANG MENIKMATI CARA PENJUALANNYA KEMBALI.

10) ALANGKAH BAIKNYA PEMEGANG KUASA CARA JUALAN MERENDAHKAN LAGI BAYARAN BULANAN SERENDAH RM200 SEBULAN UNTUK GAJI SERENDAH RM 800 SEBULAN TAMPAMUKA UNTUK KERETA BERSAIZ PROTON SAGA TERBARU MENGIKUT SIFAT-SIFAT MULIA YANG DI AJAR DALAM AL-QURAN.

11) AGAKNYA PENUH ATAU TIDAK KERETA - KERETA INI DI ATAS JALAN RAYA.

12) PATRIOTIK DARI HATI SENDIRI.

WALLAHUA'ALAM

By AzMa  on October 30, 2009 11:09 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun

"Proton is not for sale"

1. Kerana Proton adalah maruah ORANG MELAYU dan MALAYSIA.
2. Suatu masa dahulu bangga melihat gandingan Tun, Tan Sri Yahya dan Tan Sri Nadzmi.
3. Doa moga akan lahir seorang lagi tokoh yang berani dalam bisnes seperti Tan Sri Yahya.
4. Bukan sahaja Proton tidak dijual kepada pihak asing tetapi kita membeli syarikat kereta asing seperti apa yang dilakukan oleh Tan Sri Yahya keatas Lotus.

By BlueGene  on October 30, 2009 11:05 PM

Assalam alaikum

Y.A.Bhg Tun. Dr. Mahathir and all chedet fellows & comrades

Sad things heard again. When Malaysia get into Asian Financial Crisis before, where Malaysia economic nearly limp. At the time I think about deregulation. I don't know about it. I ask some of my lecturers, they don't actually know what is deregulation. Sad things.

I just understand deregulation after I finished read "Globalization and its Discontents" of Joseph Stiglitz. I'm satisfied with the complicated explanation.

Technically, deregulation is the final solution for some problem in particularly during "economy sick," unless no more ample solution.

Proton not belong to the management of Proton Berhad. Also not belong to PM Najib Razak. Proton belongs to MALAYSIA. Those who want to sell Proton to certain parties (may be Foreign Investors) should think a lot.

Hopefully so Proton not being a victim of deregulation or "for sell." Make sure Proton is stilted on Malaysia land until the end of the day.

I will accuse the parties whose selling proton; "selling Malaysia."

Wassalam

By Colata  on October 30, 2009 11:01 PM

Salam Tun,

Sorry, but I cannot see Proton (National Car) as a good project, because

- Only prosper a handful, including Perodua, Naza etc
- At the expense of millions (majority) of Malaysians
- Open-up many corruption avenues like AP issue and Black-market
- Protectionism robs away the right of many to own a vehicle
- and the list goes on.

Tun, those who suffer are the poor and average peoples, mostly bumiputra and Malays. They have to use motor-cycle and riding through rain or shine, and subject to more accidental death. They have to rely on bas-sapu and neighbours to bring their products to the market or bring their sick ones to the clinic, all at a high cost.

Look at Brunei, a Brunei car is cheaper than a motor-bike in Malaysia. And the farmers go to farm driving Unser or Pajero. And nobody ride a motor-bike to work.

Malaysia do not have that competitive-edge in auto-industry and the nation will forever be subsidising the operation of Proton through the high protectionism and all sort of levies. This is true whether Proton is making profit or not. A Rm35K-worth Exora is selling for Rm70K, and the nation is made to believe that this is cheap!

Without a proper vehicle, you are stealing the livelihood off all these people. And I am talking of the majority 60%-80%. While Perodua, Naza and all the AP-holders are licenced to earn the millions at the cost to the majority.

Protectionism is a good source of income for the nation but not to the extend of robbing the livelihood of the people, just to ensure Proton not making a loss.

Tun, please get down to the poor countryside to see and listen for the truth. I sincerely hope that you would reconsider and think over this national-car project. A pride for sacrifice or a pride to sacrifice.

By ShinnSohai  on October 30, 2009 10:57 PM

Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad, The Proton Saga Company Its been quite long since the company been created.

In My Mind i was thinking about the ways to increase popularity of the brand isn't hard actually. Maybe by polling you will know that most of the people buying others car from others country. -Malaysia haven't archived the technology that can beat the other

[maybe a boy's mind its kind a simple, that will never affect elders notices]

regards~

By azmany  on October 30, 2009 10:47 PM

The automotive industry all over the world is tough - in recent years may has failed even giant names. England no longer have its own automotive industry to call its own - even Lotus is owned by Malaysians :).

For a country, having our own automotive industry is crucial to the economy. The number of employment created numbered millions and business opportunities trickled down from the component manufacturers down to spare-part sellers and workshops.

A lot of Malaysian say that Proton only do well because of the subsidies. That sure helps. But ask - why is Proton cars retain good resale value even after 6 years? Compare with... say Kia - or even European cars like Renault or Rover? If Proton is all rubbish - the 2nd hand value would plummet. I still see a number of the 1980s Saga on the road which speak volume of its worthiness.

Give credit when credit is due, brothers. Jangan suka meludah ke langit...

By Afandi  on October 30, 2009 10:44 PM

Dear Tun,

As you did mention about proton restructuring. I'd like to share something about restructuring. (Of course it is obvious for you, but hopefully it make sense of the obvious or not so obvious for other people out there! I was obvious to me before but it does not make sense to me before...it make sense to me now)

I have been all time trying and learning the governance of company. I have to do this because i need to grow the company/companies that i own. I make changes all the time. Until, one day I decide to take the company to a new level. I look back and find out that it is simply not possible if I do changes at the same rate and doing the same things that i do. Then God give me revelation

The revelation

1. I found out that I got to have specific direction
2. I found out that business is not about me anymore. It is about the people that work for me.
3. I found out that to grow, I need more good people.
4. I found out that the more talented people you have the more growth you enjoy.
5. I found out that I need to define values needed for the company and stick by it.
6. I found out that to grow, i need more knowledge and the staff needs to be taught knowledge.
7. I found out that it is wrong of me to put hope and try to motivate people works. The right people will always motivate themself.
8. I found out that business is about five elements - sales, marketing, products, finance and people. All need to grow at the same rate!.
9. I found out a lot of other things. And I found out these things definately to come to my mind because of revelation from God!.

Then I did total revamp. It is progressing. I spent the whole ramadan teaching. I try to make clear of the new expectations. It has been going on for 6 months now. Hopefully it works. It requires a lot of invesments! I need to cut cost as well. Hopefully the new accountant does not ask me to sell my supercars. She makes me take pay cut. I used to control the finance, now she does..I have to listen to her coz i pay her a lot and she is a first class student. I am refinancing my house to finance the change and expansion.

The thing that I did. Among others

1. I wrote a company handbook. It describe the core values of the company and expectations, outline the company's 3 years target. It describes the purpose of the company existance beyond profit. I defined mission and the vision.
2. I device new structure per the five elements i described above.
3. I fire and ask people to leave. I hire new ones.
4. I review salary package. I definately review sales incentives.
5. I introduce accountability
6. The company was 100% Malay. Now it is 40% chinese. I need the cultural change catalyst. I definately have to be fair.
7. I took in talented and educated people. I did interviews with little success. I went head hunting.

My people interviewed hundreds of people for a 2 engineers post and got none!

8. I questioned of the companies i have and it unique business and i decentralised them.

9. I devise new processes and procedure with integrity, transparency and results driven

10. I changed decision making process. I made a lot of wrong decision and mistakes!

11. I found that i need more leadership and advance management skills. (oppsss still learning so hard)

11. And many other things! I am still figuring it out...huh..it is definately not easy!

I hope it work out. I hope i shed some ideas for other people out there.

Tq

<http://www.afandi-bereng.blogspot.com>

By intannuratiqah  on October 30, 2009 10:39 PM

yes..that is soooooooo right TUN!!!

leave proton alone!

and Malaysian,sokonglah barangan buatan Malaysia.kalau kite x sokong,siapa lagi nak sokong?

By Mas Merah  on October 30, 2009 10:24 PM

Salam Tun yang dimuliakan,

TIDAKKAH RASUAH BERLAKU DALAM KILANG PROTON?

1SAYA SAYANG PROTON SEBAGAI SATU ENTITI NEGARA YANG MENGAJAR RAKYAT MALAYSIA MEMBUAT,MENJUAL, MENGURUS KILANG KERETA-YG DULUNYA TAK ADA.

2OLEH SEBAB PROTON IALAH GLC MAKA KERUGIANNYA DAN KETIDAKSEMPURNAANNYA MERUGIKAN WANG PEMBAYAR CUKAI, MAKA RAKYAT MALAYSIA TERMASUK SAYA BERHAK MARAH DAN TAK PUAS HATI DENGAN PROTON.

3MASALAH BESAR SAYA IALAH KENAPA KERETA KELUARAN PROTON ROSAK DI SANA- SINI BIARPUN BARU BEBERAPA HARI KELUAR DARI BILIK PAMERAN? SOAL KEROSAKAN KERETA PROTON BARU INI BUKAN EPISOD BARU. TELAH LAMA DIPERKATAKAN, TETAPI SEOLAH-OLAHNYA TIDAK ADA TINDAKAN DIBUAT. TAK TAHUKAH PENGURUSAN PROTON DENGAN ADUAN-ADUAN PENGGUNA MENGENAI PERKARA TERSEBUT? BILA SEBUAH KERETA TELAH DISERAHKAN KE TANGAN PELANGGAN, BIAR APA PUN TERJADI (ROSAK SANA SINI), TIDAK MUNGKIN SAMA SEKALI KERETA BARU LAIN AKAN DIBERI GANTI. KERETA ITU AKAN DIBAIKI DAN DIBAIKI. INI TENTU TIDAK ADIL KERANA PELANGGAN MEMBELI KERETA BARU,BRAND NEW.

4MENGAPA KERETA BARU KELUARAN KILANG PROTON BOLEH ROSAK DI SANA SINI? MUNGKINKAH RASUAH MEMAINKAN PERANANNYA DALAM HAL INI? APAKAH KERANA PIHAK PENGURUSANNYA ORANG MALAYSIA MAKA RASUAH BOLEH BERLAKU? SEGAGAI BANDINGAN KERETA KELUARAN PERODUA JARANG BERLAKU KEROSAKAN(SAYA, RAKAN-RAKAN SEKERJA, JIRAN-JIRAN BANYAK

MEMILIKI JENAMA PERODUA). SIAPA PIHAK PENGURUSAN MEREKA? SIAPA QC MEREKA?

5ADA JUGA SAYA DENGAR KHABAR ANGIN MENGATAKAN PIHAK PENGURUSAN PROTON SENGAJA MENGGUNAKAN KOMPONEN-KOMPONEN "LOW CLASS" YG BERHARGA MURAH, UNTUK MENDAPAT UNTUNG LEBIH. ERTINYA PROTON MEMBELI KOMPONEN-KOMPONEN ITU DENGAN HARGA MURAH KERANA KUALITI RENDAH, KEMUDIAN MENGENAKAN CAJ STANDARD KEPADA PEMBELINYA. KALAU INI BETUL DAN BERASAS, MAKA ITU ALAMATNYA PROTON TAK MAHU HIDUP LAMA SEPERTI KILANG TOYOTA ATAU HONDA ATAU MITSUBISHI. KALAU DAKWAAN ITU BETUL MAKA PENGURUSAN PROTON TAK MAHU INDUSTRI BERTAHAN LAMA.

6ADA YG MEMBUAT SPEKULASI BAHAWA PEMBERIAN TARAF VENDOR/PEMBEKAL KOMPONEN, DIBUAT BERDASARKAN KRONI DAN MELIBATKAN RASUAH. MEREKA YG TIDAK LAYAK TERPILIH KERANA PERANAN TANGAN-TANGAN GHAIB. LALU MEREKA MEMBEKALKAN KOMPONEN YG TIDAK MENGIKUT SPESIFIKASI, TETAPI TETAP DITERIMA PIHAK KILANG PROTON TANPA BOLEH DISOAL.

7WAHAI PIHAK PENGURUSAN PROTON- SAYANGILAH INDUSTRI PROTON, JAGALAH IA BAIK-BAIK SEBAGAI HARTA NEGARA YG AKAN DISERAHKAN KPD ANAK CUCU KITA SUATU HARI NANTI. ELAKKAN RASUAH, KRONIAN, PENYELEWENGAN(JIKA ADA).

8KEPADA TUN YG DIKASIHI- SEBAGAI PENASIHAT PROTON DAN DATUK NAZMI, BAGI SAYA PERKARA YG PALING URGENT DIBERI PERHATIAN DALAM PRODUK-PRODUK PROTON SAAT INI IALAH SOAL KUALITI. KAMI RAKYAT 1MALAYSIA BANGGA DENGAN PROTON TAPI KAMI MENYAMPAH DENGAN KERETA-KERETA PROTON YG TAK BERKUALITI YG DIHIDANGKAN KEPADA KAMI.

9MOHON MEREKA YG BERMAKLUMAT DAPAT MEMBETULKAN APA YG TIDAK BETUL DALAM TULISAN SAYA DI ATAS. TQ

mas merah

By antisekular  on October 30, 2009 10:07 PM

Askm..

Yang berbahagia TUN,

Di sini saya ingin mempersoalkan beberapa perkara :

1. Kenapa harga kereta proton mahal sedangkan dari segi keselesaan dan kualiti di tahap yang sederhana sedangkan harganya diluar negara adalah rendah tetapi kualiti dan keselesaan adalah lebih baik?

2. Kenapakah model proton tidak menggunakan teknologi enjin yang boleh menjimatkan penggunaan petrol dan pada masa yang sama boleh mempunyai kekuatan enjin yang baik dan kuat?
3. Kenapa pengeluaran dan penciptaan model baru bagi kereta proton lambat dan tidak banyak?
4. Kenapa tidak diciptakan sahaja model2 proton yang tertentu di mana kualiti dan keselesaan menyamai kereta import?

Harap Tun dapat 'sound bites' salah satu daripada perkara di atas pun jadilah..

Terima Kasih TUN.

By Jedi Council  on October 30, 2009 9:44 PM

i bought myself a proton. The quality control is not good, alot of problems with the Power window etc. The service centre solved the problem but after a few months, the problem came back.. now i just could not be bother about it..... No value for money.

By ahmad muhamad  on October 30, 2009 9:04 PM

Sallam TUN,

Good news but SORRY as you have to "repair" all the damages done for the last 8 years to Proton.If not you can do some other agenda for example the WAR Crime meeting.

Thanks to DSN and your team,

Trust TUN , dia tak ada kepentingan pun. Dia nak kita semua maju dan senang.

One more , don't ever allow a "young" Parliament Member from Negeri Sembilan to be in your team. Check , recheck and reconfirm what he is doing on a daily basis.Enough is enough damaged done by him for the last 8 years.

Semoga ALLAH memberkati SEGALA USAHA TUN. AMIN.

By Nothing but wind  on October 30, 2009 8:40 PM

Dear Tun Dr M,

Congratulations to all in the Proton top to bottom for the success attained year after year. Specifically, the sale of new Proton Saga has been very encouraging. However, the new Proton Saga is a hit because of it being one of the cheapest car around with higher cc.

I still remember that most Malaysian were curious on the sale of Proton models overseas last time. However, now, the details of Protons sold overseas is not highlighted and seem not bothered.

Performance in the local market alone is not good for Proton. The overseas market is also vital to assess the demand, preference, trust and affordability of the foreign market.

At least, we should have strong demand for Proton in Thailand, Indonesia and Singapore.

By milshah  on October 30, 2009 8:26 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

I'm glad you are ok with the current Proton Management. My hope is that Proton will join the ranks of major car companies of the world like Honda and Toyota. Petronas is a Malaysian company that has been very successful both domestic and internationally. Petronas is also a major revenue contributor to the government. Maybe Proton can look to Petronas as a role model? My advise to Proton would be to start from the basics first. This means having quality cars, quality parts. It goes without saying that any product for consumers should be of quality. Malaysia Boleh!

By [arik](#) on October 30, 2009 7:42 PM

Baguslah proton bergerak secara sendiri dalam masa yang sama senior staff mereka lebih terjamin jika perjanjian yg dibuat tidak membuang tenaga pekerja-pekerja senior staff yg sedia ada . Apa pun setiap perjanjian boleh diubah jikalau mereka mahu..... langkah sebegini sepatutnya telah lama dibuat mungkin proton sekarang sudah setanding keluaran Honda agaknya . Tapi takpelah pengetahuan itu datang dari pengalaman .

Cuma nak tanya Tok det dasar automatif kerajaan yang baru terhadap kereta yang lebih 15 tahun patut dibuat pemeriksaan oleh pihak puspakom pada setiap tahun . Pandangan saya dalam masalah ini , Saya rasa dasar kerajaan hendak melaksanakan dasar baru itu tidak begitu sesuai dalam keadaan ekonomi sebegini . Sepatutnya kerajaan lebih patut memahami masalah keadaan kewangan rakyat sekarang . Rakyat tahu setiap kali sesuatu dasar baru yg diumumkan pasti rakyat yang terpaksa menanggung bebannya . Kita Tok Det , rakyat kat malaysia penduduknya hanya ada 27 juta orang sahaja , rakyat dimalaysia ini tidak seperti bilangan rakyat diAmerika yang penduduknya mencecah hampir satu billion penduduk . Sudah pasti bilangan yang sebegitu ramai , kalau nak jual apa pun laku , sebab penduduknya mempunyai jumlah yang ramai sebab itu dinegara-negara eropah sana pemain-pemain sukan mereka boleh jadi taraf jutawan sebab bilangan penonton yang hadir boleh menyebabkan pelabur-pelabur asing sana melabur apa pun boleh kaya .

Kita dimalaysia ini penduduk hanya ada 27 juta orang sahaja jadi buatlah acuan ekonomi mengikut jumlah penduduk 27 juta orang , itu belum kira kuasa pembeli yang mampu membeli , Kerajaan kita kalau buat sesuatu atau membuat sesuatu dasar janganlah rakyat yang terpaksa memikul bebannya sedangkan kerajaan sendiri mengetahui bahawasanya rakyat malaysia tidak berduit lagi-lagi kepada golongan pendapatan sederhana . Orang-orang peniaga dekat malaysia ini nak harap duit dari siapa , kalau kakitangan kerajaan mahupun swasta tidak berduit . Janganlah kita buat sesuatu kerana nama tapi buatlah sesuatu kerana rakyatnya . Dan fikirkanlah adakah ekonomi yg hanya penduduknya 27 orang hendak disamakan dengan ekonomi penduduknya mencecah satu billion . Dan jangan manjakan rakyat semua nak subsidi sampai ubat batuk dan ubat demam pun nak ditolong . tapi tak tahulah kalau rancangan kerajaan hendak meswastakan hospital kerajaan sebab itu klinik sampai pukul 10 malam hendak dibuka .

Apa kata kerajaan malaysia melabur diluar negara menggunakan duit rakyat . Mana tau untung itu boleh memberi manfaat kepada rakyat malaysia , kita panggil perniagaan itu perniagaan satu malaysia dan hasilnya kita berkongsi dengan rakyat tapi pastikan negaranya jual apa pun boleh lakulah....he he he

By [rarunasalam](#) on October 30, 2009 7:27 PM

Tun

so you're claiming you will help put proton back on it's feet, when proton was ill conceived right from begining.

I am not saying that the National car project is wrong -but you anti-competitiveness legislation put proton on a crutch. Its operations, quality control, expansion strategies were all immature.

And now, you claim, you will put it back on it's feet - why didnt you ensure it was a good viable organisation in first place?

I guess there are lots of reasons why...but naturally you won't say.

(Ravi)

By Afandi  on October 30, 2009 7:18 PM

Dear Tun,

It is good that you are now again actively again advising proton. It is good that your are looking in its technology partners or perhaps other strategies especially global marketing.

Probably and definately, the thing that you should not forget advising Proton management is to look at the compensation and reward in the area of new strategies.

You said and everybody know if proton is taken over by foreign entity. They will remove of all the management teams. It is a sign!. Now it definately need corporate restructuring.

Not the kind of restructuring that accomodate the same exisiting people with the same rewards and compensation scheme. Which is meaningless and useless.

We should save Proton but it need total revamp. We should save proton, but proton need to save itself!

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By xabiso  on October 30, 2009 7:17 PM

Proton is the pride of our nation.

Keep holding on, don't let it be WAS instead of IS.

By Afandi  on October 30, 2009 6:58 PM

A lot of efforts have been put in since our independence to get things in the right path. There are lot of governing policies in place to develop the country. It is to change our status from an underdeveloped to becoming a developed country. There were many policies in term of economics, equality, governance, education, health and etc.

Most of the yesteryear governing policies were sufficient to get Malaysia from the underdeveloped country to the most developed underdeveloped country. However, the long term mission is to be a developed country. The yesteryear governing policies WILL DEFINATELY NOT take Malaysia to the desired status. It takes different governing policies to be able to do it. The idea is

Most things had changed and are changing. It needs revisions. Most of our short and medium

term goals have been achieved. Some of the policies need realignment as the environment and requirement has changes. The economic environment, politics, moral, unity, life style, social obligations have change. Even in the developed countries they are changing to adapt changes. So our yesteryear policies of does not need adjustment anymore. They have to go through major overhaul.

The most important thing to be focused on is Malaysian society. Malaysian has to change their mindset. All races have to change their mindset. For the Chinese and Indian they are not working here temporarily and later to go back to India and China anymore. They are the citizen of this country. They are supposed to be thinking of the country more. The Malay are not suppose to be getting subsidies and privileges all the time. They are given such things as buffer to reach equalities with others. In time, these things have to be gradually phased out. Later everything has to be open. Only then the Malay can be at par as others. If not they will all the time asking subsidies and privileges. They will not think and grow. Malaysian, collectively have to evolve in their own perspective and grow

Malaysia now is now like an old ship sailing in the open sea. With so many leaks that have been patched. Those patches will not hold the rough seas for long. The captain should not be busy resting on his laurel in his cabin. The sail is tearing apart.

To be able to forever sail in the open sea to its destination, the captain needs to take the ship to land for major repair and overhaul. He might to evaluate the ship seriously. For at the moment, ship does not sail anymore, they run on engine!. So maybe it is good to keep the sailing patched ship for recreation once and a while (our history). We are to continue our voyage on a brand new ship.

The thing is minor revamps have been done. But it does not seem to do much good. Policies are good but most of the time the result is somewhat slow and undesirable. Most probably the orientation and the goal are wrong. I would say the aim is wrong. The standard set is low. 'Malaysia Boleh' but 'Malaysia Tak Boleh' in term of most things measured at International standards. This is why most Malaysia venture outside Malaysia fails. Construction, automotive and others fail miserable.

Malaysia is like a company. The government is the independent directors. The most important factor to be successful is the people who work in the company. It has to be the right people.

The problem is, most of the people that the work is substandard. There is abundance of potentially right people. Only that, the problem is environment and the practice does not encourage these potentially right people to be the right people. Most of these right people eventually become the main stream which is substandard. That is the reason why it needs overhaul or total revamp instead of patching. The mainstream has to be changed.

Overhaul in all aspects with regard to politic, economic, social, education and others is mandatory. The overhaul is supposed to be focused on the mechanisms and policies with human development and capabilities in mind. Period.

Proton has to be overhaul for it to be of International standard. The people and the company need to be competitive as the automotive industry is fiercely competitive. It has been successful locally with a lot of protection from government. It has not been successful abroad. The measure of it success now is from the number of sales that Proton make outside Malaysia!. The people need to wake up. The management has to think and use the brain!. The long term aim is global presence!

By Luqman_3036077  on October 30, 2009 6:54 PM

1. sejak Proton baru dilancarkan, ditambah pula dengan pakej "ZERO DOWNPAYMENT" bagi lepasan siswazah, saya dapati ramai dari kalangan lepasan diploma/ijazah mengambil kesempatan untuk membeli kereta tersebut. amatlah diharapkan promosi sebegini digunapakai bagi menggalakkan pembelian kereta keluaran negara malaysia.
2. saya turut mencadangkan agar selain dari proton dan petronas, Telekom Malaysia juga patut dibiarkan sendirian tanpa campur tangan banyak pihak bagi menjamin peningkatan mutu servis dan kualiti.

By [jurublog](#) on October 30, 2009 6:34 PM

Tun,

I think having worked with you during your premiership, Datuk Nadzmi would be able to "read" your expectation, and act accordingly.

On another matter, it would be interesting to hear your comments on the new National Automotive Policy, and its implications to Proton.

<http://www.jurublog.blogspot.com>

By [pgm6117](#) on October 30, 2009 6:18 PM

assalamualaikum Tun.

The only reason we are seeing many proton cars on the road is because proton is the only car that an average malaysian can afford.

And probably because of this reason, i feel that proton is taking us for a ride by giving us a substandard car.

I'm sure if the other makes are given the same platform and privilege to compete in our market, proton wouldn't be the choice of many average malaysian.

By [donplaypuks](#) on October 30, 2009 6:03 PM

Dear Tun

If they are finally valuing your presence as an ADVISOR to Proton, and not as mere window dressing, then why can't you get Dato Nadzmi and the Board of Directors of Proton to have an open inquiry into the \$1 sale of MV Augusta?

The public wants to know if certain ex-4th floor executives, son, sil, Ethos double O agent and others connected to a sleeping PM or other cronies personally benefitted from this financial scandal, at the expense of Proton, Govt and Taxpayer!!

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We are all of 1 race, the Human Race

By [Dess](#) on October 30, 2009 5:54 PM

Correct, correct,correct.... Leave Proton Alone. That is national treasure.. Nobody has the right to interfere with Proton as long as it is... Proton is Malaysia's pride and Malaysia's pride is Proton.

Well., Malaysians..., don't you ever forget that!!!!!!

Don't you ever forget who creates Proton...It's in the history books!!

Call yourself 1Malaysia?? Read the history books.....

By nash  on October 30, 2009 5:12 PM

SALAM TUN.

AUTOMOTIVE MARKET IS VERY COMPETITIVE ESPECIALLY IN TERM OF PRICING AND RELIABILITY. IF PROTON IS TO BE MORE SALEABLE THEIR PRICES MUST BE LOW AND AFFORDABLE BY LOW INCOME GROUP WHICH FORM THE LARGEST PORTION OF POPULATION. PROTON SHOULD GO FOR VOLUME INSTEAD, SO AS THE COMPANY WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE MONEY FOR THE SALES OF SPARE PARTS.

FOR THAT SAKE IF NANO OF INDIA IS ALLOWED TO BE IMPORTED HERE I AM SURE PROTON AND PRODUA WILL HAVE TO PACK UP.

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By aku  on October 30, 2009 5:04 PM

I personally think that we, rakyat should have a clearer picture on what is going on with proton. Lately, rakyat seems to be confused with what ever government doing's. Its a relief to me reading Tun reassurance that proton isn't going to be sold in the near future. However so, 'possible partnership' was rather confusing. Would it seems reasonable foreign giant car makers interested in helping us establishing state of the art technologies in automotive industry without having something in return. There must always be a catch.

While Proton in the verge of having possibly takeover by Volkswagen. Words leakout that Volkswagen-Proton partnership was infact an unholy matrimony by which Volkswagen gained vital penetration into Asian market. This makes me wonder, what is tha catch now. Would it be the same needs as before.

By ujang_pilot  on October 30, 2009 4:44 PM

YBhg Tun,

Well come back to PROTON....

By observer12  on October 30, 2009 4:41 PM

let's face it, with our current lack of worth ethic and the fact that we don't attract the best engineering students to our uni's regardless of race and the fact that proton only lives because of high import taxes and government subsidies and the fact that proton needs "technology partners" because it can't develop technology by itself, means that eventually proton has to be part of another car manufacturer when ASEAN free trade agreement erases all tariff protection in the coming years.

Proton does not have the scale to compete with foreign companies, it doesn't have the ability to design its own technology which is competitive, etc.

Unfortunately, consumers don't really care if a proton is assembled by bumis.

By jeneralmanager  on October 30, 2009 4:38 PM

The new saga legacy begins..

By kamal ahmad  on October 30, 2009 4:02 PM

Salam kasih dan salam hormat Ayahanda Tun.

For good or for bad, Proton is Malaysia's pride. We have some bad/rotten Proton managers and dim/lousy managements over the years, we have some appalling/horrific vendors with their rotten/useless parts and we've had some very greedy Proton appointed dealers ripping off consumers for an excruciatingly extended period of time. But for what ever it is, the 150,000 Proton Men and Women could always hold their heads up high because they are the heartbeat of Proton and it is good to see you acknowledging that fact. They are Malaysia's auto force and they should be above all this nonsense.

A good manager always – ALWAYS – understands that it's the grease monkey pole climbers who turn the company around. Tun, I think that you should make available some days in each month for you to go down to their main plants to have lunch with the Proton boys and girls. That would be good for you and them and for Proton as a family. Malaysians are too quick to pin point fault over anything good. I think its sometimes good, but at some other times it may be counter productive. Nothing is perfect. Even a hand made ex Crewe also rattles here and there with horrendously bad gear box. Even an ex Stuttgart rusts unexpectedly. Even my washing machine conks out cold under warranty! Nothing is perfect.

But Proton is ours and as such we must keep them. Them as in Proton, Perodua and Naza (with their huge NAM facility in Gurun). Tun, I think that you must motivate above all else now with Proton. You should “turun padang” and apply hands on management to them. I remember a book by Zam; “Sentuhan Emas Dr. Mahathir”. I reckon that book says best what I think (what I do humbly think), you should do for Proton now Tun. A good manager has to be an ex grease monkey pole climber himself.

Speaking of Proton Tun, noted in your paragraph # 3, which states all issue with Proton should be addressed to you; and so I humbly submit here, maybe you should tell Proton to put more value in their products. I mean give us value for money. All Proton line ups should now comes with twin frontal airbags and ABS & EBD as standard equipments at a Najib's subsidize cost. You should actively lobby for Najib to okay this Tun. He may listen to you better than he does us. Proton tie up with an OEM may sounds like a new possibility for cheaper home grown technology to be emerging on the market soon that would be economically available for all. I am talking about important technologies like side curtain airbags, traction software. We could be what India is to IT now and they started with the lowest of budgets by selling used PC and laptops from western countries. But be careful with the local vendors' selections Tun.

Also I think that the Exora is largely under power. Brag all they want about the Campro, it is under power in the Exora. I am meekly into automotive as a hobby Tun (a poor man's way) and although I don't own an Exora, I have driven one a few times and it is under power. The way I see it, there is no point for Proton to develop bigger engines. These days almost all major players are talking about small and high performance engines and more gearings for better economy/power ratio. They should instead put focus on “electric supercharging” and something like the 7G-tronic. Not turbocharging, not roots type supercharging, but they should focus on the next thing in engine technology and that is electric supercharging. The benefits are far above all known supercharging tech of today and it is cheaper. That would make Proton semi-Hybrid.

Even the Saga 1.3 could be made to perform like a 1.8 with that kind of technology. Lastly Tun, please tell Proton to get a tiptronic. It's long overdue.

Well, I am glad that I could make these points over to you Tun. As I feel that (I am sure many does) we the rakyat have no proper place to share ideas, and especially to complain and carp out (to higher ear level) when it comes to Proton and their misguided adventures at our expenses. It is as if Shah Alam is Fort Knox and nothing gets through. Toe in the dealers along with their games and there could be huge savings on pricings and you know what Tun, why not just sell all Protons on line? Pass the savings back to consumers?

Maybe now the communication breakdown issue is resolved. Please get Najib to subsidize full active safety equipments on all Protons. Airbags and ABS saves lives far above any other passive safety equipments. There is simply no denying that Tun. And no more micro cars like the Kancil/Viva. If it has to be small, go the Savvy way with good TUV ratings and while we are on TUV ratings, please from now on disclose Proton's NCAP values. That is more precise, assuring and with some lesser bulls crossing on the path. I mean if you put value into it, into anything – even into 1 bungkus of mee goreng- your business would be brisk. The sky is the limit Tun.

Tun, I think from now on we could see many-many issues concerning Proton that would be raise here with that paragraph # 3 of yours. That is brave, and that is good from Proton. You are now Proton' ear on the blog Tun and its long overdue. Now we have somebody very high up to tell directly and who would listen and make note of it in his small note book as with the good old days.

May the Proton boys see you plenty at the lunch line and may the force be with them.
Go Skywalker.

By bayu  on October 30, 2009 3:54 PM

LEAVE PROTON AND PETRONAS ALONE.THATS THE RIGHT WORDS..TUN KNOWS THE BEST.

By Hayati  on October 30, 2009 3:44 PM

YAB Tun,

I notice that too and this really makes me happy.I am a loyal Proton user. With you as Proton Adviser and fully supported by its Chairman,CEO and staff, I know Proton will be on the right track again.

By Mad Hatter  on October 30, 2009 3:39 PM

Just a random thought , I just like , for once , see Proton produce a concept model like those big-name manufacturers (i.e. Nissan) does with their famous production line ; the Skyline series (I think it was called the the Skyline GT-R concept or something) wouldn't it be nice to see Proton's name side by side with those big-namers on auto shows here and there .

Personally , since I'm a gamer (boo me if you'd like , see if I care) , I'd like to see the Proton brand on the VERY famous videogame ; Gran Turismo .

Ferrari was added to their recently playable list of car manufacturer . Don't know what I'm talking about ? Look it up...

How does this sound ? A collaboration with Nissan to produce a concept model ; the GEN-R (a GEN-2 variation worthy of the red 'R' emblem)...

By raffiq88  on October 30, 2009 3:38 PM

Tun, I support Proton because of you. I know you have a vision for Proton and I hope that vision will be realised.

By sw  on October 30, 2009 3:19 PM

Dear Tun,

Well, good luck with trying to resuscitate proton. While you are applying the highest voltage to keep the top of the haystack alive and eventually, hihger returns to shareholders... Let's not forget us at the bottom: -

1. Service Centre - Mostly very dirty, no common layout design and no standard for level of service.
2. Technician/ Mechanic - Do not diagnose the problem well, hence, usually could resolve/ fix the problem on the first visit
3. Design of the cars (except for Gen-2/Persona) - From which planet did the designers came from? Or perhaps they are blind?
4. Technology - I have written an email to proton in 2004 to focus efforts on hybrid cars. I guess it's still on the drawing board. Btw, no response on the email from Proton.
5. Quality - Warranty! Warranty! That's the magic word. Do it right guys. You will save on warranty parts, labor time, etc. etc. and hey you Mr. CFO, smaller expense future provisions on warranty.
6. Resale value - no comment...

Btw, I have owned Wira Hatchback 1.6 and Waja 1.8 (and now still using a 1.3 Gen-2 as a second car).

Regards,
Sirhan

By noorfaiza  on October 30, 2009 3:05 PM

Salam Tun and all Proton's staff,

All the best to you! We, rakyat will support Proton all the way as long as you take care of Tun.

By azienmat  on October 30, 2009 2:53 PM

Saya tertarik dengan kata 'Proton is not for sale'. Saya harap semua akan jelas hal ini. Terutama media & pekerja di Proton, tapi dengan adanya jaminan seperti itu tidak menjadikan pekerjaanya kerja sambil lewa dan selamat, sebaliknya lebih bekerja lebih kuat dan gigih memajukan Proton.

By tallien192  on October 30, 2009 2:34 PM

I must say that Proton cars are generally not too bad (except P. Arena). But only the price is way too high since everything is locally built. This is due to the high taxes imposed on the automobile industry that makes foreign cars become too expensive and unaffordable by the lower income group. Thus national cars are their only choice. The NAP announced recently seems doesn't help to cut down the price as taxes/duties remained. Therefore I think Tun as the advisor of Proton, who now has a place in the management, should really 'advise' Proton to do the needful to make it a real Malaysian pride, to make more Proton cars on the road.

Sean Lum
30 Oct 2009
2.45pm

By T  on October 30, 2009 2:23 PM

Yes, the government should leave Proton alone - no protective tariffs, no punitive taxes and no APs. Let Proton die a natural death. Government should not interfere and put it on life support for eternity.

By garbagemen  on October 30, 2009 2:14 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun.

Tun lebih mengenali Proton, Arwah Yahya dan Nadzmi.

Semoga Allah bekalkan kekuatan untuk Tun meneruskan pelayaran Proton ke arah asal penubuhannya.

By Mis_bah  on October 30, 2009 1:33 PM

Assalamu Alaikum Tun,

First of all, I want to congratulate Proton management and staff for their dedicated, innovative and effective works that have shown remarkable progress of the country's first automotive products.

My advise to the Proton staff and management is that don't listen to rumours. If you heard something bad is talked about your company immediately refer them to the management.

To Tun, please provide "back-up" future competent management and staff for Proton to ensure its continuous progress and innovative in facing the stiff competition in the world automotive industries.

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