

DEMOCRACY
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1. Many people think that as soon as you accept democracy, then you will be practising democracy.
2. Unfortunately mere acceptance is not enough. It is not enough because everyone, from the top most person to the ordinary people, be they from a political party or of a nation, can find ways to abuse and frustrate the true democratic process. As a result we see democracies failing to work in most organisations or political parties and in many nations.
3. Basically democracy is about giving power to the majority. It is assumed that the majority knows what is best for the whole. The minority should therefore be prepared to accept the rule of the majority albeit after presenting opposing views and criticisms. The minority must be prepared to wait for the next election in order to make another bid.
4. In a mature democracy almost everyone respects the results of national elections. The majority forms the Government and the minority take their places in the legislature and try their best to influence policies and laws introduced by the majority Government. And so for the four or five years before the next elections, the legislature debates, approves or disapproves the proposals by the Government. But the minority and even the individual legislator may also move proposals or laws although in most instances they will not get through for lack of majority support. Playing their parts, both the majority and the minority would contribute to the proper workings of a democratic Government.
5. Political parties love democracy as it seems to be fair to everyone. Anyone can bid for any place in the party, including the top most. That is the theory at least.
6. But the reality is that only certain people could aspire to lead because of the support of a substantial number of the members.
7. Ideally in a contest the one with the biggest number of supporters should win. Ideally as with Government the loser and his supporters should accept the decision of the majority.
8. Unfortunately the loser or losers may not want to accept the results. This can ultimately lead to the party being split and weakened.
9. The process may have been very democratic but the objective of choosing a leader by majority vote has not been achieved. The losers must also remember that when they win they same can happen to them. In other words a deocratic contest can only lead to the break-up of the party (I am speaking from experience).
10. I would like to cheer on the candidates who are contesting for any post anywhere through the democratic process. Obviously only one would win. If those who lose cannot accept the decision of the majority of the members, then it is better not to talk about democracy. You really do not know what democracy is about. *

* Of course I am assuming the contest is fair.

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By pursuitAuthor Profile Page on April 8, 2010 2:33 PM

I AM THE GREATEST FAN OF SIR MAHATIR AND CONSIDER HIM THE ROLE MODEL TO BE FOLLOWED IN CURRENT REGIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SCENARIO. MALAYSIA IS TRUELY ASIA JUST BECAUSE OF HIM AND REST OF THE THINGS ABOUT HIS PERSONALITY OR ELSE DOES NOT MATTER AT ALL. LOOK AT COUNTRIES LIKE PAKISTAN WHERE CORRUPT AND CHARACTERLESS PEOPLE ARE IN POWER AND ALL THESE ARE JUST ONE GROUP... INTER CONNECTED AND RUINING TURN BY TURN ...

MALAYSIANS SHOULD BE THANKFUL TO ALMIGHTY ALLAH TO HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH A LEADER LIKE MAHATIR....

I WISH WE COULD HAVE SUCH A LEADER..

By addul_rahimAuthor Profile Page on April 6, 2010 1:28 PM

To Tun Dr Mahatir, democracy is..

- i. about giving power to the majority;
- ii. that the majority knows what is best for the whole;
- iii. that the minority should therefore be prepared to accept the rule of the majority albeit after presenting opposing views and criticisms; and
- iv. that the minority must be prepared to wait for the next election in order to make another bid.

By jalil7Author Profile Page on April 2, 2010 2:33 PM

Salam Tun,

my observations on democracy.

democracy is like a fantastic dope invented to appease the masses. the aim is peace. and in doing so achieve prosperity. people get high on democracy same as people get high on drugs. it is like a formula from heaven for national success. it is however is simply faulty. it ignores several major correct and inherent human nature.

1. that the wise of any society is in better position to lead or make decisions. in democracy, these wise men are cast aside in favour of those who can promise great wealth and good prospects or even more handsome than others. wisdom is thus lost.

2. majority is not always right and is usually wrong. it is those who passed their high school school or university exams well that usually got many answers right, not those who can speak well and make us feel good. those who have a gift of the gab usually belong to the entertainment

industry.

3. an authority is someone who is an expert at what he or she does. a democratically elected authority is not necessarily an expert. and so is usually unable to make sound decisions and is also at the mercy of the true expert.

4. democracy ignores the minority, but it is these minority that is the actually the cream. the bran drain and loss of local expertise as reported periodically in our local newspapers demonstrates that the majority does not really know or care who these people are. and so they leave.

5. people move or work overseas not because it is more democratic there, it is because they can get a better pay and better life. it has almost nothing to do with democracy. it is largely economics plus lifestyle.

i think there is enough, people can add more, but the essence is the same.

Thank You.

By astaroAuthor Profile Page on March 31, 2010 10:40 AM

Salam Tun.

To ABI,

I believe i am a rational, right-thinking person like u were suggesting in your comment, ABI. The moment i read it. I could not stop giggling. It was rubbish. It was filled with so much hatred and felt childish in every ways. Like an angry child. Its either you had a terrible childhood or your mind had been poisoned a bit too much by the people around you. I pity you ABI. Certainly, everything that you spoke of about Tun somehow reflected back to you; Cheap Publicity, ego ... Again. Hahaha. It is a big disgrace in the manner you speak of Tun, ABI. Please sit down and take a deep breath, because I believe you are a childish person after all. Grow up. And stop doing thrash talk. It is so unintellectual, its embarrassing to know such person like you exist.

By StevieAuthor Profile Page on March 31, 2010 9:08 AM

I voted you in when you first came to the forefront of Malaysian politics. You arrived like a breath of fresh air clearing away the cobwebs of administrative ineptitude.

You showed us what democracy could achieve. But then... you changed.

To quote something familiar " power corrupts...absolute power corrupts absolutely."

Then came the tampering with the judiciary to suit your purposes. You definitely had no shortage of fawning syncophants ready to toady up to you. What happened????

Malaysia WAS a great country to be born in to. I went overseas because I could not get into any local institution because of your preferential treatment of bumiputras.

I was supported through University by a widowed mother. I graduated, came back and set up my own business. Then I looked at the obstacles and constantly moving goal posts for my community. I decided I did not want this for my children.

I have been an expatriate now for more than 20 years. My children have all graduated from prestigious overseas institutions and earn handsomely without having racial prejudices flung in their faces.

Myself - I wait for the day that the rakyat of Malaysia pull down that corruption riddled entity called UMNO and prosecute its corrupt leaders. I hope you remain around to face the music for you most certainly destroyed the fabric of Malaysia as I knew it.

By ABIAuthor Profile Page on March 29, 2010 11:45 PM

Any right-thinking, rational person would expect a man who has been at the helm of national affairs as the head of government for more than two decades, to rise above pettiness, racism and narrow-mindedness and become a real statesman. It's sad to note that you continue to be a politician of a vulgar variety, playing the race card to garner support to perk-up your ego and gain cheap publicity. Your psyche is such that you are drunk with power and you can't let it go! You want to be kowtowed, treated as an iconic figure, showered with encomium, be consulted as a mentor and given preferential treatment to you and your family.

In the twilight of your life, you should mend your ways, change your perspective and perception and be at peace with yourself and others. That, I believe, would do you, Tun, a lot of good.

ABI

By cucu atokAuthor Profile Page on March 29, 2010 10:13 PM

Salam tun,

Saya ini salah satu daripada generasi yang membesar semasa Tun menjadi PM dahulu. Seringkali saya melihat Tun sahaja saya teringatkan arwah datuk saya yang telah meninggal beberapa tahun yang dahulu.

Bukan apa, ini adalah di sebabkan beliau selalu mengingatkan saya akan perjuangan Tun terhadap memajukan bangsa Melayu. Beliau selalu mengingatkan saya bahawa jangan mudah terlupa seperti apa yang Tun kata, malah beliau akan menjadi marah kepada sesiapa saja jika orang mengutuk Tun. Dia kata depa ni tak tau macam mana zaman Jepun dulu betapa susahnyanya orang kita hidup dahulu. Sebab itulah beliau selalu bersyukur kerana dapat hidup dengan aman dan tenteram sehinggalah ke akhir hayat beliau.

Pada mulanya saya tak setuju juga dengan pandangan beliau (biasalah jiwa remaja) tetapi sejak akhir-akhir ini apa yang beliau katakan menjadi semakin jelas dan terus terang saya katakan saya akui apa yang beliau katakan. Contohnya, semasa saya pergi ke luar negeri, (tak payah jauh) menitik air mata saya melihat satu keluarga yang merempat di taman dan hanya bekerja dengan mengurut kaki sahaja sebagai upah.

Akan tetapi, baru baru ini seperti yang telah di dedahkan oleh ADUAN RAKYAT, saya amat terkejut kerana perkara itu terjadi di negara kita. Mujurlah tindakan kerajaan yang mengambil pantas untuk menyelesaikan masalah ini. TAHNIAH.

Bukan tugas saya nak menegur atau mengkritik sesiapa, tapi keamanan yang kita kecapai ini bukan mudah hendak di capai asalkan hormat menghormati antara satu sama lain perlu ada.

Saya rasa luahan hati saya mungkin tidak di fahami oleh sesetengah pihak tapi apa yang cuba saya terangkan jika kita tidak melalui fasa kesusahan seperti yang di lalui oleh arwah datuk saya mungkin kita hanya mendengar cerita ini sebagai 'urban legend'.

Insyallah jika tuan-tuan sekalian faham akan maksud saya.

Itulah maksud saya jika ramai yang pandai cakap tapi bukan nak bagi penyelesaiannya. Terima Kasih Tun.

By Siti SalamahAuthor Profile Page on March 29, 2010 7:07 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Sejak saya remaja saya sudah mengikuti ucapan2 Tun, sama ada dalam Persidangan UMNO, BN, Majlis Rasni Negara mahupun di arena antarabangsa. Intipati 'demokrasi' ini saya fahami ketika saya remaja dulu hanya 'onsurface' sahaja, satu fahaman, namun kini saya masih mendengar pendapat yg sama drpd Tun, saya menggemarinya atas kesinikalan Tun, cukup melucukan saya dan menambahkan minat saya terhadap penulisan2 Tun.

Semoga Allah sentiasa merahmati Tun dan keluarga.

By huzannaAuthor Profile Page on March 29, 2010 1:56 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun Yang Amat Dihormati,

Izinkan saya,

TO Damianstm:Your question"did you really champion this cause?"

The answer is simple,YES!Racial Tension??Who??Where??Maybe you yourself and some people who share the same feeling as you, are being paranoid.Who created or sparked the situation in the first place?It is always clear to me,that Anwar Ibrahim,,Lim Kit Siang & Co. are dangerous to this country.They are just like 'virus',maybe with some 'help'from Pm-5,who was a weak leader,just like your body,when it is weak,the virus will attack you,and we really need a good 'remedy' to cure the situation(our country be it,politics or economy].I belive DSNTR is trying his best for the country,but not those morons.Me??just like others Malaysians,who wants to live peacefully with other races who are proud and gratefull to be Malaysians.One more thing,please try not to be rude to Tun!!

Semoga Tun sentiasa sihat dan sentiasa dirahmati Yang Maha Esa.Terima kasih,Tun.

By damianstmAuthor Profile Page on March 28, 2010 11:47 AM

With Democracy in mind, I'm wondering, during your admistration, did you really champion this cause? If you would have, then we won't being seeing this racial tension issues years after your time.

Talk about sparking racial tension old boy!!

By huzannaAuthor Profile Page on March 28, 2010 12:28 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun Yang Amat Dihormati,

1.Pada pendapat saya,tulisan Tun kali ini mungkin untuk menasihati pemimpin di dalam parti MCA.Diharap segalanya akan menemui jalan penyelesaian yang akan memulihkan BN secara keseluruhannya.

2.Saya setuju,setakat ini sistem demokrasi berpelembagaan yang terbaik.Selagi pemimpin dan rakyat berpegang teguh kepada 5 rukun negara dan menghormati undang-undang, isyaallah negara akan sentiasa aman.

3.Tetapi sejak selepas pilihanraya ke 12,dengan parti pembangkang menawan 5 negeri,sering kita dihidangkan dengan telatah 'kartun' mereka.Mereka sering melaungkan itu adalah amalan demokrasi,tapi apa yang selalu saya perhatikan apabila sesuatu yang berlaku meyebelahi mereka,itu adalah demokrasi sebenar,tetapi jika sebaliknya berlaku,ia tidak demokrasi,dengan senangnya mereka menyatakan demokrasi di negara ini telah 'mati'.

4.Pada saya,demokrasi terutamanya di negara ini yang terdiri daripada kaum dan agama,sudah semestinya ada perkara sensitif yang tidak boleh dieksploitasikan sewenang -wenangnya,sebab itu ISA perlu dikekalkan.Pemimpin juga harus bersikap tegas,pantas serta bijak.

5.Demokrasi yang diamalkan di negara Barat seperti US,tidak semestinya boleh atau sesuai diamalkan di negara kita.Seperti Tun selalu nyatakan demokrasi mengikut 'acuan' kita sendiri,selagi ia adalah untuk kepentingan negara dan rakyat.Bagi saya,Malaysia telah mengamalkan sistem ini sebaik mungkin,terutamanya menjaga keharmonian kaum.Tidak keterlaluan jika saya menyatakan bahawa di bawah pentadbiran Tun adalah terbaik.

Semoga Tun sentiasa diberkati dan dilindungi Yang Maha Esa.Pemimpin seperti Tun sukar dicari ganti,walaupun begitu saya akan terus memberi sokongan kepada kerajaan,kerana setakat ini BN adalah terbaik(walaupun ada masa melakukan kesilapan,terutamanya zaman PM-5).Terima Kasih,Tun.

By anakbudu3 Author Profile Page on March 27, 2010 3:34 PM

Assalamualaikum Ayahnda Tun & Bonda,

please allow me,

i wanted to comment in the latest entry by Tun i.e. WHAT YOU KNOW OR WHO YOU KNOW but after trying so many times, i could only get halfway down the comments up to this bro kamal ahmad's writing, "FOMCA and all other consumers groups at times appears to be nothing more than mere political platforms for"...it stopped here!

i'll do it here since there's no way i can get to the bottom of that entry. i wonder why...

it's 'who you know' determines many things. if obama knows nobody in america, can he be where he is today?

it has long been practised in Malaysia & must be in all parts of the world, if you dont know who's handling the power in the government to give the contracts, would you be able to deal with them? would you be able to secure the projects? what you know is not so important. when & where to act is more important. worse still, if you are in the alibaba's world. ali's only have the

license & are given the contracts because ali's know who but the baba's know how, what, when, where & have all the means. it's the same even in pr running states..there they go. rakyat marhaen according to b.abi's term, will never smell the 'what' when they dont even know the 'who' etc

wonder too, why Tun so easily forgive & let people who slander Tun get away free all the times. like this 'catman' who cursed Tun like hell & proudly published soros piggybankhead reply to Tun 'The Corruption Of Mahahir as published in the Bangkok Post' in his blog last november 20, 2009. why this person hates Tun so much & defends b.abi with all his might & embraces soros letter like his kitab??? what did he get? till now? the same first class VIP treatment like his idol, b. abi? or being treated the same VVIP treats by b.abi as well since the catman may have smooth skin?

if you want to go up in your career, the same thing applies. if you dont know the right people, you'll be stuck where you are forever. even if you know the right people but they dont want to know you, it's useless. i face the same problem here. i'm an outsider though i've been servicing here for more than 26 years. got everything by doing what i only know & could - praying. i was transfered 7 times without my wanting (usually to replace other personnels who went awol or pursuing their studies) & only once asked for it when i was in ulu trengganu for half a year after i came back from the uk. when i got transfered back to a town school near my house, the first question friends & people asked me was, "who's your cable?!!" i told them, i filled up the form like the rest & the school approved it because they didnt see the point of me travelling 250km to & fro everyday when my family especially my children needed me more. yes, i did appeal personally to jpn ganu at that time & the director himself saw to it that i get back because he could see my sufferings...sometimes with only Allah's blessing, you'll get the reward. you dont have to know people but be ready to be rejected if you do...

till today i can see my friends who have worked hard for many years & some have pensioned, were treated unfairly just because 'you dont know who & who' or you could not be bothered with office politicking. the saddest of all, a senior of mine was still teaching on her last day at school before pensioned the next day just because she was a quiet type. she was only called back to school two months after that to be given a farewell lunch with 2 other teachers who shared her fate. she was very well focused on her job. the students knew her hard work & they appreciate her by visiting her at home avery now & then. now she's tutoring at a university because she pursued her degree & completed at the verge of her retiring day...what a spirit!

this morning, i read this news with a notion of 'what if this happens in Malaysia?

'Universal Studios Singapore coaster rolls to a halt,... a mere week after the theme park opened,... due to a technical problem. (Reuters - Friday, March 26).

i guess the opposition parties & their supporters & government haters will bolt up & cry out loud to demand the cause & costs...what? this happens in overseas, ma...no question asked because there's no chance to ask!! you dare ask??

right Ayahnda. Malaysian government is too soft in handling the demands from its people today

though they are the minorities. every mat, muthu & ah chong wants to be seen as 'important'. they can simply threaten the government by telling the government that their vote determines everything. especially the PeeeRaaah side.

this so called 'catman' also cursed all the malay leaders as if there are no malays in the oppositions. look who's talking? when malay youngsters behaving badly, it's all the government's fault!!! the parents cannot be at fault? the community leaders cannot be at fault? the state government is not at all wrong? the tok guru cannot be at fault? by right the ugly things happen to kelantanese inside & outside kelantan should be the tok guru's responsibility for he's the menteri besar, the chief of dewan ulamak, the famous ustaz!!!! he has failed to influence, guide & teach many of them, those are rakyat kelantan. but he dares put the blame totally on the government. he just wipes his hands clean of every wrong thing happens to his people. can he do the same denial act in front of Allah?

Tun has many times admitted that Tun has failed to change the malays. we know why. we have all the answers. its our own attitudes. we must admit our wrong doings every now & then, especially in front of Allah. but some people never admit anything. like usual, they automatically, blame others

May Allah SWT grant you, Ayahnda & your family with all His blessings.

Wassalm.

ust my brain wave...

By alvinAuthor Profile Page on March 27, 2010 12:18 PM

you should cheer for the mp who were rightfully voted to form a government and being removed by force.

The courts may have their say on who's right, but the public's perception on such moves do not favor it at all. This is just democracy of the jungle. It's like watching lion king who finishes anyone in his way without asking the forest for a re election.

And this is one of the worst democracy practice i've ever seen.

By hambaAuthor Profile Page on March 27, 2010 5:37 AM

Yeah Tun, you got that right.

By sullyAuthor Profile Page on March 26, 2010 4:52 PM

Salam hormat Tun Mahathir

Malaysia masih jauh dari menjadi negara maju dan masih belum siap melaksanakan demokrasi total. Antara lain hal2 yang menjadi hambatan adalah berikut.

a)Raayak berbilang bangsa dan masih belum bersatu

b)Tiap2 bangsa tidak mahu mengalah berkorban untuk sistem satu bahasa satu budaya saja. Mereka semua mahu mempertahankan budaya dan bahasa ibuda.

c)Kaum minority terlalu tamak sudah di beri petis mahu peha
d.Terlalu banyak kegiatan fitnah antara satu sama lain.Ungkapan saudara Zulkifli terbongkar satu konspirasi yang sangat bahaya pada masa depan negara kalau tidak di tangani.Tidak mungkin saudara Zul berbohong kalau pohon bergoyan pasti ada angin.Kalaulah di buktikan benar, banyak lagi hal yang lain jadi tanda tanya.Contoh nya kes private investigator Bala dan laporan dokter mengatakan tidak ada tanda ada kekiatan liwat atas diri Saiful..Kalau lah mereka boleh buat satu fitnah hal yang lain jelas fitnah juga.Yang hairan pemimpin parti Pas parti yang mempertahankan Islam tidak dapat melihat atau pura2 tidak mahu tahu, aneh tapi nyata.
e)Apa yang di lakukan pembangkang jelas di namakan(dirty tactics)sudah lama saya duga.
f)Masih banyak kaum bumiputra yang miskin yang kais pagi makan pagi.
g)Oleh karna kerajaan pimpinan Abdullah Badawi yang lemah sehingga parti pembangkang berhasil meracun pemikiran sebahagian besar rakyat Malaysia supaya membenci parti BN dengan alasan UMNOPUTRA.Akhirnya BN kalah parah.Saya harap rakyat khusus bumiputra jangan tertipu lagi dengan parti2 pembangkang.Bersatu kita teguh berderai kita roboh.
h)Ungkapan saudara Zaharain melaporkan penulis Malaysiakini di bayar khusus menulis hal2 yang menghina pemimpin Melayu memang jelas Malaysia kini di terbitkan oleh parti pembangkang, satu lagi "dirty tactics"
By boboAuthor Profile Page on March 26, 2010 3:05 AM

Sorry, i wrote the post at 2AM in the morning. I would like to correct a mistake, in CAPS and add a few words for clarification (in brackets):

A good example of this is how the Bukit Antarabangsa Landslide Report was CLASSIFIED under the OSA. Was this to defend the people affected (by the landslide) or was it to defend the people in power, government officials, etc. who (were involved and) had something to hide?

Would it be better if the people did not know (about the causes of the landslide due to poor planning, corruption, etc)? That is censorship of important information, a principle of communism and not democracy.

Seperately, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tun Mahathir for publishing comments such as mine, although they may be critical of Tun's views or past actions.

Thank you.
Umar

By boboAuthor Profile Page on March 26, 2010 2:46 AM

It is always a chore to debate with blind supporters of BN. In my previous posting, I asked 'Idea' what he meant by 100% democracy. I did not ask 'Idea' about the types of democracy, but which 'Idea' did a very good job of, by listing a few examples. Well done, 'Idea', but yet again 'Idea' has missed the point.

Sure, there are different types of democracy. But what do they all have in common? That is protecting the rights and liberties of the people. Since Merdeka, has the BN government enacted

or defended laws to protect the rights of the people, or have they merely enacted and defended laws to defend themselves to stay in power?

Why don't we have a Freedom of Information Act instead of an Official Secrets Act (OSA)? 'Idea' will probably reply saying that without an Official Secrets Act, we will not be able to protect our military information, and other relevant information regarding national security. The solution to this is to draft a national security act of some sort! The current Official Secrets Act (which was probably meant for the purpose of protecting national security relevant info) has been abused by BN.

A good example of this is how the Bukit Antarabangsa Landslide Report was declassified under the OSA. Was this to defend the people affected or was it to defend the people in power, government officials, etc. who had something to hide? Would it be better if the people did not know? That is censorship of important information, a principle of communism and not democracy.

"Censorship is a tool of the powerful to oppress the powerless" (Marx).

Of course, 'Idea' will argue that the report was declassified (and only after the Opposition made noise about it). Correct, correct, correct. But why was it classified in the first place?

Scoreboard: bobo 1 : Idea 0.

'Idea' does not seem to realize that BN has practiced gerrymandering for decades ever since they abused their 2/3 majority in Parliament to amend an election law, to allow/ make valid gerrymandering.

The "unfavourable" law to BN, which ruled that no two parliamentary constituencies should have a difference in number of voters by a margin of 15 percent, was amended to allow no restrictions in delineating constituencies according to number of voters.

A deplorable act which cannot be defended; a gross abuse of 2/3 majority in Parliament (mob rule).

BN imagined that Malays are more likely to vote for BN than non-Malays, and therefore you would find smaller constituencies with a high Malay majority, and larger constituencies with a high percentage of non-Malays. Constituencies with higher percentage of Malay voters are more likely to be in the rural areas, whereas 'mixed constituencies' are more likely to be in the urban or industrialized areas. This strategy had worked for BN in the past, but not in GE12 which saw even UMNO members voting for the Opposition. But still the problem of disseminating information will exist as the mainstream media reporting is severely unbalanced.

It is interesting to note that the most populous state in Malaysia, Selangor (which has fallen to the Opposition before GE12), has a higher population than Johor, yet has a significantly lower MP-to-population ratio. Selangor with a population of approximately 5.2 million is represented in Parliament by only 22 MP's, whereas Johor (a BN stronghold), with a population of

approximately 3.4 million is represented in Parliament by 26 MP's!

One man, one vote? I don't think so. You do the math!

The people's democratic right of having a well-represented Parliament has been compromised by BN's amendment of the Election Act!

Scoreboard: bobo 3 : Idea 0 -- I get one point for proving that (blatant) gerrymandering exists in Malaysia, and another for proving that BN has abused its super-majority in Parliament to amend the Constitution for their benefit, not for the people, and in the process diluted our democratic right of having a well-represented Parliament.

Check, and mate.

I thank 'Idea' for his/her arguments. No matter how many times 'Idea' twists and turns, he/she cannot prove that Malaysia is a valid democracy. 'Idea' will be a great lawyer or a politician. He/she will also do well as a journalist or rather as a spin doctor.

Malaysia is controlled by an autocratic regime, disguised as a democracy.

It looks like democracy, sounds like democracy, but it is not democracy. Or is it?

I challenge 'Idea' to respond to my post. I am sure that I will not need to respond to his attempt to challenge me as there are already sufficient points in this post to justify my argument.

Umar, over and out.

By adik adikAuthor Profile Page on March 25, 2010 10:57 PM

It is most important that a govt must be strong,authorities capable of upholding law and order.

I find Malaysia Govt are less authoritative.

Having rules and regulations but not firming the order are the failure of the Malaysia Govt.Besides the corruption that is alive.

A weak Govt will not deliver the objectives.Malaysia govt must practice firming of the do,s and don,ts.

Tidak apa,Kesian attitude are the key failure of Malay Govt.

By providing for the people does not helps the people to stand on its own.Giving alms is not helping,getting them to stand on their own feet,helps a lot,is the key to success

By idealessAuthor Profile Page on March 25, 2010 9:48 PM

Dear Tun,

"Democracy is the government of the people,by the people,for the people" by Abraham Lincoln (Former President of United States)

Lincoln this words has long influence many other strong democracy people. Person like Dr.Sun

Yet Sun (Father of China) who lead China to democracy way, like what currently in Taiwan.

What about Malaysia? Malaysia is a democracy country? to be honest, in recently years Malaysia democracy is slowly "DIE". The chance of Malaysia become like "Iran Islam Republic" is near.

I been meet a lot overseas friends. Friends like Arabs from Yemen, Saudi and Iran, when i ask them, why Malaysia? why Malaysia university? why come here (Malaysia).

One of the Iranian friends tell me, Iran may is democracy is country. We not only vote President but also vote for Freedom. Until now, i don't feel my vote on freedom is there in my country. Come Malaysia is give us a chance to feel the "Freedom"

Another Saudi friend tell me. If i capable, for sure i will move out from Saudi, maybe go States, Europe, but my biggest choice is Malaysia. Why? because "Malaysia a democracy country."

A chance to feel the "Freedom", "Malaysia a democracy country", that what they think Malaysia before landed here.

After been here for a year. So Malaysia a democracy country? a freedom country?
Iranian and Saudis said " No, this country could be the next Saudi and Iran"
By arikAuthor Profile Page on March 25, 2010 9:00 PM

Demokrasi....saya cuma nampak ini masalah org politik je....org awam takde masalah.....cuma pandangan saya kita patut lebih bersifat terbuka.....dan profesional...utk org politik...sebab politik memburukkan org hanya merugikan negara kita balik....akhirnya...pandangan org politik itu sendiri membuat rakyat menyampah bila mendengarnya...sebab cakap tak serupa bikin
By Joe TherapistAuthor Profile Page on March 25, 2010 7:47 PM

Salam Tun,

Please allow me one last time to Rebut an ardent Che Det Fan.

HBT

Why they did not?

The answer is Gladiators equal to Cannibals (1/2 beast, 1/2 human) because they have not learn democracy during the Roman Empire Period with Autocratic (Absolute) Power.

True Democracy DIED in this country since 1969... because you do not know what is Democracy.

If you can link Democracy to Gladiator, then what is the difference between you and PAS's Hadi Awang requesting for Rukunegara to be ammended from Kepercayaan Kepada Tuhan kepada Kepercayaan Kepada Allah.....">>>>>>>>

I Only took the trouble to Reply your postings the last time because you sounded reasonable. But after reading this i find you are as small minded as those Ignorant Malaysians that we are familiar with.

Movies do not depict the Visible Storyline but there are underlining Issues the Storyteller tries to Challenge the Movie Goer.

Take for Instance You only saw the coke bottle in "The God Must Be Crazy" and related it to Western Propaganda. Any one else would have seen the movie and seen that When 'A People' who are not ready are presented with Wealth and Power (the Bottle) they Destroy each other. But they (the Bushman) were wise enough to know their Mistake.

As also Our Dear Tun went to see Avatar, He didn't see The Message of Hope against unsurmountable odds, people prevail. Without having to 'Sell' their Beliefs. BUT our Tun saw The Deceit of Western Culture and the Lies they are capable of. Saying the 9/11 was Movie magic.....

True Democracy died in this country When in 1969, A group decided to take matters into their own hands and Killed anyone who went against them. Then There was fear in the people, and that fear has gripped this country till now.

True Democracy died in this country When the media are not given Freedom.

True Democracy died in this country When The Judiciary are just Puppets to serve the Ruling Coalition.

True Democracy died in this country When The Monarchy has no official place in this System when in actual fact they were put there as a check and balance to both Judiciary and Legislative Council.

True Democracy died in this country When Our Founding Father, Tengku and Dato Sri Onn Jaafar, Left UMNO because they were disgusted at the hypocrisy that was there. They were Blanketed out of mainstream Media because they wanted Equality. When Tun was in Power He never allowed any airing of the Late Tengku. We only saw Tengku's last Interview When Abdullah Badawi was in Office.

Rarunasalam

I applaud you for Highlighting the said fact but i don't think Tun Will Reply as i'm sure there are people who do the screening of this blog and pass to him relevant material. I've put some questions to Him and he hasn't replied....

My Final Say, It's hard to put a 12x15 IDEA into a 3x5 MIND.

GOD Bless Tun...

By liAuthor Profile Page on March 25, 2010 6:32 PM

My Dearest Tun Always,

Malaysia democratic process is a live and kicking and it has made the process to absurd situation at times and we do see a person wanting to prove a point in being democratic that he overrules the nature process of democracy itself.

We take a peak of what happened when a "minority" does not want to accept that the majority of people in Malaysia are Muslim hence the country is a Muslim country just like we accepted otherwise.

Here in Malaysia, Minority has "power" of democracy when they demand for what they believe is their rights and push it to the limit and the pressure "bows" people in power to their demand(s) and at times this people in power pressures the "oppressors" to "bow" to their demand even though the process of democracy is not followed through.

This the way of manipulating the democratic process and this "manipulators" cries foul every time saying its UN-democratic when a majority government exercise the process. This manipulation are always associated to "Human Rights" abuse.

Politics has always turns tables of the democratic process depending on the "direction"(s)and "oppressors" can also come from different "sides" depending on which "wind" they rides.

Oh YES DEMOCRACY IS ALIVE AND KICKING HERE IN MALAYSIA, the so called "democrat's" themselves does not really understand democracy since to them everything here is not democratic since almost everything is against Human rights and when they turn the tables is suddenly DEMOCRACY.

So joint the LOSERS CLUB - AL GORE, DSAI and a few others who lost and yet they go around the world saying everything else is NOT DEMOCRATIC and CONSPIRACY and against HUMAN RIGHTS and these bunch of losers has believers and followers. THATS DEMOCRACY since everybody else listen regardless and allow them to do what they want to do, SO WHO'S BEING DEMOCRATIC IN THE FIRST PLACE? HEHEHHEE

By mthagoAuthor Profile Page on March 25, 2010 12:56 PM

PAS AND UMNO

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In my opinion, these two parties are the same. The members of both parties are the Malays and all Malays are Muslims. They are like two groups of the same type of peoples that wear cloth of different colours. They are like two football teams that wear different jersey. One team is wearing blue and the other one is wearing green jersey. Both teams want to win the game and both want to be the champions. Umno and Pas are brothers and sisters in Islam, they are all Malays. Gerakan, and MCA are another teams consists of non-Muslims and all of them are Chinese. MIC and Makkhal Sakti are two other teams consist of non-Muslims and all of them are

Indians. PKR is another team consists of Malays, Chinese and Indians.

All the teams are contesting with one another and all of the teams want to become the champion. In democratic system, the team that is most popular will win the contest and become the champion. In order to become the most popular team in Malaysia, they cannot be alone. Pas will never become the most popular team because only Muslims like Pas and among the Muslims, some will like Umno. In Democratic system, Pas will never rule Malaysia as Pas will never becomes the most popular team if Pas remain alone. Similarly DAP will not becomes the most popular teams in case DAP stands on its own. In order to become the champion and to become the most popular group Pas must decide to join DAP, PKR to form Pakatan Rakyat and Pas must leave the image of Islam, and Pas should not use the name Islam.

In democratic system, the one that wins is not necessarily the best team that can discharge the best services. The one that is the most popular will win and Thaksin and his party although dislike by the business communities of Thailand because he has monopolized businesses in Thailand still wins because he and his party is the most popular in Thailand CLICK. In case Pas want to win and becomes popular in democratic system and rule Malaysia, Pas has to leave his Islamic image and becomes the party like Umno. Umno members are Muslims but they do not carry the Islamic image like Pas and their aim in joining Umno is not to elevate Islam but to elevate the Malays and also Islam. To those Malay Muslims who join Pas because they want to elevate Islam, they had better think twice. By joining, an Islamic party in democratic system does not elevate Islam. When Muslims do the pure and sincere work of Prophet Muhammad s.a.w then Islam will be elevated. Islam is pure and it needs pure and sincere work. Islam not elevated by having an Islamic party within a democratic system. The sincere Pas members who want to elevate Islam they should do the work of Prophet Muhammad s.a.w the way the Prophet s.a.w did instead of joining any political parties.

In order to win and rule Pas that has an Islamic image in a democratic system must be popular. An Islamic party in a democratic system will never wins as many people dislike Islam and do not like to practice Islam even though they are Muslims. Many Muslims are only by names and they do not really like to practice Islam. Pas will only be popular among Muslims that like Islam and the number is less. Pas can become the most popular only in the states that have many Muslims that like Islam. Pas should not dream that they will ever-ruled Malaysia in democratic system. The only hope Pas has is to continue to rule Kelantan and Kedah but not Malaysia.

That is how a democratic system works; the most popular even they are evils and stupid will wins and rule. The leader of the most popular groups even though he or she is evil and stupid will becomes the Prime Minister or the President of the country. When Pas can never rule Malaysia how Pas will ever dream to establish an Islamic Laws in Malaysia. Only able to rule one or two states will not make Pas able to change the Federal Constitutions of Malaysia. The slogan that Pas used to have, that is to establish Malaysia as an Islamic state is only a dream. We can talk about many good dreams but dream will remain a dream and it can never become a reality.

Many Malays who join Pas because they want to elevate Islam, to established the orders of Allah in Malaysia, to established Hudud Laws in Malaysia and to establish all those related to Islam. I

want these people to sit and think whether the nobles aims will ever be achieve by joining Pas. In case you truly believed that it would, you may continue to be in Pas and I wish you good luck.

However, in case you think the noble aims cannot be achieve by joining Pas then you had better use your times and energy to do the work of Prophet Muhammad s.a.w like the Prophet s.a.w did in your locality, making your mosque as your base. Using your local mosque as your base, you should visits the Muslims in your locality reminding them about Allah and the orders of Allah. To the Muslims you should ask them to do the work of dakwah and to perform five times daily solat with congregation in the mosque. You should also visit the non-Muslims in your locality, inviting them to enter Islam and to recite the Great Kalimah, there is no God except Allah and Muhammad is the Prophet of Allah. Detailed on how to do the work I have written in my other articles in this blog [CLICK](#).

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<http://mthago.wordpress.com/2010/03/25/pas-and-umno/>
By The Last HorsemanAuthor Profile Page on March 25, 2010 12:47 PM

Don't want to disparage anyone's belief but GOD in whatever fashion we want to call HIM, has always been silent. HIS purported instructions have always come through men who professed to be HIS mouth-pieces. So I think the following is probably true.

MAN PROPOSES, GOD DISPOSES...

So democracy is probably right if it is practiced fairly. I am sure GOD won't object cos I think HE is more concern about what is inside your hearts rather than the systems you are using. Having a knife is not a crime. Killing someone with it is.

The opposite is also true. Don't lie to yourself that by being a believer, you will qualify for a place in heaven. Believing without practicing is but an empty shell !
By IdeaAuthor Profile Page on March 25, 2010 11:23 AM

Dear Tun,

1. A democracy extremist says there is only one democracy; you either have democracy or you don't -- nothing in between. Perhaps he is a naïve person who has just completed Democracy 101 textbook. To me, there are several types of democracy. Each defines how and to which extent the principles of democracy are being applied. Some examples are Athenian Democracy, Constitutional Democracy, Direct Democracy, Jacksonian Democracy, Jeffersonian Democracy, Parliamentary Democracy and Representative Democracy.

2. The zealot also says the reason why the opposition may not be able to influence the smaller groups is because the smaller groups are likely to be in rural areas which have limited access to information such as the internet. How can he say that? I am absolutely astounded. During PRU12, we witnessed the opposition's success in many remote areas like Sik, Kedah and Hulu Selangor, Selangor. It makes me wonder how long he has been insulting people's intelligence with this lame excuse.

3. I have often come across the banal statement of 'BN has abused its 2/3 majority in Parliament by amending the Constitution'. It is clear that Parliament has the right to amend the Constitution. It seems that the bigot could not accept the decision of the majority. Tun, I would like to quote what you say in Paragraph 10, "If those who lose cannot accept the decision of the majority of the members, then it is better not to talk about democracy. You really do not know what democracy is about."

By OrangLamaAuthor Profile Page on March 25, 2010 8:58 AM

Salam,

Empat ciri penting demokrasi:

- (1)suara majoriti
- (2)keadilan yang sama
- (3)kebebasan Parlimen (separation of power di US)
- (4)kebebasan bersuara, kebebasan akhbar, kebebasan menyatakan pendirian politik masing2.

Kalau kita lihat keadaan di Malaysia, adakah semua parti politik kita mengamalkan demokrasi? Adakah Democratic Action Party(DAP) sepenuhnya mengamalkan demokrasi? Adakah akhbar arus perdana dan elketonik seperti Malaysian Insider mengamalkan demokrasi? Adakah Ketua2 Bahagian dan Cawangan UMNO mengamalkan demokrasi? Tepuk dada tanya selera.

Demokrasi takrifan Pakatan Rakyat ialah yang mana selari dengan kepentingan depa. Yang mana bercanggah maka itu bukan demokrasi. Malaysian Insider nampak kurang demokrasi kerana kalau dilihat tajuk2 dan ulasan2 pembaca lebih kepada pembangkang.

Demokrasi terhad ialah demokrasi untuk satu kelompok saja. Misalnya Suara keadilan tentulah hanya untuk orang Keadilan . kalau orang UMNO nak kutuk Keadilan, maka Pengarang berhak atas kepentingan parti tidak menyiarkan komen. Tetapi akhbar umum seperti Malaysian Insider, Malaysia kini, Utusan Malaysia, Berita Harian haruslah memeberi demokrasi kepada umum sekiranya takrifannya ialah akhbar arus perdana.

By juara_kampungAuthor Profile Page on March 25, 2010 3:31 AM

masaklomak, it is not for you to say that TDM is not well verse with Islam. Let ALLAH be the judge of that one.

Any Muslim will know that Al-Quran, Hadith and Sunnah are the ultimate laws, and Islam is the

true and only way of life. But obviously, we need to select people who can be entrusted to carry out the said "ultimate laws". What TDM is talking about here is the process of selecting those people, and the rakyat's acceptance of them.

Maybe if you do some reading on how Muawiyah Abu Sufyan become the khalifah, then you will understand better what TDM is talking about.

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By S..TanAuthor Profile Page on March 25, 2010 1:28 AM

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

.....MUDAH LUPA, SUDAH LUPA, KUAT LUPA

> Obey the outcome.

Lost bid as divisional delegate blamed on who? Reason for vendetta? Beginning of smear campaign to bring down Pak Lah before elections?

> Frustrate the winner.

Defeat of a horse in a youth election, slander the winner? This is congratulatory speech?

> Prepare to accept.

Who refused to accept Pak Lah, who won the biggest election majority ever for the govt.

> Fair contest.

Bonus votes, nomination quotas are twin towers of fairness? Together with patronage (money politics) they are the tenets of fairness in Umno for 22 yrs.

By Budak KampungAuthor Profile Page on March 24, 2010 9:03 PM

to masaklomak

who you to judge people. if you know bout ISLAM you will not say bout other people like that....n you think turban, jubah n tasbih is way of ISLAM..in what way Tun far astray to ISLAM...give me half reason

..some of our so called ulama/mursyidul only care politic, politic n politic

By gunse007Author Profile Page on March 24, 2010 6:50 PM

there 's no democracy in this world, only dictatorship and gila kuasa.

For info, even Hitler won election in the 1930s before elected Fuhrer of the third Reich assisted

by the SS, Schutzstaffel.

By ca_leadAuthor Profile Page on March 24, 2010 5:31 PM

Ybgh Tun,

Assalamualaikum.

Dari zaman dulu manusia ni memang sengal. Cipta lah apa bentuk sistem pun, mereka pandai memunipulasi. So, yang baguinya tentulah mengikut amalan zaman ketika pemilihan Khalifah Islam. Ianya mungkin berbentuk sedikit diktator, namun terbukti akan mengujudkan keamanan.

Pemilihan berbentuk demokrasi telah banyak terbukti menghancurkan, samaada Negara, Bangsa, Tanah Air mahupun maruah.

Negara hanya mungkin akan memiliki Pemimpin yang hanya pandai berpidato, pemimpin yang pandai merasuah, pemimpin yang cantek, pemimpin yang sexy walhal haprak. Jika kita pula di Malaysia, jika satu masa PATI diizinkan mengundi, tentunya lagi kecoh.

Kesimpulan nya, jangan diujudkan parti politik, setuju dengan majlis raja-raja yang menentukan Pemimpin Negara.

By ekomputeAuthor Profile Page on March 24, 2010 1:55 PM

Ir. SyahrizanAuthor says: "Does Malaysian majority wants Proton to be further protected for the next 25 years while providing a sub-par quality car?"

Hmmm.... I have been attacking Malaysia quite a fair bit, but is Proton really a sub-par quality car? Forgive me for my ignorance, but I found them better than the other low-end Japanese cars that I have bought so far. Maybe I was just lucky, I never had any problems so far with my three Proton Sagas, unlike my previous Mazda, Toyota, and Mitsubishi. But my brother's Proton Wira did ended up in the workshop quite often, though.

By masaklomakAuthor Profile Page on March 24, 2010 1:00 PM

Salam Che Det,

You may not agree with me because you are not well verse with Islam and its way of life. You may be a Muslim but you are not a practicing Muslim. I am sad that you are not but thats your choice and I pray Allah will not let you go astray too far.

I hope you still know, trust and believe that this world and the hereafter belongs to Allah and Islam is His guidance for all humans in this world. Then, its only logical that the Islam way of life is the only way to follow; not democracy. Majority do not rule, Al Quran and Hadith/Sunnah rule.

I truly pray that Allah will open your heart to Him. You have contributed so much to the nation, and yet you do not accept the Islam way of life. I am sad. I dont want you to be like Abu Talib; the Prophet's uncle who had protected and assisted his nephew from Abu Lahab and Abu Jahal but do not accept Islam himself. The Prophet prayed to Allah for Abu Talib's sake but Allah said that a person would have to accept Islam him/herself and not by other means.

Dearest Che Det, the only way is the Islam way of life.....

Salam

By hamairudinAuthor Profile Page on March 24, 2010 12:22 PM

Salam Tun,

I don't know whether what I'm going to show you after this is true or not.
ooooops. I couldn't paste it here. But you can get the link here

<http://alhussey51.blogspot.com/2010/03/umno-ada-hubungan-bau-bau-taik-dengan.html>

It's regarding a letter that was sent to Ehud Barak in 1999 which they said written by you.

Hopefully you can comment on this matter. Thank you Tun if you could reply.....

By Tahir JumatAuthor Profile Page on March 24, 2010 11:41 AM

Assalamualaikum YAB Tun,

Democracy in Malaysia is very alive.

Yes there is democracy in Malaysia, no doubt about it.

First there is opposition in parliament.

Next there are states won by opposition in general election.

Next, the level of criticism thrown at ruling party by opposition as well as by the general public is so open. Sometime or most of the time its done in a very rude manner. Yet these people are not arrested and thrown to jail. They have obviously been given the freedom to criticise the govt and they abuse it too. Even sensitive issues are being spoken openly now.

Maybe the govt feels it is not able to accomodate to many detainees otherwise they needs to build bigger or more detention ctr.

On top of that the nation needs more police personnel and Judges and courtroom too.

But for me the saddest thing that is happenning in Malaysia today is that the opposition is painting a bleak scenario of life in Malaysia,

as though there is no job, no food, no education system, no healthcare system, nothing works in Malaysia, when infact everything is in order, no chaos, no public disorder, no disruption of essential services, sufficient jobs and opportunity for all, people in general is still making money by whatever means available.

Except for a few frustrated people who doesn't get what they want generally others are happy and living a normal life enjoying what a short life we have on this planet.

Democracy yes there is democracy in Malaysia, but sometime too much of democracy is not good for the nation and its people. All depend on the leader that a nation have.

wish you are still the PM of Malaysia today TUN.

Wassalamualaikum.

By mthagoAuthor Profile Page on March 24, 2010 11:27 AM

Salam Tun,

Thailand is our neighbor and Malaysians, should be concerned with the problem face by our neighboring countries like Thailand. We always have a good relation with Thailand and Thailand has always been our good neighbor. All of us should be concerned about the situation that Thailand is facing now. Since Thaksin Sinawatra ousted as the Prime Minister of Thailand, the problems in Thailand seem to continue without end. Thaksin ousted as Prime Minister of Thailand by military coup d'état and since that day Thaksin has never stop in his attempt to gain back the power. Although Thaksin was out of Thailand, but the peoples who support Thaksin continue the struggle to bring back Thaksin into power.

Thaksin is a billionaires and he is generous to the poor people of Thailand especially the poor peoples in the north and the east west of Thailand. These poor people become the strong supporter of Thaksin. As a businessperson, Thaksin has use his position as the Prime Minister of Thailand to amass wealth through the various business activities that Thaksin use to have even before he becomes the Prime Minister of Thailand. Business communities in major cities of Thailand especially Bangkok are not happy with Thaksin total monopoly of business and they make demonstrations in the city of Bangkok asking Thaksin to step down. Military forces with the blessing of the royal palace ousted Thaksin as Prime Minister and an army General by the named Sonthi ruled Thailand temporarily.

After the short rule by the army, Thailand conducted another general election, and although Thaksin was not in the country, the party, once the party of Thaksin wins the election with overwhelming majority. Thaksin and his wife at the same time were charge with various charges of bribery and the left Thailand for Great Britain as political refugees. When Thaksin party wins the election, Thaksin came back to Thailand as a hero. Thaksin supporters are mainly the poor peoples of Thailand while the urban and the business communities of Thailand support his opponents' parties. Thaksin supporters wear the red cloth while Thaksin opponents wear the yellow cloth. When Thaksin and his allies are in power, the yellow groups were in the roads doing demonstrations. When the opponents of Thaksin are in power, the red groups are in the roads doing demonstrations. The roads demonstration in Thailand seems to be endless as it was in Indonesia towards the end of Suharto's regime that finally led to Suharto to step down as the President of Indonesia.

Now, Abhisit Vejjajiva is the Prime Minister of Thailand. He was the leader of the Democratic Party and is elected as Prime Minister not because Democratic Party wins the general election but through elections conducted among the Lawmakers of Thailand. Since Thaksin was popular among the poor people of Thailand and the poor are more than the rich are, Thaksin are sure to wins if there is any general election done in Thailand now. However, the urban and the business communities of Thailand do not like Thaksin or his allies to rise to power and they do not prefer Thailand to go to another general election. Now Thaksin or the red cloth group makes road demonstration demanding Abhisit to step down, to dissolve Parliament and to make another general election. Abhisit had refused the demands of the red group. The tussles of power between the two groups plunged Thailand into crisis that has lasted for so many years.

The incident in Thailand shows the weakness of democratic system. In term of democracy, Thaksin who wins the general election should become the Prime Minister of Thailand. He wins twice the general elections with great majority. He was denied to become the Prime Minister of Thailand after winning the second time general elections when the army with the blessing of the royal palace performed the coup d'état. However, the urban business communities dislike him because Thaksin will control almost all the major business ventures in Thailand in case he becomes the Prime Minister. As Prime Minister, Thaksin has the power to monopolize all the business ventures in Thailand while others are not having the same chance as Thaksin has.

Thaksin is clever as a businessperson and as politicians. Thaksin knows that in order to remain in power in democratic system you must have the support of the majority of the people. In order to gain support of the people Thaksin knows that he must do good services to the people. Thaksin also knows that the best way to have the support of the people is to help them by giving them money. The poor people of Thailand support Thaksin because when he was the Prime Minister of Thailand, he helps many poor people in Thailand. Thaksin pour the money that he has to help the poor people that constitute the majority of Thai people. Because of the support of the poor, in any general elections, Thaksin is sure to win with great majority. The urban and business communities of Thailand cannot denied the popularity that Thaksin has and they knows that Thaksin will come back to power if general election is being held in Thailand now.

Thailand is in great dilemma. The system of democracy that Thailand has does not seem to solve their problems. Democracy is not the system develops by Almighty Allah that can solve all the political problems that man has. Democracy is a system develops by human beings, which are far from perfect to develop a perfect system of governance. Muslims should not believe in the system develop by men but they should believe in the system given by Allah. All Muslims politicians who want to become the champion of democratic system should take lessons from the incident in Thailand. Democracy is not an Islamic system of governance. The way Muslims chose their leaders should be like the times of the four great Caliphs of Islam CLICK.

Thailand will solve her problem when they use the King as the decision maker to decides who should becomes the Prime Minister of Thailand and not the members of laws makers which are not respected and honored by Thai people. All Thais respect and accept the decision of their Kings and none will dare to go against the decision of the King. In order to decide who should become the Prime Minister of Thailand, the King must make consultations with various important personalities in Thailand. After consultations the King make the decision and the King, decision is final. In order for the two groups to unite the person that the King should choose as the Prime Minister of Thailand should be the person acceptable by both parties. The King can choose any person and not necessarily from among the politicians to become, the Prime Minister of Thailand as long as the person can becomes a means to unite the Thai people.

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By khairi aliAuthor Profile Page on March 24, 2010 9:52 AM

assalamualaikum Tun,

Really Tun, I dont bother about democracy. It just dont exist in my believe and understanding of Islam.

I understand that this blog is referring to MCA, but the prinsip and teory do apply for all, including UMNO.I also understand that in todays' world, a nations' democracy will be subjected to international standard and values of democracy. They will ever eager to come into the limelight of any nation that are seem to be trespassing the golden rules and ideas of democracy.

However, it seem that no Islamic leaders and scholars are interested in having to come to resolution on Islamic solutions to a nation or/and of any nationality. For example we have humans right, but we dont have races right. Whereas, races were made by God Allah.

Human, with no races trait, only exist in the first phase of human existence, that is during Adam as. time.

Must we, as muslims, be totally agreed to such a bondage of democracy and humans right?
By pakbelalangAuthor Profile Page on March 24, 2010 8:08 AM

Dear Tun,

I don't believe in democratic system of government in our Persekutuan Tanah Melayu.

Being Persekutuan Tanah Melayu we should have absolute monarchy system. I hope one day this country will revert to absolute monarchy system. I think it will happen sooner or later.

Our society is not civilised and matured enough to have democratic system of government. We have failed to manage democratic principles. All our political parties are haprak and HP6 particularly the oppositions who are behaving irresponsibly.They are just nuts!!!!
By smallbossAuthor Profile Page on March 23, 2010 10:38 PM

Demokrasi adalah ciptaan manusia. Demokrasi, diktator, komunisme dan pelbagai lagi kaedah pemerintahan yang dicipta oleh manusia. Pastinya tidak sempurna. Ramai yang diantara kita menerima demokrasi adalah kaedah yang terbaik di atas muka bumi ini.

Sebenarnya ada kaedah pemerintahan yang dicipta oleh pencipta manusia yang lebih sempurna tetapi tidak terlintas di kotak pemikiran kebanyakan manusia untuk dibandingkan dengan sistem-sistem yang dicipta manusia.

Demokrasi yang dicipta manusia berkulit putih lah yang melayakkan manusia berkulit hitam memerintah negara kulit putih itu sendiri walaupun nenek moyang mereka menghamba abdikan manusia berkulit hitam.

Kadang-kadang demokrasilah yang mengiakn yang tidak apabila yang palsu itu lebih popular

dan menguntungkan dari yang benar.

Tetapi demokrasi adalah yang terbaik dari yang lain kerana yang dicipta oleh Pemilik Alam ini tidak disenarai di dalam senarai.

By rarunasalam Author Profile Page on March 23, 2010 9:37 PM

Tun

1/ Democracy is a paradox - it's constantly touted to be the method that any Government should base it's ideologies on, yet the very countries that preach it are the worst offenders when it comes to practising it.

However, I am a cup half-full person and believe we must strive to keep improving it...we are constantly learning...we are constantly seeking to excel...we are constantly striving to reducing our mistakes and making progress ...so why can't we also persevere and dream that Democracy can be achieved by our nation...if that is so what our principals are based on?

The one thing that I appreciated and still continue to appreciate from your legacy is your guided democracy mantra – that is something that I will take to my grave.

It's all fine and nice for having freedom of speech...it's all great for being able to exercise one's liberty and rights...but it's not ok if by speaking out freely or by being liberated, one risks a nation's security or sovereignty...

And it's also important that one who preaches this very thing...to be practising it too...and yes, I am making a 'subtle' reference here ...

2/ Expecting democracy today is no longer just limited within borders, we expect it from other countries as well...and if another country indicate they like to keep their local ideologies or beliefs i.e. communism, feudalism OR having a despot rule their land, we are quick to condemn...

I wonder if by one being democratic...does it give them right to criticise those who don't practise it?

3/ Tun, you have been criticising and name calling “Bush-Blair-Howard” as being liars and criminals for their actions in removing Sadamn Hussein by using what you say is a “pretext” (this whole WMD thingy...)

I guess on this question of Democracy, one can also ask what role did UN play in allowing the alliance take this drastic approach...yes there was all the voting and yes, Malaysia probably did not agree, but then again, the security council with it's mandate decided there wasn't much to hold back this intervention...

Now, that if you ask me is democracy at work...no point taking Blair to task after the fact...shouldn't we fix the process if we don't agree with it rather than slam a "coalition" partner because we didn't have the guts to make a call when the time arose?

If you look back and see that Sadamn and his merry men gassed all those Kurdish people in his time as tyrant....Sadamn used WMD in the Iraq-Iran conflict...Sadamn forcefully and illegally took over Kuwait, and then “raped” and pillaged it ... it’s amusing to see you support this criminal over leader(s) who had the mandate of the security council, regardless on how the voters stacked up...

It was based on experience of this individual who had all the cheek and gall to taunt his neighbours at will...

Sadamn who attacked Israel, when had his back to the wall when the US-Saudi-British alliance decided to defend Saudi borders, and then push to liberate Kuwait.... I find it even more amusing, that they would support this criminal who had no respect for his Arab bretheren in first place...over a country that wants to manage it’s own border issues...

Israel can say they are the only democratic country in that entire region...and they have the mandate of their majority of people....so, why is it you cannot leave it to them to sort out their backyard, while we focus on getting ours in order?

Final note and a segway on the topic of democracy:

this might be an eye opener to those who were blind of Sadamn’s terrorist mentality...Sadamn financed terrorism into US and Britain and caused great concern for the security of the middle east region...period!

Sadamn did not have the majority support of his people...period!

And if you challenge me on my statements above...I will ask you on what basis do you think he had his people’s support...and on what basis you think he did not subscribe to terrorism

Tun, given you wrote a passage on Blair and how you perceive him to be...can you give us what your take is on Sadamn...and how you hold him to be?

(Ravi)

By penerokaAuthor Profile Page on March 23, 2010 4:45 PM

Salam,

I'm sick with Malaysian Pembangkang, I thought they are supposed to play a role of 'check & balance'.... they are just further destroying the country. That's no way Pembangkang can play that role other than trying to play dirty games to rule the country.

We need Raja & Sultan-sultan Melayu to play the check and balance with any goverment selected by this democracy. Institusi Raja perlu dipertahankan.

Daulat Tuanku!

By boboAuthor Profile Page on March 23, 2010 3:58 PM

'Idea' seems to have no idea about political systems and democracy. He/she has completely missed the point. I would recommend a more 'able' person to sit next to 'Idea' to explain what I had written in my post.

"PKR can always compete against BN in the supposedly called 'oversized' constituencies. Nobody can stop them. What seems to be the problem? Having difficulties in influencing the SMALLER groups?"

The problem here is, this is an example of gerrymandering, which is unfairly delineating constituencies to benefit the ruling government. 'Idea' apparently has a laughable warped logical sense that he believes the problem is PKR not being able to "influence the smaller groups". Anyway, it is worth pointing out that the reason why PKR may not be able to influence the smaller groups is because the smaller groups are likely to be in rural areas which have limited access to information such as the internet. They may be completely dependent on the BN-controlled TV and radio stations.

"Indeed. But can 'bobo' see that the majority does not want the 'full swing' democracy? At this point, this country does not wish to take its side effects. That is what the majority has preferred until the last election. Well, if 'bobo' still insists on the 100% democracy, he can always make his bid in the next election. Yet, if he is unsatisfied with the 'to be' disappointing result, the government has no right to stop him from migrating to the USA. Later 'bobo', do write to us why that country is going backward by passing the Patriot Act in 2006. And as an extremist of democracy, please do not hesitate to emphasize the word 'majority'."

Indeed. But can "Idea" see how BN may have achieved this majority through unfair means? Through the use of all the repressive laws I had mentioned in my earlier post, and especially by the biased media reporting in TV and radio.

Can you please explain what 100% democracy means? Maybe you are too special to realize that there is no such thing as 100% democracy, or 50%, 90%, 30% democracy for that matter. You either have democracy or you don't -- nothing in between. I do not have to migrate anywhere to satisfy my 'need' for democracy as you suggest. I will stay right where I am and fight for democracy in my homeland, which I love too much to see destroyed by the aftermath of rule by the owner of this blog and his mindless supporters.

"I recall the sacking of Tun Salleh Abas, Lord President of the Supreme Court, back in 1988. From one perspective, it was the violation of separation of powers. But from another, it was the process of democracy. The government tabled a bill in Parliament to amend Articles 121 and 145 of the Constitution. The Lord President and 20 other judges tried to interfere. The King then took a disciplinary action via impeachment proceedings."

'Idea' has missed the point completely again. The above is proof enough that BN has abused its 2/3 majority in Parliament by amending the Constitution hundreds of times to make valid their

wrongdoings and in the process dilute our rights.

By Wenger J Khairy Author Profile Page on March 23, 2010 2:17 PM

Tun,

Has my democratic right to comment on your blog been taken away? I think you should make it clear to all.

By HBT Author Profile Page on March 23, 2010 11:50 AM

Good morning Ayahanda Tun,

//By Joe Therapist on March 23, 2010 1:42 AM

Dear Tun,

Since you like to Watch Movies, I'd like to suggest one.

Gladiator. Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix

Watch this Movie. It will Express the true Face of Democracy.

True Democracy DIED in this country since 1969...//

Hello Joe Therapist,

Have you seen any normal Malaysians (men/women) including the Christians wear fashion Gladiator in the country?

Why they did not?

The answer is Gladiators equal to Cannibals (1/2 beast, 1/2 human) because they have not learn democracy during the Roman Empire Period with Autocratic (Absolute) Power.

True Democracy DIED in this country since 1969... because you do not know what is Democracy.

If you can link Democracy to Gladiator, then what is the difference between you and PAS's Hadi Awang requesting for Rukunegara to be ammended from Kepercayaan Kepada Tuhan kepada Kepercayaan Kepada Allah.

Doing the stunts of Angels and Demons in Malaysia due to GREED by "terbalik" the word GOD, reversing Democracy back to Autocratic power to your No. 1 Tee Keat because you are his Catholics members?

This is why we need to educate 'dog' on TRUE Democracy so that they don't bite, sh.t, wet and do 'that matter' (ask Chua, he knows) in the public places.

If you are not happy, you can vote PAS to reject UMNO, right?

Average and moderate Chinese do not need MCA's Tee Keat to tell us what is GOD, unless, you

and Tee Keat want to be the Ching Emperor (absolute power) to control the Chinese, huh, in 2010? Oh I see!
Good day Ayahanda Tun.

By maxAuthor Profile Page on March 23, 2010 11:11 AM

The article seemed like as a special message to UMNO and also component parties like MCA, MIC and other. This is algebra democracy which some of us think we know too much. well Malaysian some are more well known for tin kosong. Suka tau hu ha hu ha saja.

Hello is anyone out there listening or can read between the lines?

Thanks Tun, we can catch the drift this time. However i thought u hated the western model of democracy, hope u can enlighten us on this too next time.

God Bless

By hannibalcenoAuthor Profile Page on March 23, 2010 10:45 AM

salam tun...

rasa-rasa DSN baca tak blog tun nih....
kalau ada harap terbaca la ini.....

tolong la DSN...
la ni ramai benci BN.....
dan UMNO sekali...
sebab apa....
BN sekarang dok syok sendiri....
banyak yang dok keluar berita/tv pasai rasmi sana rasmi sini....
kata orang pembangkang itu memang kerja kerajaan...
takyah dok bangga la....
saya rasa ini psikologi BN.....
tapi perang psikologi macam ni dah tak jalan lagi...
semua dok harap berita/tv....
ingat zaman tun lah jatuh dulu....
benda macam ni la depa guna...
iklan besar besar dalam suratkhbar dan tv....
tapi apajadi????????????
lingkup 4-5 buah negeri.....
depa lupa rakyat nak hangpa mai sendiri....

DSN tak reti-reti lagi ka....
pi la hantar tentera untuk perang psikologi ni...

elok kalau DSN turun sendiri....
takyah lah buat grand-grand macam juara rakyat tu....
yang sokong dah tau BN memang juara rakyat.....
yang bangkang makin benci....
depa kata BN perabih duit rakyat.....

bila buat grand lagi ramai orang benci.....
yang pi sambut DSN tujuh-lapan puluh biji bas tu pun ada yang benci...
tapi depa tetap pi.....
sebab apa? sebab free....
makan tanggung, berak cangkung....

dan satu lagi.....
DSN toksah layan sangat la isu royalti.....
kalu bagi pun depa tetap dok sokng PAS lagi....
bukan apa....
ramai rakyat mereka yang kerja di luar balik dok pangkah PAS lagi...
saya ada beberapa kawan asal dari sana...
dari 10 yang ada, 10 tak sokong hangpa....
ingat lah.....

la ni banyak kes accident di jalan raya....
ramai la dok kata pemandu malaysia laju....
sebenarnya memang betui depa laju....
kenapa laju??????????
sebab tempat nak tuju jauh beratus batu....
nak harap public transport?????????
lagi tak guna satu.....

pada saya faktor utamanya ada tiga....
pertama keadaan jalan yang teruk....
orang malaysia terutama melayu, ramai yang tak mampu....
tak mampu beli kereta yang ada safety features terkini...
jadi dok pakat beli yang basic saja...
jadi bila jalan rosak, depa pakat elakla...
sebab sayang kereta....
bukan senang nak dapat satu....
harga berpuluh ribu....
tu yang ramai kena sapu dan di sapu....

faktor kedua....
banyak lori lebih muatan, tadak penguatkuasaan.....
memang ini kenyataan....
jpj dan polis macam wujud masa perayaan saja....

saya beberapa kali ternampak....
polis/jpj dok sibuk tahan konon pendatang indon...
nak tengok lesen kot...
takpa...
baguihla...
tapi pada masa sama lori lebih muatan lalu kat tepi...
depa buat bodo ja.....
bila lebih muatan kalau ada apa apa kat depan....
depa memang sapu ja.....
kalau brek barang hentam depa...
dan kalau brek pun nak dapat berenti jauh juga....
jadi paling senang depa pejam mata langgar saja....
cuba pi survey tengok kalu tak percaya....

faktor ketiga....
keadaan kereta....
menurut pemahaman saya..
la ni proton masih dilindungi dari AFTA....
cuba proton buat model baru safety sama macam toyota ka honda ka....
harga letak bawah RM50k....
gerenti....
dalam 5 tahun ni jenis kereta yang paling banyak kat malaysia.....
ada la peluang orang melayu yang tadak harta dan upaya nak pakai kereta yang baguihhhhh
punya.....
jangan risau orang lain tak beli....
orang melayu mesti beli....
sebab ni ja yang kebanyakan depa dan saya mampu....

memang la ajal maut di tangan tuhan...
toksah dok pertikai yang tu....
tapi usaha untuk keselamatan mesti ada....

jada diri tun...
salam ..

By krishAuthor Profile Page on March 23, 2010 10:31 AM

Salam Tun...

From Around the Blogs....
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The previous Information Minister, Zainuddin Maidin (Zam), told Al Jazeera back in November 2007 that Malaysia is a democratic country because we have elections once every five years. Hitler won the elections as well and became Nazi Germany's leader. Saddam became Iraq's leader when he too won the elections. Does this make Nazi Germany and Iraq democratic

countries?

Democracy is more than just about winning elections. Hitler became Germany's leader with less than half the votes while Saddam garnered almost 100% of the votes because no one dared vote against his party lest they disappear in the middle of the night. Just because someone gained power through an election (whether by fair means or foul) does not make that particular country democratic. It takes more than an election to declare a country democratic. After all, elections can be won through many methods. And not all are fair.

We must not just talk about free elections, like how Malaysia argues. Elections must be free AND fair. Most times, elections may be free but they are far from fair. This is what most Malaysians do not understand. And they do not understand this because they just can't figure out in what way Malaysian elections can be classified as not fair.

In Malaysia, the political arena is not a level playing field. The media is controlled. You need a licence to start a newspaper, magazine or radio/TV station. And if you 'violate' the terms of your licence then you lose it. And so-called 'violations' are not clear. There is no hard and fast guideline. It is within the powers of the Minister to decide what constitutes a violation. And if the Minister, and only the Minister, is of the opinion that you have violated the terms of your licence then he can cancel it.

The mainstream electronic and print media gives space or airtime to only the government. The opposition is not given equal space or airtime. And if the opposition is given space or airtime, the 'offending' news agencies will lose their licence.

So they do not give space or airtime to the opposition for fear of incurring the wrath of the government. And whatever publicity the mainstream print and electronic media gives the opposition it is always in a negative light. Only bad news about the opposition is featured. The mainstream media never says nice things about the opposition. If they do, they will lose their licence.

No doubt, you have the alternative or 'new' media to counter what the mainstream media says about the opposition. But how many Malaysians have access to the Internet? More than 90% of Malaysians have access to the government-controlled TV stations. So TV is by far more effective than the Internet. And the TV stations are used as the main propaganda arm of the ruling party. The opposition is fighting a losing battle in trying to counter what the TV stations report.

In a true democracy, the TV stations would give equal airtime to the opposition. This does not happen in Malaysia. In Indonesia, surprisingly, it does. Therefore, in spite of elections being held once every five years, Malaysia has a long way to go in achieving the status of a proper democracy.

Do I even need to talk about how the legal process is being abused to target the opposition? We have many archaic laws that are being used against the opposition. Government supporters can get away with murder, sometimes literally as well. But the opposition supporters face all sorts of

investigations and indictments, even key leaders from the opposition.

I really do not need to expand on this point, as most Malaysians know exactly what I am talking about. Prosecution has been fine-tuned to persecution. The government hides behind the legal system in its attempts to drive the opposition out of business.

Let us deliberate on one point, how the Prime Minister is chosen.

Now, the Prime Minister is not voted into office, like the President of the United States. His party is voted into office and the leader of that party automatically becomes the Prime Minister. This is because Malaysia follows the British Westminster system. But how does the Prime Minister become the leader of his party, and therefore the Prime Minister of Malaysia?

Barisan Nasional won the most number of seats in Parliament. So the Chairman of Barisan Nasional would automatically become the Prime Minister of Malaysia. But is the Chairman of Barisan Nasional voted into office? No! The President of Umno automatically becomes the Chairman of Barisan Nasional and, in turn, automatically becomes the Prime Minister.

Does this make him the legitimate Prime Minister? Legally, yes! Morally, no! But we are talking about legal and not moral here. And what may be legal may not also be moral.

How does the Prime Minister become the President of Umno? Since the President of Umno automatically becomes the Prime Minister of all Malaysians this is an important point to consider.

Umno is supposed to have three to four million members spread out over more than 20,000 branches in 191 divisions throughout Malaysia. The 20,000 or so branches nominate their division leaders. Most times the three or four million Umno members have very little say in this. The branch elections are rigged and those not in 'the gang' are locked out from this exercise of choosing their 191 division leaders.

Then the 191 divisions send their 2,500 or so delegates to the Umno annual general assembly. Again, those who get to attend the general assembly will be decided by the division leaders. Those not in their gang are, again, locked out. So a mere 191 Umno leaders decide the fate of the entire country.

The 191 Umno division heads will tell the 2,500 or so delegates whom they should elect as the Umno President and Deputy President. These two will become the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister respectively. For anyone to even contest the Umno Presidency and Deputy Presidency they must first obtain nominations from almost 50 of the 191 Umno divisions. This is almost impossible to do.

The 191 Umno division heads will ensure that their divisions will block any contenders to the post of the Umno Presidency and Deputy Presidency. All other aspirants will be blocked and they will receive no nominations. At best they can receive just one nomination, from their own division. They can never receive more than one, let alone 50.

In short, 191 people chose the Prime Minister of Malaysia. It is not three or four million Umno members or 11 million voters or 27 million Malaysians. It is just 191 people. And these 191 people can be bought, controlled, compromised, blackmailed, and so on. And these 191 can, in turn, ensure that their divisions 'toe the line'.

Is this true democracy? Is it democratic that 191 Malaysians decide on behalf of 27 million other Malaysians who get to lead this country? This is the system. And it is legal. But legal does not make it fair or moral. It also does not make it truly democratic.

Tun Dr Mahathir says we should accept the decision of the majority. Okay, slightly over 50% of Malaysians voted for Barisan Nasional in March 2008. So, since the majority voted for Barisan Nasional, then we should accept the decision of the majority.

First of all, only 191 people decided on who should be the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia. Do these 191 people represent the majority? Yes, it is legal. But is it democratic from the moral viewpoint? It is not 27 million Malaysians who decide this? It is not 11 million Malaysian voters who decided this? It is not three or four million Umno members who decided this. It is not even the more than 20,000 Umno branches that decided this. It is 191 Umno division leaders.

Now let us look at the system of general elections in Malaysia. The gerrymandering, which I have already written about before many times, is downright criminal. The variance between constituencies is just too large. The variance should be plus-minus 15% or 20% like many other countries and like what the Reed Commission proposed in the paper on Merdeka. Currently, we have seats as low as 5,000 voters, as opposed to the larger seats that have 120,000 voters or more.

Is it a coincidence that those low voter seats are pro-government while the high voter seats are pro-opposition? Is it a coincidence that the ruling party can win three or four seats with the same number of voters that allows the opposition only one seat? This is called gerrymandering. It is of course legal. The question is, is it also moral? And do we decide whether it is democratic from the legal or moral viewpoint?

How can this system be considered one-man-one-vote? And the system of first-past-the-post makes it worse. It is seats and not votes that determines the winner. You can form the government with only 40% of the votes, or less. Did not Hitler become Germany's leader this way, with less than 40% of the votes? And did this not result in tens of millions of deaths when Hitler took the world through another World War?

Yes, it is legal. But that does not make it moral as well. And whether it is democratic is a matter of opinion.

There are probably half a million or so Malaysians overseas. But these Malaysians can't vote. To vote they must return to Malaysia on Polling Day. How many can afford the time and money to do that? Why can't overseas Malaysians vote at the Embassies and High Commissions in their

respective countries? Those who are overseas 'on government service' can. But the private citizens can't. This is denying Malaysians their right to vote. Even Indonesian maids and labourers can vote in the Indonesian Embassy in Kuala Lumpur. And this represents two million or so Indonesian voters, just in Malaysia alone. Malaysians can't do the same.

Of course, if overseas Malaysians vote via postal votes then this would raise other problems. As it is, the 250,000 or so 'postal' votes are a bone of contention because the ballot boxes are switched. But that is merely an implementation issue, which can easily be overcome.

Political parties can send observers or representatives to monitor the overseas postal voting and the votes can be counted 'in situ' in each respective Embassy or High Commission. Only the results need to be sent back to Malaysia, not the ballot boxes. This will ensure that the ballot boxes are not switched, hijacked, lost in transit, or whatever.

Aiyah, if I want to talk about true democracy, there are just so many points I can raise. Just these few issues I mentioned thus far have already made this article so long. Can we abolish the Official Secrets Act and replace it with a Freedom of Information Act? Can we abolish the Internal Security Act and replace it with a Bill of Rights? Can we abolish the PPPA and UCCA and allow publications and periodicals to operate without the need of a licence and allow university students to get involved in politics?

What about the Police Act that forbids an assembly of more than four people and forbids public speeches? Government supporters can attend public functions and can give speeches at these functions. Opposition supporters must first obtain a permit and, according to the permit, speeches are not allowed, even for dinner functions in a private hall. If anyone gets up onto the stage to deliver a speech then the police will step in and close the function down. The police will also confiscate the PA system and haul in the organisers and speakers for 'interrogation'. The government supporters are not subjected to all this.

Yes, if you want to talk about democracy I can also talk. And I will have more to say. And to argue that what the majority wants count and that the minority view does not matter is not democracy at all. Minorities too have rights and their views also matter. Did not Saddam become Iraq's leader with almost 100% of the votes? So he murdered the minority Kurds. So what? Is that reason to remove him when the minority view does not matter and only what the majority wants count?

By hannibalceno Author Profile Page on March 23, 2010 10:13 AM

salam tun....

sekarang kecoh pasal mp pkr yang keluar pkr....
ramai yang dalam pkr dok bantai depa yang keluar....
ada jugak yang luar pkr dok tumpang sekaki.....
termasuk yang dalam umno sekali....

umno masih dok lepa.....
buat tak tau saja....
memang la depa tak dak kaitan ngan hangpa....
tapi tak perasan ka...
yang dulu geng depa yang keluar ni dok bantai hangpa....
depa dok tuduh hangpa yang beli orang depa....

kalau pun ada yang masih marah kat geng yang keluar pkr ni....
simpan la dalam hati....
tak payah la bantai depa lagi....
dah untung dah depa tak dok jolok hangpa...
depa dok bantai rakan lama....

ini negara demokrasi....
depa dah pilih tak lawan hangpa la ni...
kira ok la.....
jangan dok serang belakang [:-)]....
yang dah tak lawan hangpa makna dah nak kawan ngan hangpa la.....

kalau demokrasi, sambut la tangan depa....

tapi dalam islam, semua bersaudara....
apatah lagi depa yang nak jadi kawan hangpa....

sekian...

jaga diri tun....

By IdeaAuthor Profile Page on March 23, 2010 8:30 AM

Dear Tun,

I would like to make a correction on some part of my earlier posting. The corrected word will be in UPPERCASE.

'bobo' wrote:

Mahathir talking about democracy -- what a joke. Mahathir cannot assume the Malaysian elections are fair when one constituency may be oversized with 60,000 voters and where another constituency of 30,000 both send one person to Parliament. Barisan Nasional's 51% popular vote translated to 63% of seats in Parliament. Pakatan Rakyat may manage a higher popular vote than Barisan in the next elections, but I guarantee this will not translate to a simple majority in Parliament.

I write:

PKR can always compete against BN in the supposedly called 'oversized' constituencies. Nobody can stop them. What seems to be the problem? Having difficulties in influencing the SMALLER groups?

By JOETAMCHIAuthor Profile Page on March 23, 2010 5:03 AM

demokrasi
jangan d biar mati...
tidak juga ianya suci....
bukan utk kpntingan diri...
bukan juga hak asasi...

pikir lah sendiri.....

yg mana untung, yg mana rugi.....

yg mana ada harga diri....
yg mana boleh d beli....

sok lusa lum tau lg hidup mati.....

By checkerAuthor Profile Page on March 23, 2010 4:10 AM

Salam Tun & Fellow CheDet bloggers,

Democracy in whatever way you may describe is still a man-made system and as such it flaws. To say it is a rule by majority is not really correct as proven, if I am not mistaken, during the election of Bush Jr for his second term. He was declared a winner for winning on the smallest margin by securing about 51% of the total votes. Yet the total voters turnout was about 50%. Another word US government was elected by ironically only 25% of the population. 1st round Algerian election was won by the Islamist party and subsequently the 2nd round was cancelled and the world just look in silence. Hamas won convincingly in the recent first ever free democratic election in Gaza as earlier claimed by the US & EU but the latter unshamefully declared the result as unacceptable by declaring Hamas is a terrorist organisation. There goes western concept of democracy.

Of course, the democratic process is generally controlled and guided by few groups of people (political parties)with power and perhaps wealth to secure further their position to hold on to that political power. These people will do anything, fairly or unfairly, to make sure they remain in power.

In my view, politics is a dirty game. The ruling party is as good as the better of the 2 evils which we have to live by. We can clearly see this happening right at home. In your recent development, your statement inclined to indicate agreement to that view by redirect your focus on the NGOs as saviour groups to save the country from going to the dog. As long as people retain its natural desire of greed for power and wealthy, there will be no perfect system of government except

those outlined in Quran & Hadiths, period.

May Allah bless us all.

By Khairul-Dean Author Profile Page on March 23, 2010 3:34 AM

YABhg Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad
Salaams

Democracy: Dr.M
(i have fallen)

Interesting readings:

could you suggest me better ones, YABhg Tun?
from a wikipedia an other is from a bbc:

1. Jerusalem
2. China's oil demand increase 'astonishing', says IEA

I love to learn more about Mahanomics, Tun.

Democracy is being able to empathize with others and have relationships. (that is what a juara rakyat is - in my humble opinion, tun)

Terima Kasih

Salaams to you and family.

By sharat-s Author Profile Page on March 23, 2010 3:20 AM

contest is fair to the eyes of the public but the 'organiser' of the competition dictates?

By sharat-s Author Profile Page on March 23, 2010 3:17 AM

wrote a blog on relevant topic:

sharat

one's view of life

Monday, February 22, 2010

A DREAM COUNTRY... malaysia?

Malaysia needs a change in the way their federal government operates...

MPs who won in elections should continue to serve the people that they represents as they been given the 'people's trust'!

This will ensure that the people or the 'rakyat' will be heard and been taken care off.... indirectly

will ensure a good and healthy community hence ensuring a good society and Malaysia will become a good country to live in A dream country that the government in sincerely CARE for its people!

On the job for running the 'government' to ensure a good economic growth for Malaysia.... professionals will be given the task to handle this and lead each ministries to achieve its targets...and NOT LEAD BY POLITICIANS... coz its easy to sacked a Minister CEO but its difficult to sacked a minister politician!

A change is needed for the survival of Malaysia as a whole!

Will this ever be possible?

By Jeffry Suresh Abdullah Author Profile Page on March 23, 2010 3:02 AM

Assalamualaikkum Dr.Mahathir & Dr.Siti Hasmah,
I'm Jeffry Suresh Bin Abdullah.Your Aloq Staq boy..

POTENTIAL CHANGE OF BN GOVERNMENT..? INGIN PANDANGAN DOCTOR DARI NALURI YANG TULUS...

Dear doctor...

1.Dimasa kini, kita lihat banyak kerajaan lama di dunia mengalami pergolakkan dan tumbang setelah sekian lama berkuasa.Tanpa peperangan, secara demokrasi.

2.Senario ini hanya berlaku pada zaman teknologi yang canggih ini, dimana rakyat mempunyai banyak sumber rujukan yang mudah dan menjadi lebih pintar dalam membuat keputusan. Ini sudah tentu tidak akan dapat dihalang sama sekali.

3.Dimana- mana saja kita pergi hari ini, semua orang bercakap'no good points' tentang Datuk Seri Najib dan isteri beliau.Dari peringkat universiti hingga ke warong- warong kopi.

4.Dimana, mereka semua ini adalah pengundi.Bukan saja pegundi, tetapi sanubari mereka terkobar-kobar untuk menumbangkan BN pada pilihanraya akan datang.
Tetapi, saya tetap juga penyokong BN dan Datuk Seri Najib.Pasai apa? Pasai saya ikut je lah sepa pilihan Doctor Mahathir.
Walaupun saya rasa beliau tak sebagai Dr.Mahathir.

5.Kebangkitan dan aspirasi generasi baru ini jelas sekali sangat berkuasa.Buktinya, pilihanraya lepas.Hampir 50% Malaysia di"tsunamikan".

6.Salah satu punca utama rakyat marah ialah, perbandingan pencapaian Dr.Mahathir dengan PM-PM yang lain.Pencapaian Dr. Mahathir terlalu agung.Bukan saja dari segi infrastruktur dan ekonomi tetapi, kekuatan minda bagai pahlawan gagah di medan perang.Dapat mengharungi banyak zaman yang terlalu mencabar.

7.Apakah semuanya kini akan tinggal kenangan?

8. Apakah bakal keputusan rakyat dipilihanraya akan datang?
Pada pandangan saya, BN akan mengalami kekalahan yang amat besar.
Sebab kita orang Kedah, orangnya "realist". Kita tahu.

9. Ramai kata, semua program-program yang dikenalkan sekarang, hanya manis dibibir pemimpin. Rakyat apa pun tak rasa, katanya. Alih-alih lepas dua tiga bulan media kata, program-program tu sangat berjaya. Rakyat pula kata, pemimpin syok sendiri. Lagi marah la rakyat.

10. Sebab kita dengar rakyat kata la ni; "buat apa takut nak tukaq kerajaan?".
Rakyat kata kalau tukaq, kerajaan baru pasti akan bagi berlipat kali ganda dari BN, untuk kekal berkuasa. Senang saje depa kata.

11. Apakah sebenarnya masa depan BN, Doctor?
Dalam perniagaan, kita boleh gunakan "Risk Management" untuk mengelak malapetaka. Di dalam politik, rakyat pula yang "manage risk" pemimpin dihujung hari.

12. Semoga BN terselamat daripada badai tsunami pilihanraya ke-13 nanti.

Salam sihat dan ceria selalu Doctor...
By Jamal Author Profile Page on March 23, 2010 2:38 AM

Dear Tun,

Can we assume that Tun is bringing up this issue due to the revelation that DSAI tried to grab power by any means eventhough PR had lost the free and fair elections.

Was the election free and fair? Well UN observers gave their stamp of approval. Yet the losers did not want to abide by the principles of the DEMOCRATIC process. Losers wait your turn to try again next election. These losers who claim to be the CHAMPIONS of democracy...don't even practice these DEMOCRATIC principles...

Democracy is a vast topic which even Tun will not be able to properly address in this Blog. But suffice to say;

1) What is the purpose of the democratic process?

Ans: to ensure the best government for the people elected by the majority of the people. In other words the process MUST be for the benefit of the citizens of the country. The accepted wisdom (or assumption) is that the majority knows best what is common good for the citizens of the nation.

2) Is this empirically correct?

Ans: Look at India, look at Thailand, look at Philipines, look at indonesia, look at USA (under Bush), look at Russia, etc...the conclusion .. the jury is still out. Yet we all believe Democracy is the only best system.

3) Wait a minute. Actually, the real reason for democracy or Communism, Socialism, Dictatorship, Rulers, Kingdom or what not, is really to ensure that the country will have a good government (leaders) who will ensure the well being and bring benefit to the citizens of the country.

4) Can we say democracy has always done this?

Ans: Again look at all the countries trying to practice democracy. But have failed miserably to take care of the citizens of the country. Philipines and India come straight to mind.

5) Its not democracy thats important BUT the well being of the citizens that must be at the core of whatever system that is used.

6) To each his own. The leaders of the country must choose wisely what is best for its people. Don't ape the western democracy because you will really be an ape trying to leap frog evolution and turn into a homosapien without going thru the evolution (learning) process.

7) What happens will be, an ape will find a way to become the leader and he'll make monkeys of the citizen - as have happened in some African new democracy (democracy forced on them by the retreating colonial masters).

8) I am no Sino lover..but we can't detract from the fact that China has chosen the correct path to thier brand of democratic process. They are going into it at a pace fit for the citizens of the country. They are lucky as no colonial master is there to force total democracy on them

9) Malaysia has also correctly chosen to adopt democracy gradually as the citizen learn and become mature to exercise "more" democracy.

Go with it Malaysia.

WHAT IS THE USE OF DEMOCRACY IF THE CITIZENS ARE POOR, UNCARED FOR, HAS NO WORK, BEG ON THE STREETS, CAN'T GO TO SCHOOL, HAVE NO CLEAN DRINKING WATER.....THE LIST GOES ON AND ON...

It not DEMOCRACY FOR DEMOCRACY SAKE...BUT DEMOCRACY FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE AND CITIZENS OF THE COUNTRY!

God Bless.

By Joe TherapistAuthor Profile Page on March 23, 2010 1:42 AM

Dear Tun,

Since you like to Watch Movies, I'd like to suggest one.

Gladiator. Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix

Inside there's a senator who wants to restore order, but he needed someone the "people"

supported. In his process he says something very powerful. "Control the Mob and you control the People. Give them blood and gore,(In relation to the Gladiator Games - Entertainment to keep the MOB distracted from the gloom of everyday life) and they Will LOVE him for it."

That is the true meaning of Democracy. The minority who 'Entertains' the Majority and gives them the 'Perception' of HOPE and they Will Love them for it.

Watch this Movie. It will Express the true Face of Democracy.

True Democracy DIED in this country since 1969...

God Bless, Tun.

By HafizAuthor Profile Page on March 23, 2010 12:12 AM

Dear Tun,

I think Tun should write about Member of Parliament (Wakil Rakyat). These wakil rakyat were elected by the people thru a democratic process. They represent our voice in the parliament. But now they are getting carried away with their personal agendas. And now,our voices are gone.

Why at some stage, they were saying rakyat tidak berterima kasih? why should we? we were the one who elected them..and we are one that they should be thankful at.

Now the wakil rakyat are quarreling in the parliament about petty issues like kids in the playground. Grow up la...we are sick an tired of all these dramas.

By missakraunaAuthor Profile Page on March 23, 2010 12:04 AM

hmm... Democracy=Demonstration...

By 6 JahanamAuthor Profile Page on March 22, 2010 9:41 PM

Saya lihat di Parlimen Malaysia sekarang kecoh,sebab ada pembakang, yg memperlihatkan tidak professional.

Mempertikaikan perkara bodoh,

perkara yg menghina sesama,bukan pada pembinaan Negara.

Parlimen Singapura nampak professional,bukan kerana anggotanya

tapi lebih pada tidak ada pembakang yg bolih bersuara.

Yang amat sedih sekarang,di Gaza,Yahudi sibuk membanggunkan pembangunan,menjadi kemarahan kedaulatan Palestine.

Parlimen Malaysia sibuk pertikaikan perihal peribadi daripada

pembinaan Negara,sebaliknya Kerajaan Singapura sibuk menjelajah,membangunkan Johor.

Seolah kita,Kerajaan juga Rakyat hidup macam tak ada maruah,

tak bermoral

By zemmy_azliAuthor Profile Page on March 22, 2010 9:27 PM

Demokrasi ni memang bagus, bagus sangat. Majoriti negara dalam dunia ni pun mengamalkan demokrasi. Beberapa negara je yang tak mengguna pakai demokrasi ni.

Tapi, di Malaysia khususnya, dan di tempat-tempat lain lainnya, rasuah merosakkan demokrasi. Senang cerita, siapa yang ber'wang' dan tak lokek untuk menaburkan wangnya macam orang menaburkan dedak ayam, maka orang itulah yang akan berkuasa dalam demokrasi zaman moden ni. Tak percaya? Ha ha ha ha ha, suka hati la.

Ingat lagi tak demokrasi dipimpin dalam cerita Ahmad Al-Bab?
By adik-adik Author Profile Page on March 22, 2010 9:27 PM

I believe a govt, the father, the head,
should stand 60 percent taller than the people 40 for a nation building.
Malaysia the govt stands 40, people 60 which I felt not quite right.
Indonesia GOVT stands 30, people stands 40, corruption stands 30.
Singapore govt stands 90, people stands 10, looks good but also not healthy.
Now the best place to live is (dalam hutan)
By Zulkiflee Bin Arip Author Profile Page on March 22, 2010 8:07 PM

Assalamu'alaikum Tun,

demokrasi adalah logika yg dibuat indah untuk menghancurkan Islam. Kita ada sistem yg jauh lebih baik dari sekadar memberi hak satu-orang-satu-undi lima tahun sekali.

demokrasi untuk negara yg menampung ramai orang asing yg diberi hak mengundi seperti M'sia hanyalah mendatangkan padah. Berbagai helah politik boleh terjadi, termasuklah penipuan, silap mata dan politik wang. Orang Melayu, yg memang suka hidup sedap-sekejap, walaupun sebagai majoriti, akan mudah sekali dipinggirkan oleh sesiapa saja bangsa yg sabar dan tekun untuk menjatuhkan kita.

dgn sedikit bantuan dari kalangan Melayu pengkhianat, bangsa minoriti dapat dgn mudah menguasai majoriti dalam proses demokrasi. Di negara sebangsa kita, Indonesia, proses pilihanraya adalah hari menyedihkan dimana rakyat miskin disogok dgn wang untuk membeli undi. Hanya calon-calon berhartawan saja boleh menang pilihanraya... dan kini dengar kabarnya pula hanya calon berduit saja yg terjamin pencalonannya menyertai proses demokrasi, dari menyertai parti politik hinggalah ke pencalonan pada pilihanraya itu sendiri.

akibatnya, politik Indonesia dikuasai segelintir hartawan bukan-pribumi yg menggunakan harta penjarahan yg dirampak dari kekayaan bumi Indonesia untuk merasuah ahli-ahli politik Indonesia. Minyak ikan dipakai buat goreng ikan, minyak ayam goreng ayam. Tak payah keluar modal apa-apa, orang boleh kaya. Hanya sekadar pandai putar-belit. Dan golongan ini, atas dasar kepentingan bersama, disokong oleh kuasa-kuasa Barat yg secara konsisten mendesak demokrasi, terutama nya terhadap negara-negara Islam.

ulama' besar bangsa kita, Prof Dr Hamka pernah menyindir secara sinis tentang "dia-mau-kerusi", iaitu versi lucu demokrasi ketika orang menonjolkan dirinya sebagai calon yg lebih baik dari lawannya. Padahal menonjol-nonjolkan diri untuk suatu kedudukan adalah ditegah didlm Islam.

harap-harap suatu hari nanti kita akan ada keberanian untuk menolak sistem demokrasi seperti mana kita pakai hari ini. demokrasi ala Barat biarkan lah ia untuk Barat saja. kita pun tak mahu jadi komunis seperti China sebab kita bangsa berTuhan. ambil jalan tengah, kita ikut cara Lee Kuan Yew. kerajaan mesti tegas, undang-undang mesti kuat, pasukan Polis mesti berwibawa. media harus dikawal jumlah dan kandungannya. kebebasan bersuara hanya untuk orang-orang yg bersuara sedap saja, iaitu orang-orang pilihan yg bekerja untuk bangsa, agama dan tanah airnya. boleh terus adakan pilihanraya, tapi berpandukan model gabungan Iran-Brunei. MIB, Melayu-Islam-Beraja atau Perdana Menteri dan kabinet yg di pilih dari proses pilihanraya, majlis Ulama' dan Raja-raja Melayu sebagai Payung dan Pembimbing dan Pemerhati berkuasa veto, menjaga takut kalau-kalau ada pemimpin-pemimpin politik yg tersasar arah.

ps,

dizaman Almarhum General Suharto, proses pilihanraya disebut sebagai "Pesta Demokrasi". sebaik nya kita guna istilah itu untuk memberi warna bagi pilihanraya MIB kita.

terimakasih Tun.

By Ir. Syahrizan Author Profile Page on March 22, 2010 7:54 PM

Dear Tun,

Many thanks for your insight on democracy. Absolutely it is written based on your years of hardship (and tyranny) in politics.

I've totally agree on your explanation "defining" democracy as "what the majority wants". I solely believe this particular article is relayed to BN's number two major party, the coming MCA election. But I don't mind relating this to the previous UMNO youth election held not so long ago and I also could relate this to the previous General Election. But what's the point? We all know Malaysian democracy are fabricated. Jauh panggang dari api.

I couldn't help myself from thinking among few other ordeals such as;

Does Malaysian majority wants Proton to be further protected for the next 25 years while providing a sub-par quality car?

Does Malaysian majority wants the perfect car (somewhere outside there) to be heavily taxed, NAP and sidelined forever?

And you're telling us, that Proton's heavy protection (even with losses) are what the majority wants?

Then obviously, it is either the Malaysians as in majority are a bunch idiots OR someone is fabricating the truth as usual.

Thank you for reading!

* Of course I am assuming the law of democracy works 'fine' in Malaysia.

By Nothing But Wind Author Profile Page on March 22, 2010 6:45 PM

Dear Tun Dr M,

Yes, I do agree with you that under democratic rule, the winning faction is assumed to have gained control of the nation. On the other hand, the faction that has lost should accept the decision of the rakyat and accept their verdict gracefully.

The faction/party that has lost should wait until the next election to stage a renewed bid for power. They, in no way, should undermine and sabotage the government formed by the victor.

Yes, the government formed by the victorious faction has the power to do anything they like, according to the Democratic practice (per se).

However, I am sure majority of us are aware that there is rarely any country around globe which practices 100% Democracy. This is due to fact that the government is bound by the law within the country, the law practiced by the International community and the United Nation's related charters.

As a matter of fact, I hope that the politicians (both ruling and opposing factions) to apply sincerity, honesty and fairness when they solicit for votes or when they lobby others to join their faction.

Corruption and abuse of power are both criminal inclined, thus, they should not be practiced. However, it is quite difficult to prove outright or to taken action. The only solution is those who practice it should repent.

By The Last Horseman Author Profile Page on March 22, 2010 6:29 PM

Democracy is the best form of governance based on the principle of fairness and free will. Through these aggregation of free wills via an electoral process, political wills are exerted by the majority. It is not perfect but expediently important as not everyone's wishes can be fulfilled so it is necessary to allow the majority to exert control. Democracy is perfectly fair as a concept but can be usurped easily as man's free will can be easily manipulated. Such is seen everywhere. More prevalently in societies of lower political awareness, underdeveloped or the corrupted. A single dissenting voter dissatisfied with an electoral outcome cannot conjure enough effect but a single dissenting losing-elective can cause a major upheaval. If we are educated, have a proclivity to fairness and abhor corruption, democracy is the one for us. If we are not, then we would succumb to silly ideals and the temptation of largesse offered by politicians addicted to the lust of power and/or the corrupted wealth that can come through the manipulation of the masses or to further skewed political ideologies.

Sad to say, all the negatives are present here in our beloved country. Through the manipulations of the beguiling masses, politicians extended their hold on the country to enrich themselves

through a distorted ideology that is not consistent with the present global view, without giving enough sensitivity or consideration to the future of the generations to come. That the mass accordance of largesse was more important than the mass programming of virtues in the longterm rehabilitation of the populace.

Democracy is perfect for the major representation of the will of the masses but it is also the perfect platform for mass will-manipulation.

By IdeaAuthor Profile Page on March 22, 2010 6:22 PM

Dear Tun,

May you always be in good health. I am responding to the comment by 'bobo'.

'bobo' wrote:

Mahathir talking about democracy -- what a joke. Mahathir cannot assume the Malaysian elections are fair when one constituency may be oversized with 60,000 voters and where another constituency of 30,000 both send one person to Parliament. Barisan Nasional's 51% popular vote translated to 63% of seats in Parliament. Pakatan Rakyat may manage a higher popular vote than Barisan in the next elections, but I guarantee this will not translate to a simple majority in Parliament.

I write:

PKR can always compete against BN in the supposedly called 'oversized' constituencies. Nobody can stop them. What seems to be the problem? Having difficulties in influencing the larger groups?

'bobo' wrote:

Then again, having elections does not necessarily mean we are practicing democracy. For your information Mahathir, democracy is not the Internal Security Act. Democracy is not the Printing Presses and Publications Act. Democracy is not the Universities and University Colleges Act. Democracy is most definitely not the Police Act and especially not the Official Secrets Act.

I write:

Indeed. But can 'bobo' see that the majority does not want the 'full swing' democracy? At this point, this country does not wish to take its side effects. That is what the majority has preferred until the last election. Well, if 'bobo' still insists on the 100% democracy, he can always make his bid in the next election. Yet, if he is unsatisfied with the 'to be' disappointing result, the government has no right to stop him from migrating to the USA. Later 'bobo', do write to us why

that country is going backward by passing the Patriot Act in 2006. And as an extremist of democracy, please do not hesitate to emphasize the word 'majority'.

'bobo' wrote:

Democracy is not the exploitation of our public institutions and the violation of separation of powers. Democracy is not sabotaging and persecuting your opponents through all the above mentioned oppressive and may I add, un-Islamic laws. Islam is against oppression. Your theory of Asian democracy is not correct, as stated by your South Korean counterpart.

I write:

I recall the sacking of Tun Salleh Abas, Lord President of the Supreme Court, back in 1988. From one perspective, it was the violation of separation of powers. But from another, it was the process of democracy. The government tabled a bill in Parliament to amend Articles 121 and 145 of the Constitution. The Lord President and 20 other judges tried to interfere. The King then took a disciplinary action via impeachment proceedings.

By prometheusAuthor Profile Page on March 22, 2010 4:35 PM

'Basically democracy is about giving power to the majority'

Really? You might believe that since it is what you practised when PM of Malaysia. Such a belief and practise underscores everything that is wrong with Malaysia.

Democracy is the rule of law which offers equal (so far as possible) benefits to all. Look at it this way; If 2 wolves and a lamb sit down to talk and the 2 wolves agree to eat the lamb, is that democracy. I don't think so. That is mob rule. Understand the difference?

By ekomputeAuthor Profile Page on March 22, 2010 2:34 PM

abshAuthor says:

1. Scholarship quota for non Malays has been increased at the expense of the Malays.
2. University intakes for non Malays has been increased at the expense of the Malays.
3. Shares in public companies for non Malays has been increased at the expense of the Malays.

Hi AbshAuthor, I read you but I don't even understand what you are talking about. Can we have some statistics, instead of making unsupported sweeping statements?

By ekomputeAuthor Profile Page on March 22, 2010 2:26 PM

"Of course I am assuming the contest is fair."

That's a very very DANGEROUS assumption! If you look at how the constituencies are delineated, and if you look at the Constitution (Amendment) Bill to extend the retirement age of Election Commission members from 65 to 66 (what difference does one year make under ordinary circumstances, but these are extraordinary times!)... you cannot help but think that the referee is an appointee of the ruling party, so how can you then believe that he can be fair?

The good news is that Malaysia is not alone in this... there are so many banana republics that are

worse, as compared to us. In fact, we look almost angelic, if we do not consider those so-called advanced nations.

By musatoAuthor Profile Page on March 22, 2010 2:06 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun.

Dengar cerita ada YB yg guna nama Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin,yakni yang Dipertuan Agong kita sekarang ni.

Nama Musato YB tak nak guna jugak ke?

YB boleh cerita dengan saya pasal demokrasi.Dengar kata demokrasi terjadi bila minoriti boleh lawan majoriti.Saya juga bermaksud yang minoriti boleh menang ke atas majoriti.

Terima kasih Tun.

By Lil SAAuthor Profile Page on March 22, 2010 1:48 PM

Democracy doesn't exist. and the "democracy" we see in this world is not for everyone.

By adzriAuthor Profile Page on March 22, 2010 1:30 PM

assalamualaikum...

Sememangnya benar kata Tun tentang demokrasi. Sepatutnya mereka yang telah terpilih menerusi proses demokrasi berkhidmat kepada semua sama ada mereka yang menyokong atau menentang. Mengapakah dalam proses "rakyat diutamakan" masih ada istilah "negeri pembangkang"?

wasalam...

By ezaniAuthor Profile Page on March 22, 2010 1:25 PM

Tun,

Your article is very timely and to me, it reflects what I am thinking about Malaysia's democracy right now. Up until your time, I think democracy has been performing pretty well in Malaysia and has brought her up to what she is now - a fast developing, economically sound country with a bright future. But the events of the past few years (I would say since Anwar's scandal and since Pak Lah took over) has almost but destroyed the strong 2/3rd majority government rule and now we are not even sure if any one party can get 50% majority. I am afraid we will be like Japan or Taiwan or even the US and UK where the balance is too even and there will be "too much talk and less walk" and many resignations. It certainly looks like we are moving that way because I think the UMNO or BN bubble has burst. The unfortunate thing is that once BN loses at the federal level and has lost the confidence of the majority of Malaysians, it is very near impossible to build itself up once again. I cannot deny that BN has brought a lot of good things to Malaysia under strong leadership but now everyone there has got too greedy and there is too much cronyism. The BA alternative is no better. Politicians are getting too greedy and materialistic these days.

By HBTAuthor Profile Page on March 22, 2010 12:12 PM

Ayahanda Tun,

KLCI is on red alert again for the the past week and today. This is when Democracy turns demoCrazy.

Hence, the Washington DC, the Central Government for the United States of America.

Hence, the Beijing Central Government for People's Republic of China.

Hence, Pusat Kerajaan Putrajaya for Malaysia.

Is Mumbai, where Taj Mahal was built, the India Central Government for India? Perhaps Khabilan SivaG may help me on this?

Hence, the Bangkok City, the Parliament for Thailand.

Hence, London City, the Parliament for UK.

And KL is the Parliament for Federal Territory, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

And Taiwan is the Republic of China.

Then Singapore is the Republic of Malaysia, isn't it?

What a crazy day with hence, and then. Take care Ayahanda Tun.

By Khabilan SivaGAuthor Profile Page on March 22, 2010 10:29 AM

Hi Tun,

There is a say in Tamil bringing meaning more or less "Anything Go Beyond Limit Is Bad" it could be medicine , love , food , relationship just anything. And I think this sentence relevant for all the time.

Same goes to Democracy; Just look at many parts in India. The middle class and poor people are the victim of over democracy there.

Even though they have enough resources to go shoulder to shoulder with China but because of the way they practise Democracy; they're running behind China.

Well managed process is Democracy; otherwise it will be DemoCRAZY.

By meezalAuthor Profile Page on March 22, 2010 10:17 AM

Yes Mr Ex PM you are absolutely right. Democracy thrives in countries that conduct their election in a FAIR manner. Sadly to say Malaysia is not one of them. You last sentence "Assuming the contest is fair" sums up why Malaysia is a sham democracy. You of all people should know that elections in Malaysia is neither free or fair. The term free and fair is not there in the vocabulary of the ruling party. UMNO portrays itself as the defender of ISLAM and yet its every action is an anathema to Islam. Prophet (peace be upon him) did not warn us repeatedly about the non-submitters but repeatedly warned us repeatedly about the HYPOCRITES. Read what the Quran has to say about the HYPOCRITES. Maybe you would also want to re-read chapter 83 (The Cheaters).

By danielsdb Author Profile Page on March 22, 2010 9:47 AM

Tun, your comment always comes timely.

Hope 3 of them will get the message.

Take care.

By sarjan hassan Author Profile Page on March 22, 2010 9:13 AM

ASSALAMUALAIKUM TUN,

I ALL FOR DEMOCRACY, FAIRNESS AND THE WORKS. BUT IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT DEMOCRACY CAN BE BOUGHT. LEADERS ARE CHOSEN NOT FOR THEIR MERITS BUT FOR THE AMOUNT PAID OUT. YOUR OWN SON WAS A VICTIM OF SUCH PRACTICE.

SO TUN HOW CAN WE OVERCOME THIS? ARE WE WILLING TO CHANGE OUR MODE OF OPERATION TO ACHIEVE TRUE DEMOCRACY? ARE WE WILLING TO RISK IT ALL?

SO LET'S START PLAYING FAIR IN ALL AREAS, INSYAALAH ALL WILL BE GOOD. MAN MADE LAWS ARE NOT FLAWLESS. DEMOCRACY COMES WITH A PRICE.

SO ALL THE BEST TO THOSE CONTESTING IN THE NAME OF DEMOCRACY..... LET'S PREACH AND PRACTICE DEMOCRACY. MAY THE BEST MAN/WOMAN WIN. TO THOSE WHO DON'T MAKE THE CUT, PLEASE HOLD YOUR HEADS HIGH AND DON'T SUCCUMB TO THE PREASURE. WIN OR LOSE, PRACTICE DEMOCRACY NOT DEMOCRAZY.

By milshah Author Profile Page on March 22, 2010 1:51 AM

Assalamualaikum Tun,

Democracy is man made. Man himself is not perfect, thus any creation by Man is flawed.

The western nations consider democracy as something so special they are willing to go war because of it. The Vietnam war, Korean war, the Gulf war, Afghanistan war and the most recent Iraq war are wars made in the name of 'democracy'. The western nations feel they have the right to change regime which does not practice democracy according to their interpretation. Some say these western nations have a more hidden sinister agenda to create a new world order.

Democracies have its weakness especially when no party have a strong majority to rule a country. These parties have to form pacts or coalition with other parties in order to form the government. Nations that are ruled by this kind of party are unstable, as when one coalition partner defects, the government loses the majority and collapse.

Another weakness of democracy is when government are toppled via 'people power'. In this kind of democracy, people take it as their rights to riot and held street protests to topple the government. However, as soon as the duly elected government is toppled, the new government which led the street protests are also faced riots and street protests. Those who kill by the sword shall die by the sword. This can be seen in Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia in the early post Suharto era.

In Malaysia, we still elect our leaders through elections. Since independence, Malaysia has had a strong government having a two third majority in Parliament. For the first time in history, in the last general election, the ruling party, BN, has lost its two third majority. Ever since then, Malaysian politics have never been the same. Some say the last election result showed its the end of racial based politics. I think its not due to racial but because the previous leadership made a lot of poor decisions. The sudden increase in oil price instead of gradual increase has greatly affected the man on the street. When oil prices increases other prices of goods also increased. Ironically when oil prices drop, the prices of goods did not decreased. And there were many flip flop decisions. And there were projects that clearly benefited the people but was not carried out.

The reason people denied the BN the two third majority is that they felt the previous leadership was not good enough and made too many mistakes and thus needed the opposition to provide the check and balance since the voices of the people was not heard by the previous leadership.

Seeing the current political situation, I feel Malaysia needs a two third majority government as this is more stable. However, does the current government deserve to get the two third majority? Can the current government provide good leadership? Can the government make good decisions to uplift the well being of the people? Will the government still hear the voices of the people if given the two third majority?

Tun has always provided excellent leadership and vision. He was not only a leader for Malaysia but also for the Muslims, developing and poor nations. He never kowtow to the Westerns. He criticize the Westerns when they are wrong. And so the people repaid back willingly by always giving him a two third majority to rule for his 22 years rule. Can the current government provide this kind of leadership?

By crazy diamond Author Profile Page on March 22, 2010 12:38 AM

Dear Tun,

There are many instances about those who lose cannot accept the decision of the majority, one of them is Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah who used to caused UMNO split into two and Anwar Ibrahim who tried to bribed BN MP to crossover in so called 16th Sept. These people will only accept democracy if its turn to their favor, if it was against their wish, they will use democracy loophole to undermine or mislead the people against their foe. Unfortunately, democracy is the

only option we have, democracy in Europe or other parts in Western world have gone through trial and error process who took nearly 2000 years to be what its are nowadays, but it is still far from perfect. The democracy process varies depending on time and space of the particular location. So the West cannot insist Malaysia to implement democracy as what been implemented in the West.

By mharith28Author Profile Page on March 22, 2010 12:33 AM

Salam Tun, saya ingin pendapat tun mengenai Perkasa yang ditubuhkan oleh Datuk Ibrahim Ali, adakah saya perlu masuk perkasa kerana dari pengamatan saya tuan Perkasa ini lebih untuk boost nama Datuk Ibrahim....minta nasihat Tun..

By JuangAuthor Profile Page on March 21, 2010 11:36 PM

Salam,

Apa jua pertandingan, untuk ia berjalan dengan lancar, ada 2 perkara perlu ditekankan iaitu;

- yang menyertai kena bersedia menerima kekalahan.
- yang mentadbir pertandingan itu kena berlaku adil.

By azlan80Author Profile Page on March 21, 2010 11:19 PM

Dear Tun

10. I would like to cheer on the candidates who are contesting for any post anywhere through the democratic process. Obviously only one would win. If those who lose cannot accept the decision of the majority of the members, then it is better not to talk about democracy. You really do not know what democracy is about. *

I'm learning , understand , and this paragraph inspire me.

It' about life , be a champion not for everybody but anyone bidding to champ.

TQ

By nase2Author Profile Page on March 21, 2010 11:03 PM

Salam buat Ayahanda Tun,

Petikan di atas ada sikit kekurangan.. Sepatutnya siapa yang ada lebih duit juga patut menjadi satu lagi faktor penentu akhir untuk menjadi pemerintah, bukan hanya sekadar undi saja.

Rasanya Tun maklum hal ini.

By nazrimalikAuthor Profile Page on March 21, 2010 10:44 PM

Yes Tun, i agree with you. But i think the MCA party election is going to proceed well. The members are quite mature and wise. I hope i'm right. Haha..i also hope Tun was talking about the MCA thing..

By DenZuk VegaAuthor Profile Page on March 21, 2010 10:42 PM

I agree. Most of the people have in their mind that democracy = justice for all. They should check again the definition of democracy. And most of the time, always being absent minded, the losers always whined about the winner don't applied democracy, but monarchy. Typical, isn't it??
By HBTAuthor Profile Page on March 21, 2010 10:29 PM

Ayahanda Tun,

The Star Online...,

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MCA polls: Chua Soi Lek says he will contest presidency

By FooNG PEK YEE

KUALA LUMPUR: Johor MCA chief Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek announced Sunday he would contest the post of president on March 28.

Party president Datuk Seri Ong Tee Keat and his predecessor Tan Sri Ong Ka Ting have already announced that they would be going for the party's number one post.

Asked whether he was confident about winning the race, Dr Chua said: "I am always an optimistic person and I believe all candidates stand an equal chance of winning."

Dr Chua said the next one year was very crucial for the MCA because the general election was also expected to be held a year from now.

He said MCA did very badly in the 2008 general election, winning only 47 parliamentary and state seats altogether compared to the 106 seats it held in the previous general election.

"Despite the poor electoral performance, our party organisation with over a million members is still intact. We all still love the party and have the spirit to serve. We still have hope.

On the problems faced by the party, Dr Chua said he could empathise with the grassroots after moving actively on the ground since he was elected the deputy president in the Oct 2008 party election.

"MCA is a big organisation. Our strength is from the divisions and branches.

"The time has come for us to strengthen the divisions and give them the duties and power.

"No candidate can win the general election without the support of the divisions and I hope the leadership knows this fact and how to value the divisions," he said.

The former Health Minister was caught in a sex scandal and subsequently resigned from all his posts in the government and party in January 2008 but returned to the political limelight after winning the MCA deputy presidency in October 2008 when he polled 1,115 votes to defeat former secretary-general Datuk Seri Ong Ka Chuan by a 114-vote majority.

Nomination for the MCA elections will be held from 1pm to 5 pm on Monday at Wisma MCA.

Comment:

Like what Ayahanda Tun says....,

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* Of course I am assuming the contest is fair.

This is what democracy is about when comes to Ka-Gi-Lang, the teochew race. Buat salah tak pa, bini I ok aja, asalkan kami ini ka-gi-lang. Jack Neo, the self-made producer cum director, need not apologise to anyone except his family, partners and fans. Is Jack Neo a foochew? Whether Singaporeans and Malaysians re-accept him or not, that is another question. Did Dr Chua says sorry to all Malaysians as the Minister? At least Bill C. apologised to his people as the President. I think Dr Chua does not know what is morality meant when comes to power.

Take care Ayahanda Tun.

By shahrulAuthor Profile Page on March 21, 2010 10:07 PM

if 51% is consider a majority...then how about 50%?

By anakbudu3Author Profile Page on March 21, 2010 10:02 PM

Assalamualaikum Ayahnda Tun & Bonda,

please allow me,

democracy in a small organization? ask my boss!
democracy is when the boss says so!

democracy is when someone can simply take over another MP's seat for election because of a special relationship.

democracy is when someone can easily go up to the top by using very nasty money tactics! and this someone with the gang, has earned all the lucrative benefits though the grass roots never gave their consent!

democracy is when a few who lost in the previous elections feel unsatisfied and use the back way

to gain rakyat's trust following their infamous leader's style. and these few are now reaping all the profits (& also now facing their own music for breaking the ties).

democracy is when the majority has to bow down to the minority in certain racial issues. no discussion of the major race for the minor will feel uncomfortable...

dont have to think of the majority...

the minority is doing the thinking,
and the majority dont have to think...

is this democracy? my, my, i say it's democrazy..hehe

May Allah SWT bless you Ayahnda Tun & Bonda, always.
May allah SWT bless all of us, too.

Wassalam.

just my brain wave...

By RahmanAuthor Profile Page on March 21, 2010 9:48 PM

Tun,

I can't help to think of what you wrote is well applicable beyond Malaysia. Look at what's happening to Democratic & Republican now. The country can't seem to progress...

By zaki_77Author Profile Page on March 21, 2010 9:28 PM

Democracy is a misnomer, it is only possible on paper; there is no single country that has a perfect democracy. This is because democracy by its nature is an illusion.

If Malaysia thinks it can succeed merely on the fact that it is a developing democracy, it is also mistaken.

By abshAuthor Profile Page on March 21, 2010 9:25 PM

Dear Dr,

The problem in this country is the minority think they can rule over the majority. They make ridiculous demand and when they cannot get it, they say there is no democracy in this country. As for the majority, they are expected to give in and sacrifice to the extent, even their rights and privileges.

My concerns among others;

1. Scholarship quota for non Malays has been increased at the expense of the Malays.
2. University intakes for non Malays has been increased at the expense of the Malays.
3. Shares in public companies for non Malays has been increased at the expense of the Malays.
4. Malay leaders must apologise to non Malays and being called racists whenever they fight for Malay rights but not vice-versa.

5. Malay candidate can never win an election in a non Malay majority area but we always see a non Malay candidate wins in a Malay majority area.

If above is what democracy is all about, it is sad news for the majority group!

To you Dr, keep on fighting for the betterment of the Malays in this country. I really miss your speech at the UMNO General Assembly. Please consider my earlier request for you to contest as delegate from Kubang Pasu to the assembly this year.

Brgds,

ABSH

By meezalAuthor Profile Page on March 21, 2010 9:13 PM

Yes Mr EX PM you said it in your last line" Assuming the contest is fair" Now how can any election in Malaysia be fair. So what we have here in Malaysia is a SHAM Democracy ,just like the old communist countries who has the name Democracy in their names eg German Democratic Republic (east germany). We all know how democratic they were.

Meezal

By sykesAuthor Profile Page on March 21, 2010 8:58 PM

Sorry Tun,

Ideally what you said it is true BUT in certain time while developing a nation you need dictator (with the welfare of the country and its people in mind) should lead the country.(ring a bell?) Just look at our country since BN dont have the "absolute" majority the MPs are bickering at the state and parlimentary level and I cant see who is handling the country if not for the civil servants. And the rest of the world is no better, the red fighting the yellow and Obama have to bull doze their national health plan.Maybe time to reeducate about democracy.

By HajarAuthor Profile Page on March 21, 2010 8:07 PM

Dearest YAB dan DiKasihi Tun,

I TOTALLY AGREE WITH POINT #10 –

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If those who lose cannot accept the decision of the majority of the members, then it is better not to talk about democracy. You really do not know what democracy is about. * “

And of course if someone buys the votes or practices “money politics” or cheats in order to win, then that is a different story...

** May Allah SWT bless Tun & family **

By boboAuthor Profile Page on March 21, 2010 7:59 PM

Mahathir talking about democracy -- what a joke. Mahathir cannot assume the Malaysian

elections are fair when one constituency may be oversized with 60,000 voters and where another constituency of 30,000 both send one person to Parliament. Barisan Nasional's 51% popular vote translated to 63% of seats in Parliament. Pakatan Rakyat may manage a higher popular vote than Barisan in the next elections, but I guarantee this will not translate to a simple majority in Parliament.

Then again, having elections does not necessarily mean we are practicing democracy.

For your information Mahathir, democracy is not the Internal Security Act. Democracy is not the Printing Presses and Publications Act. Democracy is not the Universities and University Colleges Act. Democracy is most definitely not the Police Act and especially not the Official Secrets Act.

Democracy is not the exploitation of our public institutions and the violation of separation of powers. Democracy is not sabotaging and persecuting your opponents through all the above mentioned oppressive and may I add, un-Islamic laws. Islam is against oppression. Your theory of Asian democracy is not correct, as stated by your South Korean counterpart.

I guess old dogs don't learn new tricks but after spending your whole adult life in politics, you don't seem to understand that democracy is not just about having elections.

It is about giving power to the people. The hundreds of amendments made to the original Malaysian Constitution have diluted the rights and freedoms of our people. Bring back the spirit of Merdeka. Readers of this blog, bring back power to the people.

Umar

By Rimba Emas Author Profile Page on March 21, 2010 7:54 PM

SALAM BUAT TUN BERDUA MOGA DIRAHMATI ALLAH S.W.T.

1) SEBAB ITU RIMBA EMAS BERPENDAPAT SESUATU UNDANG-UNDANG YANG DI BUAT OLEH ORANG BUKAN BERAGAMA ISLAM SEUMPAMA 'DEMOKRASI'INI TIDAKLAH MENYAMAI UNDANG-UNDANG ISLAM MILIK ALLAH S.W.T.

2) 'DEMOKRASI'UMPAMA ZAHIRNYA SAHAJA SEBALIKNYA TERLALU JAUH UNTUK MENCAPAI KEDALAMAN SEHINGGA KEROHANIANNYA.

3) PENDAPAT TUN BETUL KERANA 'DEMOKRASI' MEMENANGKAN KUASA MAJORITI SEBALIKNYA FITRAH KEHENDAK ISLAM IALAH MEMENANGKAN KEADILAN.CONTOH KETIKA AWAL PEMBENTUKAN AGAMA ISLAM, DISEBABKAN TERLALU SEDIKIT YANG MENERIMA ISLAM MAKA NABI MUHAMMAD S.A.W TERPAKSA BERSIFAT KERAS YANG PADA NALURINYA AMAT BERTENTANGAN DENGAN SIFAT RASULLULLAH S.A.W. SENDIRI.

4) ADA AMALAN DALAM 'DEMOKRASI'TERUTAMA KONSEP KEBEBASAN AMAT BERTENTANGAN DENGAN AJARAN ISLAM TERUTAMA YANG BOLEH MENBERI

RUANG KEPADA MANUSIA MENIDAKKAN KEHENDAK YANG MAHA BERKUASA IAITU MELANGGARI HUKUM-HUKUM YANG DIGARISKAN DIDALAM AL-QURAN.

5) CONTOH SALAH SATU CARA DALAM 'DEMOKRASI' IALAH DENGAN MENGUNDI. AMAT MERBAHAYA JIKA KUASA MAJORITI TIDAK DAPAT DISEKAT OLEH UNDANG-UNDANG (AGAMA). KALAU CALON YANG HENDAK DIPILIH PERLU KEPADA REKOD YANG TIDAK PERNAH MELAKUKAN KESALAHAN MAKA PARA PEMILIH PERLU DILAKUKAN PERKARA YANG SAMA. KALAU TIDAK SEMUA RAMALAN YANG DIBUAT TIDAK SELALUNYA BERLAKU.

6) MALAH SESIAPA PUN YANG PADA ZAHIRNYA KITA DAPAT NILAI AKAN PERBUATANNYA AKAN SEBALIKNYA BOLEH BERLAKU SELEPAS PENGUNDIAN KERANA AMALAN 'DEMOKRASI' TERLALU BEBAS BAGI PENGUNDI.

7) SEBAB ITULAH RASUL-RASUL YANG DI PILIH OLEH ALLAH S.W.T SELALUNYA DITENTANG OLEH MANUSIA-MANUSIA DI DUNIA INI KERANA KEJAHILAN MEREKA KERANA HANYA MENILAI SESEORANG ITU PADA ZAHIRNYA SAHAJA SEBALIKNYA CAHAYA KEBATILAN MEMERLUKAN KEKUATAN DALAMAN YANG GHAIB YANG BOLEH DIPEROLEHI JIKA KITA SENTIASA MENGINGATI ALLAH S.W.T.

WALLAHU'ALAM

By umar5151 Author Profile Page on March 21, 2010 7:14 PM

Assalamualaikum Tun dan keluarga,

as usual, simple and straight to the point.

Wassallam

By Young Voice Author Profile Page on March 21, 2010 7:10 PM

Assalmualaikum Tun Dr,

Agreed indeed, Tun Dr.

A majority will pelusively win against minority. That's why democracy is the best solution to put stand a country's stability in politics, economy and social. But maybe these two conditions can be a little demand for a second thorough.

1. The ratio is close, eg; 4:5 or 6:7

2. The minority constitutes professionals, scientists and big minds. While the majority constitutes averages in minds, life and perspectives.

Most Thank You,

Young Voice.

By chong yao yang Author Profile Page on March 21, 2010 6:52 PM

salam tun

ya orang memikirkan demokrasi kerana kebebasan seperti Pakatan Rakyat mereka suka bercakap buruk tentang itu sebabnya saya tidak suka pakatan rakyat saya suka UMNO saya menyokong UMNO

okey terima kasih tun

By Solo Bear Author Profile Page on March 21, 2010 6:46 PM

Hello Tun,

Democracy is just a hypocritical tool used by the West to advance their own agenda. Hamas is the democratically elected govt in Gaza, but US and Israel want to remove Hamas. Ahmadinejad is the elected president of Iran, but the West wants him removed. What democraziness is all this?

Here is a link to show how the West is so hypocritical about the concept of democracy. If a speech is made that they do not like, to them, that's not democracy.

<http://bit.ly/96XHIU>

By Nusantarian Author Profile Page on March 21, 2010 6:36 PM

Salam Tun,

I believe democracy not only cause break-up in a party, but it also contributes break-up to an extend where family structure also compromised. It is designed to promote more break-up than unity. It is part of other hierarki systems designed to create clashes between countries, ideologist, friends, families. I also believe TDM knows this a lot better than anyone in the country.

However we do have cure for social problems, do we? Vanished system, which was fair, peace and multi-cultural which was used in Turkey, destroyed by alliance of hatred in 1929 in order to promote systems that clashes with each other.

By Jo Author Profile Page on March 21, 2010 6:01 PM

Tun, Democracy has long been dead in Malaysia, just as it has been in Zimbabwe.

Source : <http://chedet.co.cc/chedetblog/2010/03/democracy.html>