

## **MINIMUM WAGE**

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**By Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad**

1. The workers of Malaysia must be happy over the RM900 per month minimum pay. It will give them a higher standard of living.
2. But the minimum wage would I think, cause a domino effect. Those now receiving RM900 per month would not be happy with the idea of their juniors getting the same wages as themselves. To preserve the salary structure their wages must be raised also. And of course if their wages go up those above them would also demand an increase so that their seniority would be properly compensated.
3. So the increase in minimum wage would result in increases in the wages of all categories of workers and employees. Costs of everything must certainly go up.
4. So will the overtime pay. It would be double of the RM 900 per month base salary and quadruple for work after the usual working hours. Considering the number of weekends and holidays in Malaysia, the salary bill would be substantially increased.
5. This increase should not worry the Government. But it should worry the private sector. Already Malaysia's wages and salaries are higher than all the Asean countries excepting Singapore. It is certainly higher than China. This might deter both domestic and foreign investors.
6. If investments do not come in, the number of new jobs created would be diminished. This might increase unemployment.
7. Unless Government revenue increase substantially the increased salary bill would have to be met by reducing development budget. This will have other unwelcome side effects.
8. I am sure the Government financial experts have already taken into consideration all these things when they advised the Cabinet. It is just that I worry. Some rating agencies have been talking about down-grading this country. I hope they are not serious. Malaysia has always managed its finances well. I am sure that productivity would increase to compensate for the higher wages and overall costs.

## **33 Comments**

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nash06  
May 21, 2012 at 12:55 pm | [Permalink](#)

assalamualaikum Tun dan semua

dari apa yang saya belajar ekonomi dahulu, para pelabur akan mencari negara yang dapat memberi

pekerja yang paling murah sekali...itu adalah paling asas dalam hendak memulakan perniagaan antarabangsa....jika tiada syarikat ingin membuka perniagaan mereka di Malaysia maka tiada peluang pekerjaan, tiada penyerapan teknologi, tiada cukai/pendapatan negara, tiada kemahiran dapat di pelajari, dan banyak lagi kesan yang dapat di rasai dalam tempoh akan datang.....kita berasa susah kerana kos sara hidup yang tinggi di akibatkan oleh inflasi terlalu tinggi...Contoh: pada tahun 1970an dengan RM 1 kita boleh beli 4 cawan kopi.

pada tahun 1980an dengan RM 1 kita boleh beli 2 cawan kopi.

pada tahun 1990an dengan RM 1 kita boleh beli 1 cawan kopi.

dan sekarang dengan RM 1 kita hanya dapat setengah cawan shaja..

patutnya kerajaan kena kawal inflasi terlebih dahulu sepertimana zaman Tun dahulu yang menyarankan 0% inflasi....bayangkan dimana duit kita sama nilai seperti dahulu...pasti mewah dan selesa.....kalau harga barang naik maka takda guna gaji naik.....syarikat luar pun lari ke negara lain.....silap2 negara kita mempunyai ramai yang tidak bekerja langsung lihatla banyak kilang di negara sudah di tutup dan bnyk org mengangur..org asing makin ramai sebab kos diorg lebih murah..sekarang2nya diorang ada income compare dgn anak2 muda sekarang yg keluar dari universiti still tiada simpanan sendiri.....fikirkan la kesan secara menyeluruh dari pro dan contra dari kenaikan gaji ini.....no investor, no business, no employment/hiring, no income, no money, no food to buy, no life.....or you make own business.....still want to find the most cheap worker that you can get (of course not from this country).....

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Khairul-Dean's Gravatar Khairul-Dean  
May 16, 2012 at 4:06 pm | Permalink

YABhg CHEDET  
Salam Hormat

Rainbow Paradise  
(how to introduce your team)

It is overhead one said to another, "Backdoor take over within three years" – "We surrendered FELDA like the that Italian Job motorbike company which Harley-Davidson now own"

Strategic MoUs in New York? between FGVH and Vitol

Under the terms of the MOU, the two parties plan to incorporate a joint-venture company in Kuala Lumpur with FGVH as the majority shareholder.

Dato' Sabri Ahmad, Group President and CEO of FGVH, said: "This MOU between FGVH and Vitol is line with FGVH's growth strategy in the non-oils sector and is one of the channels for both upstream and downstream marketing that is intended to transform FGVH into a truly global player. Both FGVH and Vitol are currently working towards a final agreement that will result in the creation of a new joint venture company in which FGVH will hold a majority stake."

Ian Taylor, President and CEO of the Vitol Group, said: "We are pleased to have signed this MOU with FGVH and we look forward to working closely with them in various commodities and areas already identified where we believe we can add value for the benefit of both parties. This collaboration enhances our already significant presence in Malaysia, which is currently focused on our existing energy trading

business and terminal operations.”

<http://www.vitol.com/latest-news/179-vitol-s-a-and-felda-global-ventures-holdings-berhad-sign-mou>

and Louis Dreyfus Global (<http://louisdreyfus.com/about/overview.html>) this from Bernama's FGVH Identifies Partner... (<http://bernama.com.my/bernama/v6/newsgeneral.php?id=666429> )

While Permatang Pauh will rather agree backdoor policy is a Wall Street's game and not his cuppa tea; one wonders the inclination of these companies with Illegal Settlements and Israel atrocities in Palestine and elsewhere.

Is this the best MITI can do? could be a topic for a Bicara Minda.

Sekian

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4horsemen's Gravatar 4horsemen

May 9, 2012 at 2:35 am | [Permalink](#)

gaji blum naik...harga barang sudah naik....what ur comment...influence orang barat ?

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Neutralboy's Gravatar Neutralboy

May 9, 2012 at 1:26 am | [Permalink](#)

It would be a positive move to force employers to remove the rendering of services and production of goods that relies on supermarkets to produce. E.g. includes the people who fills up groceries into plastic bags, cleaners at fast food restaurants. Malaysians should get use to self service. However it will be negated if the govt allows foreign workers to continue being able to offer their services at a fraction of the cost of local workers. Should maid salaries also fall under the minimum wage category?

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dotnetadil's Gravatar dotnetadil

May 8, 2012 at 10:25 am | [Permalink](#)

Assalamualaikum,when you put it like that..I'm a bit worried.

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muz889's Gravatar muz889

May 5, 2012 at 9:43 pm | [Permalink](#)

Assalamualaikum Tun

1. well first of all i don't think you understand the concept of minimum wage and why it should be implement in Malaysia..most of employees in both private and government sector were being discriminate when the profit earn by the company due to the increase in productivity were only shared among senior officers..im not saying that the junior employees should be given equal payment with their seniors but the profit of the company should be divided equally among the employees of the company regardless of their rank..

2. the concept is simple...a company can't afford to pay higher salary to their employees unless there is increase in productivity..in other word, the salary must be equal with the productivity made by the company..if the salary is higher than the productivity than the company will face a loss...this is crazy, no employer would want to do this, it is suicide... but what happen now in malaysia is most private sector company are paying lower salary than the productivity they made...question is...where all the profit goes ??..it went to the pocket of the boss and the senior management while the lower employee are being

marginalized..

3. of course we need an increase in FDI to support minimum wage but how do we do this ?...well first of all, we have to ensure that the governance is clean and efficient...corruption must be reduced in order to attract foreign investors to make investment in our country..looking at the present situation, the corruption is still a major problem in malaysia in fact, it is worse than before..our CPI ranking during the last 8 years of your period had drop from 23 to 37...and it continue to drop during pak lah era from 37 to 47 and in only 3 years najib become the pm, our CPI has drop from 47 to 60..i wonder what will happen to our CPI ranking if he continue to become pm in another 5 years..he will probably beat your record as the most corrupt leader in malaysia history considering his wife, rosmah has play an important part in resulting this..LOL...so, i really think you should advise your brother najib to do something about it..i heard some rumors said that he is afraid of you..hahaha

4. in the past we were far ahead indonesia in terms of FDI but now, in turns the other way around..we are behind indonesia in terms of FDI....it seems that many foreign investors have shifted themselves to indonesia...so embarrassing..we are at number 6 now while singapore is no 1 and indonesia is no 2..this is government doing..they should be responsible for misleading our country..why didn't you mention any of this ?

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mubarakchan's Gravatar mubarakchan  
May 5, 2012 at 7:24 pm | Permalink

HBT 456,

First of all I respect all your comments.

What I do not understand is your comparison of Singapore as it is at present with Malaysia.

Do you realise that Singapore is a failed State ?

i. Singapore's Policy on the 2-Child Family in the 1970s literally ensured the eventual disappearance of the Singaporean Chinese which has now happened. In the 1980s, I asked a Singaporean friend, ' How is your family ' . He replied, ' My factory has closed down already ' At present, there is a huge vacuum of at least 20,000 souls which should have been the Singaporeans born as the 3rd or 4th child of a real Singaporean family in the 1970s – the top bracket in ordinary parlance. They are not there. Hence, the importation of foreigners to fill the gap. As we all know, this is not quite the same thing. What a pity ! I am mystified how the leaders came to such dead-end when in 1970 they themselves calculated that Singapore required 200 persons of top calibre to govern the then population of 2 Million !

ii. Singapore's much touted meritocracy society is only applicable to the top 1% of the population. What about the other 99% ? This is the demography of any country anywhere. Hitler was the last person to tinker with the demographics and we know what happened to him. And meritocracy is based on academic qualifications and money. With the 1% getting more and more by the millions of Singaporean dollars, how do the 99% feel ? What about the late bloomers ? Actually, there are Malaysians cleverer than the Singaporean best in Malaysia. We are humble. We are not used to blowing big trumpets.

iii. Apart from the disastrous 2-Child Policy, the much touted Singaporean meritocratic pyramid made a fool of themselves by losing US \$ 108 Billion at one moment in October 2008. Yes! One moment ! Vide. Channelnewsasia November 2008. All Singaporean Blogs January 2009-July 2011. Financial Times, London. Gillian Tett. 'Singapore's Harvard Model'

Do you know how much US \$ 108 Billion was ? It was only a billion or two less than the total foreign reserves of Malaysia then and this was accumulated since 1957 !

iv. Singapore now has problems of leadership in the Government. I would point the finger on the insidious emigration from the island since the 1970s. The best just filtered away. She reached the peak when Lee Kuan Yew retired 23 years ago.

The only way out for Singapore to upkeep her standards of living or raise it, is for her to be the 53rd Union of the United States and pensioned off the ageing Brigades of Singapore Guards of Gurkhas, the rusting tanks, the F-16, the Apaches, the AWACS, the submarines etc. and foist the whole lot to Africa and becoming the World's No. 1 Arms Trader !

HBT in time you have Uncle Sam across the Straits of Johor. How ?

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badman's Gravatar badman

May 5, 2012 at 2:20 pm | Permalink

Dear Tun.

1. Whatever wage amount you give will not remain for long. The purchasing power changes due many factors. Changes to cost of living, newborns to a family, illness, and many more. But it does help if we know how to manage 'resources' well.

2. Yes. Resources includes money, time, efforts and many more. They may not be in monetary terms. But having resources promises one to be better. And the most important resource is a 'thinking positive' attitude. While others are busily complaining, smart ones will continue to take up the opportunity.

3. My 'most dramatic idea' to face the new global challenge... Better pay for people, grow business opportunity and reduce cost is like this.

3.1 Firstly certain sectors doing Admin nature jobs do not need to work 9 to 5. Maybe start 11 to 4. You save on OT, electricity, water etc. Govt offices can save a lot. Same goes to private sectors. People becomes more productive by using internet more and travel less. The air is less polluted. More time for people means more things to do. Can enter part time business. Can spare quality with family. Many things to do.

3.2 Industrial works maintains their same working time. These jobs normally are paid higher than those in the non-industrialized sectors. By doing so maybe people sees working in the industrial sectors as attractive and better compensated. The cycle effect be that more Malaysians wants to take up Technical or Engineering subjects. Indirectly the country will have high skilled people more in the future. Less dependents on foreign experts. Instead more investment will come in.

3.3 Foreign maids problem will be partly be solved dont you think? Wives will spend more time at home using the net and with doing half-day jobs.

4. I know its a crazy idea but who ever thought that Facebook is a billion dollar business? It was just a place where peope communicate with one another. And during that time we already have other platforms of communication.

5. Wishing you great health with Tun Hasmah.

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Simple Mind's Gravatar Simple Mind  
May 5, 2012 at 12:06 pm | Permalink

Asalam'kum Tun,

I was just thinking "what is the MINIMUM wage should be?" If we set it too high, it will obviously drive away potential investors (including local businesses) but if is too low, then our people will complain that it is not sufficient for them to survive.

The low wage earner complains that they have to pay for their car, fuel, and toll. Why? You can use the public transport. I own a car, but if I have to travel to KL, I take the KTM. I agree, it is unpredictable, sometimes it takes an hour to get to KL, but it is cost efficient.

Next, housing. I don't understand. Our "low cost flats" is better than any apartments we find in countries like HK or even S'pore. Do you know that a private apartment in S'pore with an area of 600 sq. ft. (which is smaller than our low cost flat) cost? S\$600,000. amazing. Yet we Malaysians complaint about this. Our low cost flat has 3 bedrooms and 2 toilets and the rental is about RM400 (in the suburbs, just outside KL) and above. What is surprising is the majority are rented out to foreigners. I thought it is only for owner/occupier. We should have laws or follow the rule strictly.

I think if we compare to our neighbours (countries) we are in the middle, not too high or too low. I agree with critics that to restructure the economy (just like what s'pore did 20 years ago) we have to increase our minimum wage. It will eventually drive to more automation Or the labour-intensive industry will move out to countries with a lower labour cost. The chain effect is, as it gets more costly the industry will have to be more mechanised, including farming.

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monola's Gravatar monola  
May 5, 2012 at 10:03 am | Permalink

Minimum wages is the biggest gamble taken by pm and it illustrate the strong political will and self determination to move ahead. Msia rate is not 2nd. In certain industrial city in indonesia min wages can be up to rm600 a month compare to below rm500 that msian receive

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Hajar's Gravatar Hajar  
May 4, 2012 at 9:34 pm | Permalink

Salam YAB & diKasihi Tun,

In my opinion, the best way to to increase our income in order to increase our standard of living is by doing extra work – work part-time / invest wisely; gain extra income.

From my observations, many people just depend on their fixed monthly income.

Thanks Tun.

\*\*\* Semoga Allah SWT melindungi Tun sekeluarga. \*\*\*

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MiddleAges's Gravatar MiddleAges  
May 4, 2012 at 6:21 pm | Permalink

Salam Tun,

May i address Joshua Lopez.  
@Joshua

For your information, when foreign companies send their expats professionals to work in Malaysia, they are given “3rd world country” allowance and salaries.

The exact same local professional with doing the same job with the same quality, will be mpaid much less or “normal price” simply because we do not have blond hair and blue eyes. I am not talking about a less competent, less qualified local professional. I am talking apple to apple comparison.

So we professionals know for a very long time now that we work in a 3rd world country, yes. The minimum salary you complained about reflects the true situation, yes.

I however agree and have tested myself, rm 900 is simply too low, rm 1,500 is just about right for normal healthy life. So i wonder if those who set these figures actually conducted tests themselves, i.e. if they themselves actually try to survive on rm 900 in klang valley. I doubt such tests were conducted. I suspect these figures were not scientifically derived.

Thank You Tun

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MiddleAges's Gravatar MiddleAges  
May 4, 2012 at 6:06 pm | Permalink

Salam Tun,

Of personalities in Malaysia, i read with interest HBTs ending remarks quote “I believe Mukhriz can be a good PM if he sticks to why his father worked day and night to make what we are today.”

I’m sorry HBT.... who ?

If we have a system by which we can elect persons to be PMs instead of a party selecting their leader, then we can have a chance to pick people with talent as PM. Otherwise, we can forget it.

As of now our choice is to merely pick which party has better PR and campaign manager. In this country, one who works hard day and night is not necessarily rewarded accordingly. In fact, many are forgotten and taken for granted.

The government does not want to listen to professionals, because the professionals are brutally blunt. But if we are to advance, i don’t see how much longer the government can continue to ignore professionals and their advice.

A good example is when Prof Ungku Aziz adviced not to mix politics and education. Today we pay the price of not heeding this advice. And it is very expensive indeed for those in the know.

Thank You Tun

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pakkordi's Gravatar pakkordi  
May 4, 2012 at 3:39 pm | Permalink

I have no faith in those rating agencies it is disgusting.

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adipati's Gravatar adipati  
May 4, 2012 at 12:13 pm | Permalink

Minimum Wage. Q; Why? A; Increase In Cost.

I am of the opinion that the contributing factor to increase in cost is due to the fact that most of us need to use our car almost daily. To own a car we need to pay instalment and here normally about 1/3 of our net earning (minus EPF, Socso, PCB) gone. Then the patrol and toll, that will take away quite a huge fraction of our net earning depending on the distance we travel daily.

Another contributing factor is the cost of the house i.e. payment of the instalment/rental. If we want to have low commitment, we need to have a house quite a distance from our working place (especially in KL, JB & Penang) and this is not helping either as the cost of patrol and toll will increase due to the distance we need to travel.

As for food and clothing, we can control the expenses. We don't need to eat at expensive outlet or by designer clothing.

Having a good public transport system whereby the waiting and travelling time is short. I am pretty sure that travelling by public transport will not take away 1/3 of our net earning. Thus the need to own a car is not that pressing. This will also help improve the environment as less cars will be on the road.

We can also consider staying or buying house far from the city which will be much cheaper. Thus will help reduce our monthly commitment.

In conclusion, to my opinion is that bad and inefficient public transport is the root cause of the minimum wage issue.

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anakmemmet's Gravatar anakmemmet

May 4, 2012 at 11:58 am | Permalink

As salam Tun.

Gembira kerana Tun sudah sihat dan masih menulis.....

Semoga sentiasa sihat dan walafiat bersama isteri tercinta. Merindui zaman pemerintahan Tun.....

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genius's Gravatar genius

May 4, 2012 at 10:59 am | Permalink

Salam Tun dan pembaca sekalian,

Diharap semuanya dalam keadaan sihat dan sejahtera.

1. Tun, harap jangan pandang kepada pelaburan asing sahaja. Kami ada anak isteri yang perlu di suapkan makanan.
2. Tun, tolong dengar rintihan hati kami dalam bergelut dengan pendapatan yang ada untuk membesarkan anak-anak.
3. Tun, kami tak pandai politik, kami tak meminta-minta, kami ada tulang empat kerat, kami berterima kasih dengan peluang pekerjaan yang disediakan kerajaan, tapi kami perlu kan tambahan pendapatan untuk menampung keperluan kami...

4. Harap semua lapisan masyarakat mendapat pembelaan sepenuhnya tak kira masyarakat bandar atau luar bandar, miskin kaya atau sederhana, tua muda dan sebagainya

5. Kerana itu adalah tanggungjawab pemimpin yang memerintah dan setiap keputusan anda yang merasa tempiasnya adalah kami yang memandang dari jauh

Terima kasih kerana membaca komen saya yang simple tapi penuh makna dari isi hati dan tak ada maksud tersirat, agenda tersembunyi atau apa-apa sepertinya...

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survivor01's Gravatar survivor01

May 4, 2012 at 4:56 am | Permalink

The Only Way BN can Win Kedah is to Build HydroPower to Stop the FLOOD !!!

Protect Our Rice Field!

Build a Modified Cargo Monorail, for Efficient transport Material Resources to the Factory powered by The HydroPower Dams.

also The HydroPower can Power Hundreds of Rural Factories & Industries!

Malaysia can't pay away Debt without more Efficient Industries, and Infrastructures, while China Build 26 Nuclear Power Plants, High Speed Rails with Million Robotize Factories. We might as well Sell the Country if we going to do Nothing.

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amin tan's Gravatar amin tan

May 3, 2012 at 10:22 pm | Permalink

Dear Tun,

Please allow me to post the following youtube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKZEo6d-ypc>

amin tan

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red1's Gravatar red1

May 3, 2012 at 9:46 pm | Permalink

Few days ago i was at the Bersih 3.0 rally and saw Anwar Ibrahim went up and what an act it was. He lets all hell breaks loose within a few minutes. I been posting alot in Malaysia-Today columns why i think he does not measure up as a fitting leader.

But of course many still believe in him.

I hope he becomes the next PM and then we shall really have more great shows the country has never seen.

The only way to prove him wrong once and for all is to follow all of Bersih 3.0 requests particularly the fair use of the mass media.

The rakyat is matured. They will be able to make up their mind more easily when given both sides of the picture evenly.

Redhuan D. Oon

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AdiY's Gravatar AdiY

May 3, 2012 at 5:19 pm | Permalink

Please give enough supply for every rakyat to survive

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Joshua Lopez's Gravatar Joshua Lopez

May 3, 2012 at 3:57 pm | Permalink

What sort of governance is this when the minimum wage is so low? Maids are getting more. By right, given the current cost of living, minimum wage for all government servants and private sector should be at least at RM1,500 for the Peninsular. With a mere RM900 that's poverty! How does one family live with such a salary? Is this the 1980s? If we have any Pride and Love for our country, we would be rather ashamed to say that we are placing the minimum wage at RM900! This is so shameful! It's clearly placing us in the rank of a third world country when in actual fact we are a rich and more developed country than our neighbours. We are a Modern State with First Class Infrastructure & natural resources, this is 'Sivarnabumi', a land of milk and honey but why is our salaries like a badly corrupted third world nation? Doesn't this boil down to a Rich Country which is Poorly Managed?

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Bubbles's Gravatar Bubbles

May 3, 2012 at 2:07 pm | Permalink

Dear Administrator,

Please do not post my earlier comments.

Some grammatical error.

Thank you.

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Bubbles's Gravatar Bubbles

May 3, 2012 at 1:39 pm | Permalink

Salam Tun,

1. Alhamdulillah, berkat doa dan solat hajat saudara saudara Islam kita yang cintakan negara, Bersih 3.0 telah berlalu tanpa korban jiwa.

2. Rakyat Malaysia harus berterima kasih pada semua anggota polis yang telah menjalankan tugas mereka dengan sabar dan profesional. Semoga Allah beri ganjaran pahala pada mereka semua termasuk mereka yang cedera, semoga mereka cepat sembuh. Syabas. Keep up the good work.

3. Tun memetik pepatah Inggeris 'A fool is born every second'

'Setiap saat orang bodoh akan dilahirkan' Dari demonstrasi Bersih sememangnya kita dapat lihat betapa ramai orang bodoh dari kalangan orang Melayu. Kerana itu memang tepat apa yang Tun katakan nampaknya di Malaysia bukan satu orang bodoh yang dilahirkan setiap saat tetapi ratusan orang bodoh yang dilahirkan setiap saat. Orang bukan Melayu dan bangsa asing memang suka orang Melayu bodoh.

4. Allahyarham Ahmad Deedat, semasa memberi ceramah di Dubai, dengan berani mengatakan, 'Muslims will sell their soul for just a small amount' Dalam ceramah itu, beliau tidak dapat menahan kemarahan

dan kekecewaan beliau terhadap orang Islam yang tidak membantu orang Islam, tidak membantu dalam kerja kerja dakwah sebaliknya bersekongkol dengan orang bukan Islam untuk menjatuhkan negara Islam dan sebagainya.

5. Sheikh Imran Hussein, seorang tokoh agama yang sedang giat berdakwah untuk memerangi riba yang sudah meresapi kehidupan umat Islam, dalam ceramah beliau juga ada mengatakan bahwa dia tidak faham mengapa mereka yang bergelar ulama melibatkan diri dengan politik sedangkan umat Islam sedang menghadapi cabaran yang lebih besar ia itu system atau cara hidup dajjal yang sedang berkembang dinegara negara Islam.

6. Zionism, pluralisme agama, freemasonry, illuminati, hak asasi manusia, semua ini adalah agama dajjal yang sedang diserapkan dalam kehidupan umat Islam.

7. Yusuf Islam once said “The West is like a sinking ship and now the Muslims are rushing to buy tickets for the sinking ship’. I am sorry that your daughter is one of them who are selling the tickets to that sinking ship. Reminds me of the story of Nabi Nuh and his son.

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Khairul-Dean's Gravatar Khairul-Dean

May 3, 2012 at 12:14 pm | Permalink

Domino Effect & Strauss-Kahn would be just right to add to the thought of Mahathir being a kedekut of an Malay economist bemoaning his worry over the down grading of Malaysia. As a starter, minimum pay policy is welcomed and the wawasan2020 mind would have silently questioned how the figure of nine hundred ringgit per four weeks work was just right for the nation.

Down grading the credit worthiness of any country would be a shame; but lending a helping hand to an old Uncle Sam still powerful enough to rule the world is top priority. America has to humble herself before China and the rest of the world kow towed in agreement. Domino effect.

The idea of a developed country Malaysia – an islam nation – with all the infrastructures worthy of a developed nation in place but done at a much lower cost of investment the twin to nett revenue at par with the top ten modern nations demands a spirit of a nation that believes in honest hard smart work. Domino effect that may have been created is a good thing as in running with the idea of a developed nation Malaysia in the minds of the consultants to the Cabinet. Malaysia is just stepping up in a down moving escalator is a mental picture.

The world is growing old; and as for Strauss Kahn – he was never a strong contender for President of France when the IMF failed in the aftermath of the Sub Prime Fiasco.

Minimum wages and zero-heading credit worthiness is what it feels like reading the posting, CHEDET; the feeling a man would feel dealing with a kedekut old vizer.

“Wallahu khairur-roziqueen”, said with a smile.

Salam Hormat.

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juks's Gravatar juks

May 3, 2012 at 11:34 am | Permalink

Dear Tun,

I personally do not believe that you think rm900 is sufficient enough. Our gov'n definition of a minimum wage differs comparatively with other countries. We may not be as developed as them to implement one fully or effectively. It is a good effort from the gov'n. However, is it sustainable? Rm900 sure isn't enough to live in the city or urban areas. RM900 in the city seems more like a bare minimum amount to live and not starve.

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ROZALI BIN AYED's Gravatar ROZALI BIN AYED  
May 3, 2012 at 10:11 am | Permalink

Minimum Wage/Gaji Minima

Assalamualaikum Yg bhg Tun,

Menerima sesuatu yang menguntungkan bagi setiap orang amatlah menggembirakan. YAB Dato' Seri Mohd Najib Tun Hj. Abdul Razak Perdana Menteri Malaysia, baru-baru ini telah mengumumkan satu struktur gaji minimum bagi sektor swasta. Gaji minimum sektor swasta telah begitu lama diperkatakan oleh banyak pihak, dan akhirnya ia menjadi realiti untuk dilaksanakan. Kerajaan Barisan Nasional yang dibawah kepimpinan Dato' Seri Mohd Najib telah mengotakan janji kepada rakyat khususnya yang berkhidmat dengan sektor swasta menetapkan suatu struktur gaji minima yang selari dengan keperluan hidup mengikut situasi semasa dan akan datang. Produktiviti juga harus ditingkatkan bersesuaian dengan penetapan gaji minima bagi sektor swasta. Sektor swasta memainkan peranan yang amat penting bagi membantu kerajaan menjana pertumbuhan ekonomi negara Malaysia. Sumbangan sektor swasta selama ini terhadap pertumbuhan positif ekonomi negara Malaysia amatlah dibanggakan dan dihargai. Saya amat bersyukur ke hadhrat Allah s.w.t kerana telah menentukan punca rezeki untuk hidup secara sederhana dengan berbakti kepada dua sektor ia itu sektor awam dan swasta, sedikit sebanyak menyumbang kepada pembangunan negara.

2. Saya amat bersetuju dengan pandangan Yg Bhg Tun bahawa penetapan gaji minima yang kadarnya lebih tinggi dari yang telah diamalkan selama ini akan mewujudkan berbagai perubahan pergerakan gaji. Perubahan pergerakan gaji akan serba sedikit memberikan sedikit tekanan kepada pihak majikan kerana ianya sudah tentu melibatkan kenaikan belanja mengurus pihak majikan. Namun demikian dalam apa-apa juga perubahan yang dilakukan demi kepentingan majoriti sesuatu pihak, segala kesan sampingan haruslah ditangani dengan hati yang terbuka dan rasional.

3. Mungkin kebimbangan terhadap perkembangan pelabur asing dan dalaman memberi sedikit impak kepada pertumbuhan ekonomi negara, tetapi seperti kata Yg Bhg Tun, pakar-pakar ekonomi dan kewangan kerajaan sudah tentu mengambil kira semua aspek dan menentukan segala tindakan bagi menangani kesan-kesan yang boleh melemahkan pertumbuhan ekonomi negara. Diantara kesan ketara pelaksanaan penetapan gaji minima (lebih tinggi dari sedia ada) ialah upah buruh mungkin akan meningkat.

4. Apa pun kita harus melihat secara positif bahawa keperluan hidup mengikut peredaran masa amat memerlukan kepada setiap individu (yang makan gaji) mendapat pendapatan sekurang-kurangnya yang boleh menjamin hidup selesa dan keluar dari masalah kemiskinan atau kedhaifan hidup. Semua pihak (majikan dan pekerja) harus menjalin kerjasama dengan jitu.

Sekian, terima kasih dan Wassalam Tun.

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9. By the way, YAB, some rating agencies have been talking about down-grading this country, don't worry about that.

10. These rating agencies are doing their job.

11. Those VVIPs whom do not abide to the rules of the game, they would be played out.

12. This is not your field, YAB.

13. Let SC deals with them if SC wants to improve our investment user friendly environment as time moves on.

Good day, YAB.

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WAGE INCREASE IS NEVER A SATISFACTION  
TODAY INCREASE SALARY  
TOMORROW PRICE INCREASE AGAIN  
IT WILL NEVER SUSBTANTIATES

I LIKE DUBAI STYLE OF GOVERNMENT  
THEY CALL IN INVESTOR  
INVESTOR ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BUY LAND  
TO BE ABLE TO ROOTS IN DUBAI  
TO BE ABLE TO THREAT THE DUBAIANS  
AS IN TO BE THE CITIZENS , PERMANENT RESSIDENCE  
THEY ARE GIVEN LONG TERM VISA  
AS IN TO INVEST , GROW DUBAI ECONOMY  
AND OFF THEY GO, WHEN THESE INVESTOR ARE NONE PRODUCTIVE TO THE NATION

THE GOVERNMENT SERVANT ARE STRICTLY  
DUBAIANS ORIGINS  
WHO TAKE CARE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS  
LAWS AND ORDER  
OF SUCH DUBAIANS ARE NOT THREATS OF THE FUTURE  
THEY WILL BE SECURE OF  
WHAT THEY CALL HOME

OUR STUPID MALAYSIA GOVT CALL IN INVESTOR  
NOT JUST TO INVEST YET INVITES INVADERS  
CONSENTING BUY OF LANDS , GIVING IDENTITY  
AS SUCH THREATS THE BUMIS  
BUMIS WILL GRADUALLY LOST THEIR IDENTITY  
OF WHAT WE CALL HOME

LIKewise THE STATES OF JOHOR  
INVITING OUTSIDE INVESTORS  
CONSENTING THEM TO HAVE ROOTS IN JOHOR  
EVEN THE SULTAN WILL GRADUALLY LOSE STAKE

NOT JUST THE BUMIS  
AS SEEN THE FATE OF SINGAPORE SULTAN  
THEIR GENERATIONS LOST THEIR ISTANA KG GLAM  
THEIR PRESTIGE, THEIR STATUS  
LIVES IN HDB FLAT  
WORK AS A DESPATCH RIDER

I, M NOT SURPRISE THE FATE OF THE SULTAN  
THE BUMIS WILL BE THE SAME  
IN NEAR FUTURE

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Now that the RM 900 minimum wage has been announced by the Government, our only choice is to monitor the effects of the Policy on the general economy per se.

The costs of services and production will rise concomitantly with the minimum base monthly wage. There is no doubt the contribution to the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) will increase but this is a trust fund and should not be trifled with. Another country had her fingers burnt when she thought such a fund was a honey pot of unlimited money. The collection for the Inland Revenue will increase too. However, if there is a decline in employment, whatever foreseen increase in the minimum wage policy will be offset to create a zero sum game.

But if the intention is to provide a sweetener to the populace before the implementation of a reduction in subsidies and the imposition of a sales tax at a future date, and also before the impending general election, the unwinding of such a monetary program could be dodgy at best to the general economy and vis-a-vis the world in view of the multitude of doom-sayers which have made themselves heard above the maddening crowd.

We should all be looking at our crystal balls from now on.

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Saya bersetuju dengan upah gaji minimum RM900.00 kepada pekerja swasta. Namun, dibimbangkan ada segelintir peniaga akan menaikkan harga barangan keperluan dengan sewenang-wenangnya.

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Good morning YAB,

Happy May Day!

Our economy is doing quite well, and unemployment is very low. But I know workers are concerned about issues like the cost of living, our low-wage workers and our ageing workforce. We are tackling these tough issues directly.

At the same time, we must get our overall strategies right. Singapore needs to stay open and connected to the world, as a society and a people. It is the only way for a small country to progress and prosper.

Second, our economy must grow. Not simply by expanding, but by upgrading ourselves, raising productivity and creating better jobs for all. This will give us the resources to build a better Singapore.

Third, all Singaporeans must share the fruits of growth. In particular, we must do our best to help low-wage workers. This is how we build an inclusive society which leaves no Singaporean behind.

I talked about these issues at the May Day Rally. The journey is challenging, but I am confident we will succeed. Let the tripartite partners – employers, unions and government – work as one for a brighter future and a better Singapore!

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Good day, YAB.

P.S. I can't turn a blind eye to my 4th PM because I am human, not machine. Anwar, Azmin and PKR avengers will continue to "korek all the shits" of YAB's pembodek2 turned UMNO millionaires like Khir Toyo, Rais Yatim, Najib, Ali Rustam, Daim, Hishamuddin, Sharizat, Shafie, KJ, etc., by splashing salts unto their wounds which have nothing to do with Mukhriz and his brothers. Have faith with Mukhriz and your children. I believe Mukhriz can be a good PM if he sticks to why his father worked day and night to make what we are today.

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Assalamualaikum Tun dan semua,

Kalau melihatkan Bersih 3.0 yang lalu, saya sedih melihat remaja2 kita yang bakal membangunkan negara bertindak tanpa pertimbangan yang waras. Kalau begitulah cara mereka, saya sangsi dengan masa depan ekonomi negara kita. Kalau melihatkan mereka2 yang menggelar diri mereka bakal pemimpin negara, lagilah sedih dibuatnya. Nak menjadi pemimpin tetapi ajar rakyat merusuh. Macamana negara nak maju.

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