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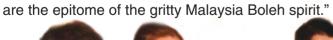


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Our Olympians deliver best Merdeka gift heavier than

Malaysia's Olympians at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro delivered the best Merdeka present for our 59th Independence day when their sterling performance united all Malaysians as one. Shouts of "Merdeka" and "Malaysia Boleh" by multiracial fans commonly reverberated badminton courts as were the cheers which greeted our athletes when they emerged at KLIA.

When Kosmo and Berita Harian turned keyboard warriors with headlines belittling the sheer grit of the badminton mixed pair, the swift chastise by MCA President Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai and plenty more netizens indicates that Malaysians do not want the media to misuse sports results to divide the masses. Likewise when Sinar Harian columnist Ridhuan Tee alluded that Malaysian Chinese athletes are mercenary, the loudest cheers for our Olympians during the Merdeka parade quelled his doubts on the patriotism of our Olympians. Nobody wants sports to be politicised. As the party chief succinctly describes our sportsmen and women: "They





The Publicity chief writes...

The Merdeka August month of Malaysia's 59th Independence proves to be auspicious indeed. The Roman numeral "8" indicates infinity or limitless, while the Chinese character "/\" signifies prosperity growing.

THE CONTROL THAT SHOWING THAT SHOWING THE SHOWING THAT SHOWING THE These attributes were noticeably evinced during the 2016 Summer Olympic Games whereby the performance of Malaysian athletes at this quadrennial sporting event successfully pulled off a major coup where policy makers and politicians have long failed to accomplish ie unite all Malaysians irrespective of ethnicity or creed to cheer our Malaysian Olympians be it at the audience stands in Rio de Janeiro, or from our home couches in front of the tv, or gathering with family and friends at our neighbourhood

Malaysians stood and rooted for with one 1Malaysia voice; Thus when Kosmo! and Berita Harian thought they were too smart by headlining "Peng Soon-Liu Ying disappoint millions of Malaysians" and "Mixed doubles only manage a silver" respectively, multiracial Malaysians instantly picked up the nuances of such pessimistic covers and wasted no time roasting their front page which seemed intended to sway their readers against the runner's up position of our badminton mixed-doubles as opposed to Berita Harian's praising tweet "Azizulhasni Awang makes history by becoming the first national cyclist to win an Olympic medal with a bronze win in keirin."

Still on sports, Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaludin went a step further when he announced on 28 Aug 2016 that Malaysian Paralympians who are medallists will qualify for the same sports incentives and pension scheme equal to able-bodied medallist Olympians.

Vision: Gold in Tokyo

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Embodying his vision as a Prime Minister for all Malaysians and protecting the rights of non-Muslims in interfaith matters, premier Dato' Sri Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak announced on 25 Aug 2016 that amendments to the Law Reform (Marriage & Divorce) Bill scheduled to be tabled in Parliament in October 2016 will ensure that any marriage solemnised by civil law may only be dissolved by civil law whereby the civil court will have precedence to mediate over divorce and child custody should one parent convert.





Selamat Menyambut Hari Kemerdekaan ke-59!!!

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Calling all Hollywood, Bollywood or Hong Kong future film directors or stars! Come hone your creative talents with "Dare To Dream (D2D) – Promising Youth a Marvel", a short video competition launched for the first time by the MCA Publicity Bureau on 11 August 2016 at MCA Headquarters.

Providing a platform for talented young Malaysian students to present their original production, the competition also aims to spread the spirit of positivity among Malaysians, especially the youths through their camera lenses. MCA President Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai, who officiated the launching ceremony, said that this theme of "Dare to Dream" was timely due to the prevalent spread of negative issues such as racial extremism and terrorism in the media. Stressing that youths were the hope of a nation's future, he said that "it was important for youths to be optimistic, lest they lose their enthusiasm and hope which will then cause them to play the blame game instead of learning how to progress."

MCA Publicity Bureau chairman Senator Dato' Chai Kim Sen, said that, "as each video entry must feature one of MCA's projects and agencies, it is thus hoped that the competition will also allow youths to be aware of MCA's contributions to society over the past 49 years such as TAR UC, UTAR, VTAR, Kojadi, KSM, CECE and CRSM."

Both leaders also urged youths to use technology responsibility, with Kim Sen referring to IT as a "double edged sword" which can be used to enhance the beauty and empathy of mankind, or be misused as a tool for the dissemination of false news and negative emotions. The competition launched showcased a short video produced by the MCA HQ Publicity Team especially for the launch of the competition.

Terms & Conditions and Prizes

Each video clip must be between 5 and 10 minutes in length,

excluding the ending. The medium of communication must be in languages or dialects vastly used in Malaysia. The closing date is on 30 November 2016. Shortlisted entries will be notified in due course.

The winner will walk away with an RM7,000 air-bound DJI Phantom 4 Quadcopter, plus RM3,000 cash. The first runner-up will receive a RM5,000 Canon DSLR camera EOS 80D Kit(EF-S18-55 IS STM) plus RM2,000 cash, while the second runner-up will take home the RM3,000 GoPro Hero4 Action Camera and RM1,000 cash. In addition to the top three prizes, there are also 7 consolations prizes: Each comes with an RM329 XiaoYi sports camera and RM500 cash.

Contestants are welcome to gather any information needed at Wisma MCA while also getting to know more about MCA along the way. Interested participants may download the entry forms from the official website of MCA at www.mca.org.my, or http://goo.gl/bzNGbA which also spells out the contest rules and regulations in detail.



includes removing labels and cutting

boxes into recyclable size!

authorities adopt the tak apa attitude in educating

from the neighbourhoods.

the public and ensuring effective collection of trash

PENANG FLOOD



A NATURAL OR MAN-MADE DISASTER?



The rule of not talking arrogantly in the forest applies to our lives as well. In the case of Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng, he reaped what he sowed when he was challenged with a situation that he boasted about not too long ago ie he could solve the flood woes of one state in a year. However, massive floods continue to plague Penang exceeding 8 years while LGE remains in power, and are befalling more frequently than ever. Instead of searching for an effective solution to curb this once and for all, the DAP-led Penang state government continues to adopt a 'wait and see' attitude towards the flash floods which hit the Penang International Airport and several low-lying areas in the Pearl of the Orient.

As if one expects no flood when there is no rain. The passive approach by the state government seems to suggest that flood is a natural occurrence ensued from a heavy downpour, and that no one should fight 'acts of God' and nothing can be done to reverse what is 'destined to occur'. Imagine the people living in fear and can only pray that there will be no flood after each torrential rainfall. How ridiculous is that?

RECURRING FLOODS HAUNT THE STATE



Although the flood woes have been widely reported in the media, the state government nonchalantly comes up with 'lame excuses' to start the finger-blaming game and pass the buck around. It would have been different if the developers in Penang adopted the suggestion of building a retention pond for the Penang International Airport. The Penang Federal Action Council (FAC), together with the Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad (MAHB), Department of Irrigation and Drainage (DID) and other relevant

government agencies had warned the state authorities of the high tide and overflowing problem without the retention pond, but the developers turned a blind eye on that. As a result, this careless decision mistake eventually turned into a bigger problem that haunts Penang till today.

Besides the huge loss of money and properties, the water deluges also caused occasional casualties where a woman was reported to be injured after part of the ceiling collapsed at the Penang International Airport following a torrential downpour in 2012. If this condition persists, how will Penang maintain its reputation as one of the top tourist destination? Such incidents will only deter tourists from coming to Penang as they cautioned against being stranded at the airport should the flood strike.

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According to the Local Government, Traffic Management and Flood Mitigation Committee Chairman Chow Kon Yeow, the low-lying areas across the state are expected to be flooded due to La Nina. In addition, he assured the people that special squads from DID and MBSP were formed to ensure pump houses will be in working order and rubbish traps being cleared to reduce the probability of flash floods. But the recurrence of floods seems to suggest the opposite, when the flood mitigation system is not 'resilient' and was set up without real-world practicality!

A further study by NGO Sahabat Alam Malaysia (SAM) also found that the property developer's failure to build effective drainage systems for ongoing projects on high grounds was the cause of flash floods in areas like Kg Machang Bubok when it rains heavily. According to Penang MCA Secretary Dr Tan Chuan Hong, the DAP-led state administration has been showing off its millions of ringgit spent on flood mitigation, whereby the latter alleged RM95 million was utilised to implement ditches project to prevent floods in 33 state constituencies and deepening 69 rivers since 2012. But all these efforts seem futile and have not achieved the desired results despite wasting so much money!



On the other hand, Penang DID Director Sabri Abdul Mulok admitted that the current drainage system cannot cope with heavier rainfall, particularly in the July 2016 flood where 65mm of rainfall was recorded at that time. This statement contradicts with Chow's earlier announcement regarding the preparedness of the Penang state government in facing floods. Meanwhile Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng simply shifts blame to Putrajaya, claiming the chaos at the airport was an internal issue that pre-existed even before DAP take over. Then, he can wash his hands off and see his people suffer without addressing the problem at its roots! But as Pakatan has been given the mandate and government machinery and resources by Penangites for over 8 years, Guan Eng must stop behaving like an opposition but tackle the problem.



HILLS CLEARING A TICKING TIME BOMB

A ticking time bomb awaiting for the trigger to detonate, deforestation is not just about felling trees but could spell greater disaster when hill slopes are flattened and one thing leads to another ie excessive rainfall will push mudflows and rocks onto the roadways and drains that prevent the heavy rain water from being channeled into the rivers for discharge. As a result, the rapid rise in water may cause localised flooding problems.

The current lenient laws and poor monitoring had failed to deter illegal land clearing in the state. Even DAP's coalition comrade, Sim Tze Tzin, who is also the Bayan Baru MP cum PKR Strategy Director had criticised the state government for weak enforcement on land clearing, where he claimed state authorities failed to look into the issue of why Penang is excluded from the Land Conservation Act 1960 which includes the conservation of hill lands. The rampant clearing activities in several areas like Bukit Sungai Ara and Teluk Bahang Penang Hils have posed serious threats to the people living at the foot of the hill, and many fear their homes will be wiped out in flash flood at any time if no holistic solution is provided.





"Kafir Harbi" we are not; Slaughter us not for your pot

What the Pahang Mufti said

The Pahang mufti, Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Osman, was reported by newspapers saying that those non-Muslims against hudud are "kafir harbi" and they may be fought against.

The Mufti of Pahang mentioned that non-Muslims opposed to hudud were "kafir harbi", but the important question is whether his words are a fatwa, or mere opinion? If a fatwa, then it carries some weight in religion, but if a mere opinion, then it can be dismissed. But even then, fatwas may be criticised by other learned men of religion.

His statement is dangerous and may cause fanatics and extremists to attack non-Muslims in Malaysia. Despite calls from various parties, the Pahang Mufti will not withdraw his statement.

Tension in the country

This comes at a time when tension is rising in the country, with terror attacks increasingly prominent, even in Muslim-majority states:



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• 2 July 2016

Four gunmen stormed a Western-style cafe in the diplomatic enclave in Dhaka, Bangladesh, sparing only those who could recite the Qur'an. 20 people were killed

02

• 2 July 2016

A suicide car bomb exploded in the shopping district of Baghdad, Iraq. 125 people were killed.

03

• 28 June 2016

Armed gunmen attacked Ataturk Airport in Istanbul, Turkey. 45 people were killed.

04

• 28 June 2016

Grenade lobbed at Movida bar in Puchong, Selangor. Eight persons were injured. Authorities initially denied that it was the work of terrorists, but Malaysian police later confirmed that the attack was linked to Daesh (IS).

05

• 12 June 2016

A gunman attacked a gay nightclub in Orlando, USA. 49 people were killed.

The strange thing is that these terrorists groups portray themselves as defenders of a sacred religion, but the attacks were carried out in a sacred month -- the month of Ramadhan. It is a holy month for the Muslims, where they fast to grow closer to God. It is also a time to do good deeds.



It is good that some members of the Muslim community did not sit still in the face of the Pahang Mufti's pronouncement. Some of them rose to their feed to speak out against the cleric's error. They were doing their part in speaking for the truth. Bravo!

The Perlis Mufti, Dato' Dr Mohd Azri Zainal Abidin, popularly known as Dr MAZA, clarified that those countries known as "Dar al-Harb" are at war with Islamic states. He suggested only Israel is Dar Al-Harb. Malaysia is an Islamic country, having a majority of Muslims, and the laws allowing the religion of Islam to be practised peacefully. He disagreed that non-Muslims in this country were "kafir harbi".

Dato' Ibrahim Ali, PERKASA chairman, said that the term "kafir harbi" was a little too much and he could not accept it.

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A few days after the incident, the Prime Minister's Office issued a statement saying that non-Muslims could not be considered "kafir harbi" as long as they held citizenship, were protected by law, and did not fight against the government.

What I Think

The introduction of "harbi" must bring about the introduction of "dhimmi", which in a subversive way, will cause non-Muslims to think of themselves as "dhimmi". To be a dhimmi in an Islamic state means to subjugate one's rights to that of the Muslims. The dhimmi pay the jizyah (poll tax), and do not partake in the political life of the nation. Surely, that is not Malaysia!

In the years to come, I hope there will be a call among Muslims, that Muslims and non-Muslims are equal citizens before the law. I don't believe that Muslims want non-Muslims to be inferior to them in this country, as that simply is not their attitude. They are fair and will accept non-Muslims as their equals, if only they were not riled up by irresponsible individuals.

There is no need to categorize Malaysians as Muslim and non-Muslim, as dhimmi and harbi, as kafir and non-kafir. Say it loud and proud, we are Malaysians! And we should stand up for each other in our hour of need.



Just admit Pakatan quit sub-exco committees 'coz it's easier to Sam without facts

The Opposition – as the now defunct Pakatan Rakyat and the conveniently bonded Pakatan Harapan have for years pressed for a shadow Cabinet. But now when the opportunity is given, once again the Opposition has face-palmed themselves with another contradiction.

Instead of descending to arrogance and marginalising constituencies which had voted against BN, the Perak BN ruling state government extended an olive branch to Pakatan by engaging them into 8 state sub-exco committees. Handling public transport, women's empowerment, pig breeding, sand theft, crime, radioactive pollution in Bukit Merah, solid waste management and flies issues, these sub-exco committees consisted of an even number of both BN and Pakatan representatives thereby enabling the Opposition equal opportunities to provide inputs from within on state police-making.

BN's bipartisan approach aimed at improving state and local council administration to deliver only the best policies to all Perakians. Participation in 8 sub-exco committees is



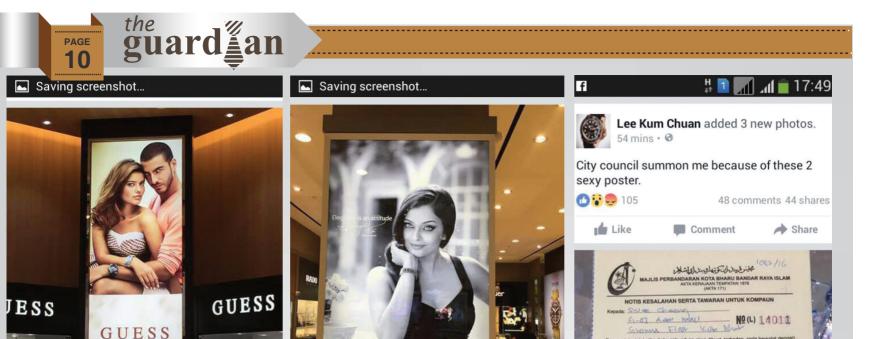


one step better than being in a shadow Cabinet as the Opposition is effectively given a platform for deliberation with their counterparts to offer proposals, rather than just scoffing criticisms away from the opposite bench or as a shadow Cabinet.

Unfortunately, rather than partake in a collective effort, DAP Perak chairman Nga Kor Ming delivered a shock announcement that Perak Pakatan state Assemblymen were withdrawing from all 8 sub-exco committees.

In fact, MCA Perak Chenderiang state Assemblyman Dato' Dr Mah Hang Soon who is the Perak Exco for Health, Non-Islamic Affairs, Chinese New Villages, Public Transportation & National Integration for has vouched that "so many issues had either been resolved or were on the positive pathway."

It is plain obvious that Nga Kor Ming and co. are unable to conceive any ideas at all, much less, feasible and constructive ones, but as usual, take the easy way out by either pulling stunts at the State Legislative Assembly, quitting and direct the blame-game arrow at BN.



Easier to be snoop squad gawking at "Sexy" images than to implement workable policies

Once again, MCA admonishes PAS whereby its members and state civil servants spend more time picking faults at trivial matters like posters on display, rather than addressing major problems affecting the state like high levels of youth unemployment and drug addiction.

Why does PAS not just confess that its members and council workers find it plenty times easier to lurk around as snoop squads to be moral police rather than generating and implementing workable policies to create jobs, attract investments or replanting its heavily deforested forests?

How is the PAS Kelantan state administration going to explain should luxury brands like Longines decide to withdraw from Kelantan due to ultra-conservative policies? This will be an income-loss for Kelantan besides discouraging other would-be foreign direct investors to come in.

As it is, the action of fining the non-Muslim watch retailer a reduced amount of RM400 from RM2,000 not only incurs an income loss to him but unconstitutionally erodes the rights of non-Muslims by coercing non-Muslim to conform to ultra-conservative religious values of a different faith.

Kuwait:

PAS is proving itself to be the proverbial "katak di bawah tempurung" or frog underneath the coconut shell! How long more can PAS superficially shield itself from reality? How is PAS going to censor every form of image it classifies as "sexy" when all sorts of "sexy" images are easily obtainable from the internet, lest, PAS outlaws the internet too or smash television sets like the Talibans.

Even in Islamic states like Saudi Arabia, Qatar or Kuwait, mannequins, models or brand owners in their shopping boutiques, websites or product launchings adorn sleeveless or bareback gowns, or short skirts exposing cleavage, shoulders and legs which by PAS' standards, would be categorised as "sexy", non-permit renewal unless the operator paid the fine. A browse through the following websites would show the afore-said mannequins, models and brand owner in "sexy" outfits in Arab states.

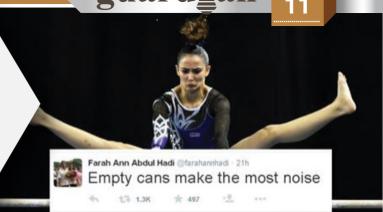


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https://crazyyetwise.com/2011/11/24/ivanka-trump-private-event-kuwait/

The insistence by the Kota Bharu Municipal Council (MPKB) to issue fines against a non-Muslim watch store owner by deeming the posters featuring Bollywood starlet Aishwarya Rai "sexy" and thus an offence under MPKB's by-laws once again proves PAS' insincerity.

Not only are the summons absurd, then all major TV channels including paid satellite TV must be fined daily for airing movies, serials, programmes, commercials and sports channels with artistes and sportswomen who don outfits regarded "sexy" or if they are wearing swimming costumes, ballet and gymnastic leotards, etc.



WIII PAS ban women's magazines too ???

PAS must fine TV stations & movie production houses too for artistes & sportswomen in

After these, PAS should order MPKB to swoop down on newsstands and bookshops retailing women's and celebrity magazines, confiscate and destroy such publications which have been approved by the Home Ministry and issue summons to the publishers and printers too!

As "sexy" images are easily available on any television set or the internet and even magazines, MPKB should stretch its by-laws further by aping the Talibans and mandating that all women in cloaked in movement-impeding burgas and smashing all television sets!



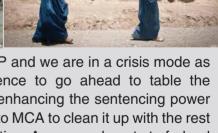
PAS' "welfare state"

This is the brand of Hudud that PAS is introducing, let alone before the second reading of the proposed amendments to the Syariah Courts (Criminal Jurisdiction) Act 355 in October. Saving it does not affect non-Muslim is bollocks! PAS' enforcements do affect non-Muslims, with the latest controversy

being the summons issued by the Kota Bharu Municipal Council. It is high time the 'rakyat' reject this brand of extremism.

As the saying goes, a wolf in sheep's clothing, PAS had in the past said that Hudud will not affect non-Muslims. However, as can be seen, PAS has been lying all along. Perhaps the 'rakyat' will be fooled by Lim Guan Eng statement who said 'let it pass first' and Anthony Loke statement, 'if you don't steal and rob, why should you be afraid?' But yet time and time again, these fake assurances have been proven otherwise whereby DAP made a huge mistake by asking the Chinese and non-Muslims to vote for PAS under the latter's theme of 'negara berkebajikan' or 'welfare state'. As the situation unfolds, it is already enshrined in PAS's constitution that one of its main agenda is to established an Islamic State with Hudud law at the centre if it.





With the mess left by DAP and we are in a crisis mode as shown by PAS' persistence to go ahead to table the Private Member's Bill to enhancing the sentencing power of Syariah courts, it is up to MCA to clean it up with the rest of the BN component parties. Any amendments to federal legislations must receive the consensus of all BN component parties. No single party should act alone as this nation is founded on the principle of consensus.

Now, PAS' reincarnation ie Amanah, has repeatedly said that they will not implement Hudud without Pakatan Harapan's joint consensus. But PAS had once similarly promised the same thing but they still pulled the carpet from underneath the electorate's feet by tabling the proposed amendments. Thus, who can guarantee Amanah will never do likewise? Not even DAP can guarantee that.

We should not even "let it pass first" as our next generation will suffer the consequences of our act today! We owe it to our children and we owe it to the people of Malaysia.



DPM Teo and Tiong Lai acknowledged that compared to the past, bilateral ties have boosted under the leadership of Prime Minister Dato' Sri Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak and is set to soar higher with the upcoming high speed railway (HSR) which will be a driver of economic growth and more people-to-people connectivity. Not only a Causeway to link us, the similarities in our cultures and population composition saw the MCA and PAP leaders discuss on overcoming the challenges in our multiracial and multi-religious context to enhance harmony among all communities.

DPM Teoh also acknowledged that "we learnt how PM Najib engages with people, and through social media, transcends into the physical world, and meet people in his kawasan." PAP's leveraging on social media to connect the government and convey information to its GRCs after experiencing a setback in Singapore's 2011 GE has likewise been adopted by BN and MCA to enable political leaders to be closer to the masses

in the physical world

Conveying that "the government has upgraded the preparedness level eg KLIA is now at amber," Tiong Lai added that "the police are monitoring all Malaysians in Syria as the call to attack comes from Syria." The party chief also shared that Bukit Aman has foiled 9 IS attempts to launch attacks in Malaysia besides arresting 9 more persons related with the Movida bar grenade explosion in addition to revoking the passports of 61 Malaysians who have joined IS in Syria so that they don't come back.



Hold more exchange programmes

Minister (Culture, Community and Youth; and Finance) said that "the numerous collaboration in the arts, culture indicates lots of partnership between our citizens." Praising the existing exchanges between the clan groups, and guilds whenever any association event is hosted in either country, the MCA and PAP leaders collectively encouraged more people-to-people exchanges, not only in terms of G-2-G, youth, women's, cultural groups, between SMEs, but also party-to-party exchanges to work together to learn from each other. Such matchups will benefit our peoples at the rakyat level, where it matters most, as Malaysia's and Singapore's long inter-linked history is tied by our shared geography, deep connections and multi-layered conomic ties, which thence translates to our nations' interdependent future.