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## Sarawakians have spoken! Opposition's arrogance & splits

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If the 2011 Sarawak state elections were a writing on the wall for MCA's and BN's outcome in the 2013 general elections (GE), and, Singapore's PAP during the republic's GE in 2011, then Sarawak's 11th state elections with nomination on 25 Apr 2016 till polling on 7 May 2016 are signs that BN has learnt from its lessons of the past, introduced and put in practice transformation benefitting the rakyat. BN's policy of moderation contrasts with the Opposition which too quickly, after just two GE's, failed to observe and learn from BN's experience and grew arrogant and complacent in addition to public slugfest among themselves for Batu Kitang, Mulu, Murum, Simanggang, Mambong and Ngemah.

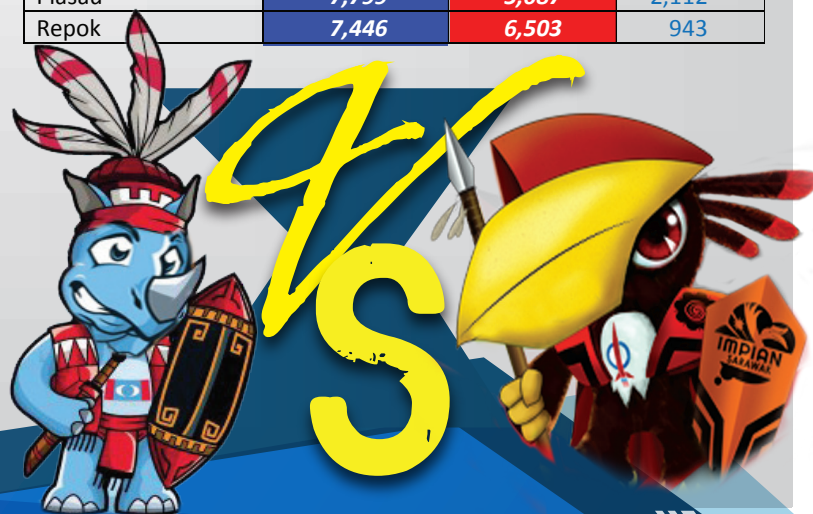
Besides recovering 5 seats (table below) from DAP of which Batu Kawah, Meradong and Repok are considered the Rocket's Chinese-majority urban strongholds, "Team Adenan" improved BN's showing from 55 seats out of 71 in 2011, to 72 constituencies out of 82 in 2016.

### BN still enjoys a comfortable lead even if DAP and PKR did not head-butt in 6 constituencies

Constituency	Votes for DAP	Votes for PKR	DAP + PKR Votes	Votes for BN	BN's Comfortable Lead
Batu Kitang	4,626	883	5,509	6,466	957
Mulu	309	1,490	1,799	3,198	1,399
Murum	687	1,065	1,752	3,265	1,513
Simanggang	695	580	1,275	4,094	2,819
Mambong	2,828	2,645	5,473	6,161	688
Ngemah	243	396	639	2,888	2,249

Tired of the obvious public quarrels within the Opposition, Sarawakians also rejected DAP as its "Impian Sarawak" saw Peninsular workers unable to comprehend the nuances and basic needs of rural Sarawak. DAP's strategy was opposed to BN's "Sarawak for Sarawakians" mantra of which the 'Anak Sarawak' policy declares equality for all Sarawakians.

Constituency recovered from DAP	Votes for BN	Votes for DAP	BN majority win
Batu Kawah	6,414	4,329	2,085
Dudong	9,700	7,554	2,146
Meradong	6,865	5,349	1,516
Piasau	7,799	5,687	2,112
Repok	7,446	6,503	943



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*The Publicity chief writes...*

MCA continues to evolve and reach out to the masses. From the traditional mass dinner sessions of the past, leaders now bridge closer to the grassroots via 2-day/1-night "Jom Gerak Stronger Together Carnival" which sees active participation by MCA's top brass alongside with residents from all age groups.

Besides a media blitz announcing the Carnivals' dates, the MCA Headquarters also made direct phone calls to members from the Division's locality, galvanising them to participate in all the programmes organised and obtain information from the booths featuring MCA's many rakyat-oriented projects. This direct communication indicates the party's more personalised approach with members who remain the pulse of the party, as opposed to the traditional practice of just staging feasts and speaking from the podium.

**MCA pairing up  
Malaysian Businesses**

Across the seas, MCA remains committed to pairing up Malaysian businesses in particular, SMEs with our counterparts and developing the regional economies of ASEAN with China via the latter's One Belt One Road (OBOR) Initiative.

Meanwhile the inability of the Opposition to reach common ground revealed most prominently during the Sarawak state elections whereby during the 13-day campaign period, Sarawak DAP and Sarawak PKR remained at loggerheads be it social media personal attacks at each other, during ceramahs, poster wars at six constituencies rather than focusing on what should have been their common opponent. On the Peninsular, DAP's and PKR's national leaders Lim Guan Eng, Azmin Ali, Ng Wei Aik, or Ginny Lim did not shy trading barbs at each other.

***Stronger Together!***


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## Chinese ballots return to BN

Most difficult to woo, Chinese voters in Sarawak swung back to BN. Upon becoming CM, Adenan demanded that quarters stop identifying the Chinese with the derogatory term of "pendatang" and declared that "you're here for hundreds of years for four to five generations... You're Malaysian citizens and 'anak Sarawak.'"

Quintessential to the Chinese are education and recognising the United Examinations Certificate. CM Adenan Satem undertook the bold move of announcing that UEC holders would qualify for recruitment into Sarawak's civil service, legislative assembly and for study loan applications from Yayasan Sarawak for studies in any government-recognised institution of higher learning. UEC holders with a pass in SPM Bahasa Malaysia can also apply to study in University Teknologi Malaysia's Sarawak campus without going through the formal process of applying through the University Admissions Division.



**PAS' religious card flopped**

Adenan is also the first CM to disburse funding to Chinese independent schools. The mission school-educated CM also announced an RM2 million development grant for the Riam Road Secondary School in Miri, and true to his words, the cheque was speedily ready for pick-up the first Monday after the state polls. This amount forms part of the RM5 million assistance from the state government to all Chinese independent schools in the state this year, besides pledging that the said allocations would be raised to RM6 million in 2016.

Being pragmatists, Chinese voters also realised that not having any representatives in the state Cabinet determining public policy is a setback. One might gain temporal joy at removing, but such artificial gratification of enabling DAP to shout and rave are not permanent remedies to daily issues which require government support.

## Other radical changes or announcements by CM Adenan

Since taking over as CM in February 2014, Adenan introduced numerous policies considered important to Sarawakians. Serious about forest conservation, upon assuming office, Sarawak no longer issues any timber and plantation licences while half occupation ticket licences have been cancelled or were not being renewed.

Returning English as (the) official language in Sarawak together with Bahasa Malaysia and removing the 'dan lain-lain' race column in government forms, Adenan clearly stamped his mark against the Opposition.



Taking a spoof at his predecessor, Adenan also declared that he is not "a white hair" leader of before," which further enhanced the bold changes the new CM was sweeping through.

Always the bastion of multi-ethnic harmony, it was to be expected that voters gave all of PAS' ten candidates the boot after PAS President Dato' Sri Hadi Awang insisted that the CM must be of "Muslim Bumiputera" stock. Hadi Awang ignored that Sarawak's Muslim population at 40% is a minority or that the first two CMs of Sarawak ie Stephen Kalong Ningkan and Tawi Sli were non-Muslims.



Adenan on the other hand, recited Biblical verses and the Gospels and recalled being one of the few Malay boys obtaining a distinction for Scripture studies during his school days. Besides persuading the National Registration Department to drop its appeal in the Rooney Rebit case, he also pledged to introduce a clear policy on inter-religious quandaries. More importantly, Adenan stressed that freedom of religion was among the 53 principles and actions ensured by him.

## A friend in need is a friend in deed

Upholding the BN spirit of comradeship, MCA's top brass from party President Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai and Deputy President Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong, et al provided staunch support to our counterpart SUPP from marching with its leaders during nomination day in addition to participating in the campaign trail.

The MCA Headquarters also dispatched staff to Kuching to assist in publicity materials preparation.



Granted that political campaigning has evolved from traditional banner and flag wars to social media warfare, Sarawak 2016 was a battle of 4 mascots. The usage of mascots admittedly contains a certain amount of endearing appeal. However this round, SUPP's working Bee and UPP's Oooh Ha hawk left a stinging peck against PKR's charging rhinoceros and DAP's forgotten "Ubah" hornbill.



**Mascots for campaigning**

### Post Sarawak 2016 Elections

BN cannot afford to rest on its laurels lounging at our comeback at the Sarawak state polls. On the contrary, BN at the federal level and in other states must continue with transformation programmes.



The international conference on 'The Belt and Road Initiative: The China-ASEAN Relations' was a collaborative effort by the Institute of Strategic Analysis & Policy Research (INSAP) and the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences from China (SASS). The idea behind this conference was conceived by INSAP Chairman and Vice President of MCA Dato' Dr Hou Kok Chung, and was made possible with the organization and cooperation of MCA Johor.

*Seizing opportunities through OBOR:*

## International Conference on "The Belt and Road Initiative : The China-ASEAN Relations"

Graced by the Menteri Besar of Johor Dato' Mohamed Khaled bin Nordin, Minister of Transport and MCA President Dato' Seri Liow Tiong Lai, Deputy President Datuk Seri Ir. Dr. Wee Ka Siong, Vice President cum INSAP Chairman Dato' Dr Hou Kok Chung, Director of SASS Prof. Dr. Yu Xinhui, UTAR president Prof. Dato' Chua Hean Teik, as well as several other MCA leaders and academicians, participants to the Conference included leaders from the Chinese guilds and associations in Johor, students from Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman and Southern College University (Johor), INSAP researchers and MCA members.

International Conference on  
"The Belt and Road Initiative :  
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The speakers in this event who presented are Dr. You Anshan (SASS, China), Mr. Yap Hon Lun (INSAP, Malaysia), Dr. Sun Zhenhai (SASS, China), Dr. Kuik Cheng Chwee (UKM, Malaysia), Prof. Dr. Liu Aming (SASS, China), Dr. Ngeow Chow Bing (UM, Malaysia), Dr. Thock Kiah Wah (Southern University College, Malaysia), Prof. Dr. Quan Heng (SASS, China) and Dr. Mok Soon Chong (New Era College, Malaysia).

### Malaysia's & China's economy inter-woven

In his keynote address, Tiong Lai said that the OBOR initiative will help ASEAN and China to foster good relationship for mutual benefits. "Malaysia views OBOR as significant because China in the next decade will be the largest economy in the world, and also Malaysia's economic success will depend on China's performance. The support of China's business groups has greatly improved Malaysia's economy. In Malaysia's process of economic transformation, China not only supported in production, but also built ports and rails such as the Malacca Port and Gemas - Johor railway."



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## Conference issues

Questions raised by participants touched on issues such as the TPPA, intellectual property, high speed railway, recognition of professional or academic certificates and cultural issues.

The conference completed with a roundtable discussion led by Dato' Dr Hou Kok Chung. Roundtable participants Ir. Prof. Academician Dato' Dr. Chuah Hean Teik (UTAR, Malaysia), Prof. Dr. Quan Heng (SASS, China) and Dr. Mok Soon Chong (New Era College, Malaysia) touched on issues such as the importance of youth participation and academic certification.

Supportive of OBOR, Johor MB Dato' Mohamed Khaled in launching the event, said that OBOR would bring more wealth to the countries involved. "The OBOR will bring impact to the South China Sea region and it is necessary through seminars and dialogues to promote trust and understanding and to prevent this initiative from being undermined." He said, "it is important to enhance good trade relations with Malaysia and China in this borderless era, due to the fact that if the China economy slows down, the Malaysian economy will be affected too. As an example, Johor has received Chinese investment not just in the manufacturing sector but also in infrastructure and housing development." He urged Malaysians not just be mere spectators but to be involved as participants.



## Some of the highlights from the speakers include:

The need to strengthen policies between countries to strengthen the OBOR initiative

i.

The importance of infrastructure

ii.

Trade, investment and trade cooperation and its integration

iii.

Development of different countries

iv.

Geopolitical dimensions that influence Southeast Asia and China relations

v.

Economic interdependence

vi.

Malaysia's Industrial Development Complementarity and Competitiveness

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## SMEs should try tapping halal market

In the closing speech, Ka Siong touched on small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and encouraged businesspeople to take the opportunities available such as loans. He also said that, "China has many businesses that are interested to enter the halal market in the Middle East and Indonesia as they have a huge market, but encounter halal food certification problems. This is a good opportunity for access to global recognition with Malaysia's Muslim halal certification. Economic expansion and population surge in Muslim countries stimulate the demand for halal products, forming a huge business gap." Adding that, "China in the global promotion of halal products has been playing a leading role, while Malaysia is the only government that has product certification promulgated by the State," he conveyed that the "Halal Certificate" issued by Malaysia's Islamic Religious Affairs Department (JAKIM) is very thorough and is considered acceptable in the Muslim community worldwide." Thus to enter the halal market, Malaysia is definitely the best ally for China and Malaysian companies are certainly the most reliable partner in this regard.

An overwhelming number of 570 people participated and actively put forward their questions during the Q & A session, thereby rendering it a success. MCA will continue to work with our China counterparts to ensure the OBOR regional and global networks extend to more Malaysian industry stakeholders.



MCA'S  
JOM!Stronger  
Together"

The first series of the MCA's "JOM! Stronger Together Carnival" saw over 2,000 MCA members and members of the public attending the 2-day event held in SJKC Machap Baru, from 24-25 April 2016.

The purpose of the Carnival, as espoused by MCA President Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai during the launch on 29 March, was to present the opportunity for the MCA leadership to "turun padang" to mingle with the public and the party's grassroots so as to return the MCA spirit and the support of the Chinese community towards MCA.

The Carnival also sought to convey messages from the government to the people instead of the spinning done by the opposition. As such, a special current affairs exhibition was set up with display boards featuring MCA's projects, activities and contributions to the nation such as the Malaysia-China cooperation on the One-Belt-One-Road project (OBOR) which will help increase bilateral trade between our 2 nations from the current USD\$102billion to USD\$160billion by 2017, and Projek Bestari SJKC 2.0 whereby MCA had allocated RM1.8million to ensure that 10,000 Chinese primary schools were given a more interactive form of learning through the use of information, communication and technology (ICT).

There was also a board featuring MCA's contributions in setting up Machap Walk, a tourist attraction similar to the famous Jonker Walk, where local traders were given the chance to sell their wares and earn a side income.

Special counters were also setup to facilitate party members in doing their bio-metric verification and to update their membership details, as well as to help members apply for the party's members' benefits such as the Happy Mother Programme, Tribute to Veterans, 1MCA Member Group Insurance Scheme.



For the public, counters explaining various MCA-linked programmes which members of the public can refer to for help such as Wanita MCA's Legal Advisory and Women Aid (LAWA) section, MCA Youth's Koperasi Petani Muda Malaysia (KPMM), the MCA Public Service and Complaints Bureau, the MCA School of Political Studies, and the Secretariat for the Advancement of Malaysian Entrepreneurs (SAME) under the Prime Minister's Department, and the party's Public Service and Complaints Bureau and the School of Political Studies.

In line with MCA's strong emphasis in the field of education, counters for UTAR, TAR UC, VTAR, CECE (Courses in Early Childhood Education), MCA Education Development Centre were also set up to help answer any queries the participants might have regarding their intention to further their studies.



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## Encouraging Chinese recruitment into the military

The Armed Forces of Malaysia also received much attention from the participants, both the old and the young with their display of weaponry and military assets. Many there had expressed interest in learning how the assets worked, with the soldiers even giving the young children a ride in one of the all-terrain vehicles on display. Well aware of the low ratio of non-Malays serving in the Armed Forces, MCA had presented the military a chance to showcase their assets, especially to its members, in the hopes that it will piqued the interest of more non-Muslims to serve the nation in the defensive role.



## Health is wealth

The free medical checkup offered by MCA's Crisis Relief Squad (CRSM) was also very popular especially amongst the older participants. Established by MCA Vice-President Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun in 2006, CRSM had proven itself time and time again in helping victims of crisis, most notably during the East Coast floods of 2015 and the MH370 & MH17 incidents in 2014. CRSM also constantly travels nationwide to provide much-needed medical attention to those living in rural areas, including the Orang Asli, as part of MCA's responsibility as a government party to provide healthcare to those that need it.



## Reviving the spirit of "Ola Bola"

Another highlight was the appearance of Dato' Soh Chin Aun, the man who had led the Malaysian football team to qualify for the 1980 Moscow Olympics, although Malaysia later withdrew its contingent from the Games in protest against the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan. He had also served in the locally-produced film "Ola Bola" which is based on his own experiences playing football at a time when racial unity in Malaysia was at its peak, and that all races were proud to be called Malaysian, and where no one dispute another's citizenship or patriotism.



## Moderation must overcome terrorism

Also, in light of the increase in terrorist activities worldwide, MCA leaders and members, led by President Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai had signed an anti-terrorism signature campaign, in line with MCA's stand against extremism and embracing moderation.

Other activities include colouring contests for children, singing competitions, basketball competitions, a display of 30 Mini Cooper classic cars, quizzes on the party's achievements and contributions, and an aerobic session in the morning.



MCA Ministers had also utilised their responsibility in setting up booths for their respective ministries to reach out to the public, eg The Transport Ministry despatched a mobile Road Transport Department counter to help participants make inquiries or to pay their fines, whereas the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development booth had provided advise for new mothers on how to take care of their health.

The next Carnival will be held in Raub, Pahang from 14 to 15 May 2016, and it is hoped that the crowd turnout from both the public and the party's grassroots will be as promising as that of Machap, thus signaling a return or support to MCA and a recognition of the party's contributions to the people.





# Empowering MCA Grassroots to Lead Communities

MCA grassroots members now have the power to lead communities confidently. The MCA School of Political Studies has embarked on a three-pronged strategy to empower grassroots MCA members to reshape the narratives in the community in dealing with hot-button issues, work as teams to proactively address community concerns, and enable every member to fulfill their potential in serving the people.

MCA School of Political Studies (MCA SPS) Principal Datin Paduka Chew Mei Fun stressed the Party School's engagement with the grassroots is aimed at rejuvenating the party from bottom to the top, re-energising MCA members to become public opinion leaders instead of following the negative narratives in Chinese society today.

*The three-pronged MCA SPS strategy comprises:*

Dealing with hot-button current issues via "Current Affairs" talks. In the regard, MCA SPS has reinstituted talks for English speaking members since March and to-date, three events were held at Wisma MCA headquarters in Kuala Lumpur. This monthly English - engagement supplements the current Chinese empowerment programmes which started in June 2014. The Current Affairs talks enable MCA members to have deeper understanding of issues, and to use facts and credible information to lead public opinion and debunk Opposition spin in their communities.

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Current Affairs

Mei Fun pointed out that since April 2014, MCA SPS had trained 9,356 MCA members, including English-speaking members. With an increasing core of re-energised cadres, MCA aims to confidently contest the next general elections with renewed enthusiasm, and face-off the Opposition nationwide.

To showcase a revitalised MCA to the Chinese community, MCA SPS is also staging the "JOM Gerak-Stronger Together" Carnivals at the divisional level. The objective is to bring MCA closer to the people while showcasing MCA's social-political and community services. The first carnival was held at Kg Baru Machap, Alor Gajah on 23-24 April 2016 with the second carnival in Raub, Pahang on 14-15 May 2016.

Mei Fun called on all MCA members to constantly check the MCA School of Political Studies website (<http://sps.mca.org.my>) for its latest activities. MCA members are encouraged to contact the MCA SPS (tel: 603-2203 3952) to enquire about training and other programmes in their localities.

Group-think

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Address critical National and local challenges via group-think and team work to energise community action. The thrust here is to promote critical thinking in group workshops to empower communities to proactively and systematically address concerns impacting the nation, for example, human rights, declining Chinese population, religious extremism etc. These focused group workshops empowers local MCA leaders and grassroots members to work as teams while enhancing cooperation via collective decision making.

Fulfilling individual potential via continuous life-long learning seminars. The Party school has engaged University Tunku Abdul Rahman to deliver social science knowledge to give MCA members deeper understanding of their roles in serving their local communities. Through these seminars, participants will get certificate of attendance from UTAR, indicating acquired critical skills in areas of Public Opinion Management, Public Relations, Crisis Management etc.

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Learning Seminars





# Fikiran Cetek PAS

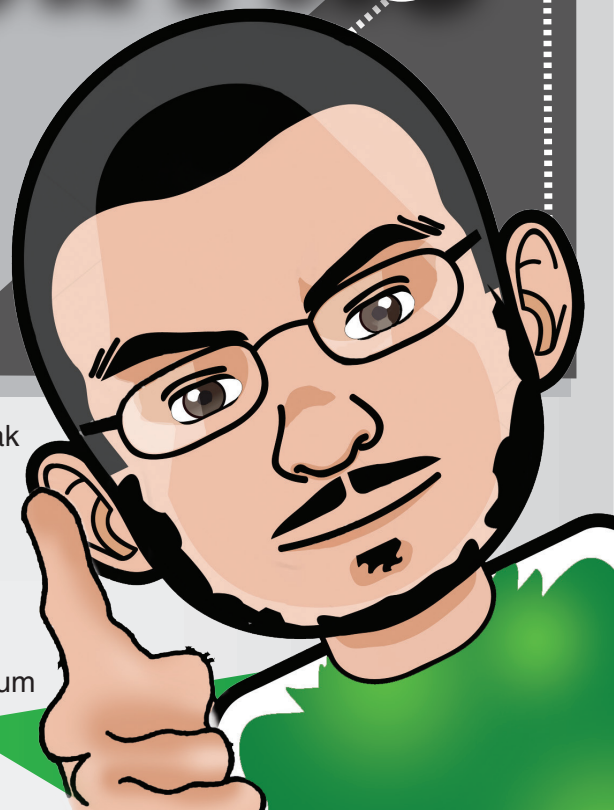


## & Amanah

Nasarudin Tantawi serta Ahli Parlimen Shah Alam Khalid Samad adalah ahli politik yang mentah dari segi pandangan mereka walaupun memegang jawatan Ketua Penerangan PAS dan Pengarah Komunikasi Parti Amanah Malaysia masing-masing. Nasarudin telah menyoal kenapa pendakwah terkenal dari India, Dr Zakir Naik dilarang dari memberi ceramah dalam satu forum bertajuk *Similarities between Hinduism and Islam* (Persamaan di antara Hindu dan Islam) yang dijadual diadakan di Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka (UTeM) pada 17 April 2016. Manakala Khalid Samad menyaran bahawa Zakir Naik tidak mempunyai niat jahat. Kedua-dua ahli politik gagal memahami bagaimana tajuk tersebut boleh menggugat ketenteraman awam dan menjejaskan sensitiviti agama di Malaysia.

Terdahulu, Barisan Bertindak Hak Penganut Hindu (Hindraf) serta beberapa pertubuhan bukan kerajaan (NGO) lainnya juga mendesak kerajaan supaya membatalkan program tersebut.

Berikutan nasihat pihak polis, forum Dr Zakir Naik pada mulanya telah dibatalkan. Namun ia diberikan lampu hijau seterusnya apabila tajuknya ditukar kepada *Islam - Problems & Solutions to Humanity* (Islam – Masalah & Penyelesaian kepada Kemanusiaan) dan penganjurnya berkompromi dengan syarat bahawa topik-topik sensitif tidak akan disentuh. Ini adalah perkembangan yang positif. Sekurang-kurangnya pihak penganjur dan pihak kuasa dapat merasai betapa pentingnya keharmonian antara gama kepada negara ini.



**Membantah  
secara  
intelektual**

## ► Cetek sekali pandangan PAS dan Amanah

Cetek sekali pandangan PAS dan Amanah. Memang sekali pandang, tajuk asal forum tidak ada masalah. Malah, perbandingan agama juga biasa berlaku terutama dalam pengajian ilmu theologi. Tetapi cukupkah sebuah buku dinilai hanya dengan kulitnya, dan wajarkah seseorang itu disimpulkan baik buruknya hanya berdasarkan sifat lurannya semata-mata?

PAS dan Amanah gagal melihat bahawa Zakir Naik telah dilarang memasuki beberapa negara termasuk United Kingdom, Kanada serta Singapura. Sebab musabab larangan itulah yang patut dikaji dan diteliti oleh semua pihak termasuk PAS dan Amanah. Kalaulah negara-negara Barat yang lebih liberal boleh mengenakan sekatan, masakan kita sebagai negara konservatif yang majmuk serta mempunyai pelbagai agama pula mahu mengambil risikonya.

Zakir Naik diberitakan cenderung kepada penggunaan keganasan. Tagline yang dimasyhurkan olehnya tidak lain dan tidak bukan, berbunyi 'Muslim sepatutnya menjadi terroris' banyak menimbulkan ketidaksengaman serta kegusaran. Kalau beginilah kecenderungannya, yang nyata menghalalkan cara asalkan mencapai tujuannya, bolehkah sesuatu yang rasional atau baik diharap diungkapkannya terhadap agama-agama lain?

Cadangan Mufti Perlis, Prof Madya Dr Mohd Asri Zainul Abidin supaya mana-mana pihak yang membantah Zakir Naik agar hadir ke ceramah umumnya bagi membantah secara intelektual ketika sesi soal jawab juga tidak masuk akal sama sekali. Ini kerana suara minoriti tentunya akan ditenggelami suara majority di ceramah umum itu nanti. Tambahan pula, siapa pula yang boleh menjamin keselamatan mereka yang 'ingin membantah secara intelektual' itu tatkala dikelilingi oleh ratusan pengunjung ceramah yang semangat mereka tentunya sudah dibakar oleh pendakwah yang tersohor itu?

Malaysia yang rakyatnya berpegang kepada moderasi dan toleransi serta hidup aman damai sejak sekian lama, tidak memerlukan anasir-anasir yang dkhuatiri bakal merenggangkan hubungan kaum, dan PAS dan Amanah amat diharapkan supaya turut serta menghindarinya.



# The **UGLY TRUTH** about **DEFORESTATION**

- The CORROSION of Kelantan's & Penang's manifestos on saving the greens

Environmental encroachment is unfortunately becoming 'unusually common', and we see ourselves fighting the haze that came not from Indonesia but from our own territory, enduring unbearable heat even with the air-conditioners switched on all day long, as well as worrying over water disruption and scarcity in times of prolonged dry weather. All these incidences prove no coincidence and may be far worse than we thought.



## *When illegal logging is legalised : The case of Gua Musang Forest*

The plight of the Temiar Orang Asli on affected livelihoods due to deforestation in Kelantan is a cause for concern (*Berita Harian*, 23 April 2016). PAS leads Kelantan in its continual denial over alleged deforestation without further consultation with the Temiar people is frustrating. The Temiar people who for time immemorial had resided around Gua Musang had entrusted PAS to safeguard the forest in a bid to preserve their culture, identity and livelihoods. Instead PAS sees them as threats to development and dismisses their defensive acts as anti-progress and non-cooperative.

Is it too much for the Temiar people to ask for protection when their homes are encroached and destroyed? The PAS cannot justify their logging acts as sustainable when there are landslides, murky rivers and severely damaged roads.

As a result, many Temiar people especially the elderly and children are falling sick while drinking from polluted river, and they are no longer self-sufficient in terms of food supplies and income generation, where forest produces like fishes, fruits, wild animals and herbs diminished due to uncontrolled logging.

Moreover, the largest sink occurs in forest trees that absorbs carbon dioxide from the atmosphere through photosynthesis, and deforestation will release a huge chunks of carbon dioxide which in turn increase the risk of climate change.

Gua  
Musang  
Forest

## *'Sweet promises' sound too good to be true*



PAS for All 2008 Manifesto is insincere when it claimed to care for the people, where it pledged to "protect the water catchment areas, the preserved jungles and wildlife." The opposition's 'sweet promises' failed to defend the welfare of the most vulnerable, ie the Orang Asli. True to the saying 'time proves everything', PAS revealed its true colors when it turned a deaf ear to the plight of Kelantan's indigenous community.





## Penang Hill Clearing another **DEFORESTATION**

Similarly, the recent report on the 100ha of land on Penang Hill range being cleared for farming activities (Free Malaysia Today, 25 April 2016) is a big blow to Penangites whom DAP had heavily counted on as stout supporters. Laying full trust on DAP to spruce up Penang, making it the most livable city in Malaysia, things did not seem as it is when residents found out that construction work is taking place at elevations of 180m to 450m above sea level on the hill range.

While these illegal structures disturbed the soil and destroyed most of the endemic plants including the rare slipper orchid, DAP continues to keep mum on the pretext of covering such absurd acts. Further probe revealed that the hill clearing is done with the consent of the DAP-helmed state government, where agricultural crops like fruits and vegetables continue to be planted as they were for the past 30 years.

Penang  
Hill



### Another broken promise on environment safeguards

Just like PAS in Kelantan, where is the Ubah for a greener environment which DAP promised in its 2008 GE Manifesto to "preserve our forest, wetlands and bio-diversity"? As DAP is aware it had reneged on its promise on environmental conservation, DAP shrewdly and conveniently removed its pledge to protect the greens from its 2013 GE Manifesto for Penang, thereby enabling the Pakatan state government a loophole to overlook the widespread hill and forest destruction in Penang.

This again showed that the *DAP* is incapable of keeping promises and does not care for Penang as much as it claims to be.



### Envision a better future with BN

As part of fulfilling Malaysia's commitment to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the BN-led federal government has voluntarily pledged at the UNFCCC's 15th Conference of Parties (COP 15) to achieve 40% of emission reduction by 2020 from the 2005 baseline to support global climate change mitigation efforts.

In this regard, events like the 'Greening the Earth: One Citizen One Tree' campaign were successfully launched with 26 million trees planted in 2010, raising public awareness in protecting the environment for the future generations. In other words, we can envision a better future under the leadership of BN government.







# Pakatan

Wake up!



## Your proposed common logo won't shield your internal divides

Amidst fantabulous media fanfare, the Opposition had launched various Manifestos post-2008 GE, each document presented as an "improvement" from the previous one. If all the Opposition's Manifestos were viable, there is no need to rewrite and re-introduce a new one to retain waning momentum of voter support.



2008 *Pakatan Rakyat First 100 Days Programme – FAILED*

2010 *Common Policy Platform – FAILED*

2010 *Buku Jingga - FAILED*

2013 *Manifesto Rakyat for GE13 – NO Consensus*

2015 *Pakatan Harapan (PH) officially launched – a BIG YAWN*

The perennial issue of PAS' hudud enactments eroding the rights of both Muslims and non-Muslims were never addressed, nor did such blitzkrieg Manifesto launchings remove Pakatan's three-and-multi cornered during the 2013 GE or the recently concluded Sarawak state elections.

By the time PH was launched after the acrimonious severance of ties between DAP and PAS, the so called "commonality" of PH was exposed to be in shambles, despite PKR extending an olive branch to PAS to rejoin.

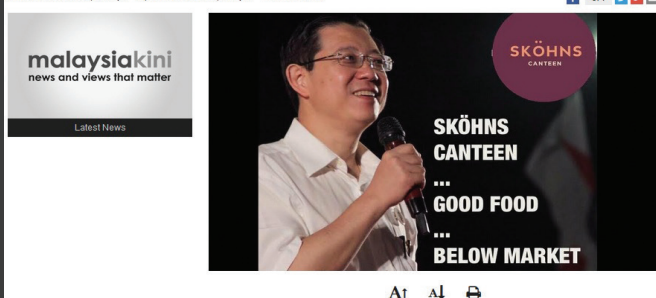
Hence, DAP's Anthony Loke's call that DAP will raise the issue of using a common logo for PH at the coalition's next leadership meeting in response to PSM's suggestion which had Parti Amanah Negara's support that "it's better to establish a common logo for PH before the next GE to prevent clashes over seats (*Free Malaysia Today*, 9 May 2016)," is all form but not substance.

Will a glamorous common logo launching prevent full scale seat battles despite allying as one pact? Will a common logo annihilate their ideological differences and public quarrels/insults? NO. It is essential for the Opposition to resolve its internal splits, have a genuine tie-up which includes completely denying PAS from implementing hudud enactments if PH wants to gain credibility from the masses.

## DAP's double standards rocket on ...

### Cafe owner removes Guan Eng parody poster after raising DAP's ire

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*The issue of Lim Guan Eng's bungalow is a perfect example of the opposition's double standards. They had asked the Prime Minister to go on leave in the RM2.6 billion allegations. However, DAP was quick to rebuff any recommendation including that by activist Dato' S. Ambiga for the Penang Chief Minister to go on leave pending MACC investigation.*

DAP is infamous for producing Chinese New Year videos satirising the BN government. However, when Sköhns Canteen used the words "below market price" next to a portrait of Guan Eng for its advert, DAP immediately penned an instruction to them using a vulgar word: "I understand that you take the p\*\*\* our of politicians on both sides ... We appreciate it if you could remove it."

DAP screams that press freedoms are stifled but in typical Rocket fashion, was quick to issue a gag order disallowing members from releasing media statements or holding press conferences on the bungalow sale. However, DAP National Organising Secretary Antony Loke said DAP never used the words "gag order" whilst the circular was "just an advice from the Penang DAP leadership" that it had appointed Guan Eng, Penang DAP chairman and senior state exco member Chow Kon Yeow and DAP legal adviser & Puchong MP Gobind Singh to speak on the matter, the play on semantics does not salvage DAP from its contradictory statements which had brought further damage to themselves.