



Chinese votes continue to return to BN

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The astounding vote of confidence for BN at both the Sungai Besar and Kuala Kangsar by-elections saw a seismic shift in voting patterns. Gone are the typical protest votes against BN which were replaced by “ayes” for the ruling coalition, even in Pakatan-held Selangor. Not only did BN’s majority improve, even without a three-corner fight, BN would have won without blinking an eyelid as the tables below show.

By-election Results on 18 June 2016

Constituency	Votes for BN	BN's Majority	Votes for Amanah	Votes for PAS	Votes for Independent	Combined PAS + Amanah + Independent	BN's Comfortable Lead
Sg Besar	16,800	9,191	7,609	6,902	NR	14,511	2,289
Kuala Kangsar	12,653	6,969	4,883	5,684	54	10,621	2,032

13th General Election results on 5 May 2013

Constituency	Votes for BN	BN's Majority	Votes for PAS	Votes for Independent	Combined PAS + Independent	BN's Lead
Sg Besar	18,695	399	18,296	NR	NR	399
Kuala Kangsar	14,218	1,082	13,136	447	13,583	635

Constituency	BN's Majority 2016	BN's Majority 2013	BN's Majority Soars	BN's Lead 2016	BN's Lead 2013	BN's Lead Soars
Sg Besar	9,191	399	8,792	2,289	399	1,890
Kuala Kangsar	6,969	1,082	5,887	2,032	635	1,397

The ballot majority pooled in for BN in Kuala Kangsar grew 64% from 1,082 in 2013 to 6,969 two years later. BN's majority in Sg Besar soared by approximately 2,200% from 399 to 9,191 ballots.

The Publicity chief writes...

Rising to power too hastily has clearly clouded the Opposition with arrogance rather than co-operation for the common good of Malaysians or addressing local and national issues, as they continue to disintegrate with inter-party clashes. Disenchantment with Opposition disunity manifested itself with BN's victory in the twin Sg Besar and Kuala Kangsar by-elections which, taking a leaf from the Sarawak state elections, saw Chinese voters who rejected BN in 2008 and 2013, continue their gradual return to BN.

In Penang, the "tokong" Lim Guan Eng led DAP's charge in demanding for snap polls pending his two corruption charges. Rather than dispute the charges in court, the pressure on PKR and Amanah to consent to snap polls indicate that DAP and namely Guan Eng, are cult personality-driven grounded on dented ego.

Alas, Pakatan's feigned "consensus" is all but window dressing as PKR President Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah has expressed reservation against the snap polls and now without PKR's agreement and after much time spent on internal and public debate, LGE has called off the snap poll. Multi-corner fights loomed in Sarawak stemming from DAP quarrel with PAS and PKR, whilst contestation to portray credentials in religion saw PAS and Amanah field candidates in Sg Besar and Kuala Kangsar; And now, the gloves have finally come off between DAP's Tony Pua and PKR's Latheefa Koya, which extended to DAP vs PKR.

MCA will not shudder

In BN, our decades-long held formula of discussion and consensus building pave the way of rebuilding grounded on humility after our setbacks in the 12th and 13th general elections.

In Kelantan and Selangor, after entrenching its power-base through DAP's largesse support, PAS carries on in bearing its fangs onto non-Muslims. Regardless of brickbats, MCA will not shudder but soldier on in highlighting the pitfalls of trusting the Opposition in particular, the Rocket which orbiting too much in the galaxies, had distracted people from the reality of PAS' oppressive and encroaching regime.

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WE KNEW ...
Pakatan
WOULDN'T LAST & THEY DIDN'T

Sungai Besar

More than 42% of the 9,095 Chinese voted for BN

MCA Sg Besar By-Election Steering Committee Chairman Senator Chong Sin Woon reported that more than 42% of the 9,095 Chinese voted for BN. In the 7 Chinese-majority PDM's, BN received an average 35% support from the Chinese which is above the 30% target set by MCA.

In Sekinchan Tempatan Selatan PDM, BN recouped with a 63-vote majority as opposed to losing this PDM by 619 in GE13. Likewise for Kian Sit PDM, voters shifted in favour of BN by a 161 majority versus being trounced by a 111-margin two years previously. In Sekinchan PDM, BN won by 115 votes which is higher than PAS and Amanah's combined strength of 739 ballots.

Malaysia's positive diplomatic relation with Indonesia scored a scoop when Wisma Putra negotiated the release of Sekinchan fishermen Chua Lee Teck and Heng Chee Yong who had been detained since 4 March 2016. BN candidate Budiman Mohd Zohdi was on hand to welcome the freed men.



Kuala Kangsar

85% Chinese Majority

MCA Kuala Kangsar Steering Committee Chairman Dato' Dr Mah Hang Soon spared no effort to ensure the return of Chinese votes. With an 85% Chinese majority, Jerlun New Village, a 10-minute drive from the Kuala Kangsar town centre, is the biggest Chinese PDM in the constituency.

BN recovered Jerlun in all polling streams amassing 568 votes, or 52.3%, a seismic pendulum shift compared to GE13 where PAS swept all 4 polling streams with 68.2% of votes. This round, Amanah seized 415 ballots (38%) [BN take note as the figure is close to ours] out of 1,086 votes and PAS retained only 88 votes, plunging almost 90% from 861 in 2013.

Even in other Chinese-majority polling districts which Amanah won, the proportion of votes garnered fell significantly than Pakatan's in GE13. For example, in the Jalan Datoh polling district, which is about 83% Chinese, Amanah's votes nosedived to 56% compared to a confident 72% in the last general election. In Kampung Pajak Potong PDM which is 84.1% Chinese, Amanah could only muster 49.7% of the ballots compared to 70% in May 2013

Factors translating to reinstatement of confidence with

BN

DAP took the Chinese votes for granted and wrongly calculated that the Chinese would automatically oppose anything related with BN, UMNO or MCA. The Rocket crashed as it failed to realise that Chinese voters are pragmatic and do not simply oppose for the sake of opposing. The party voters rooted for is expected to deliver which in Pakatan's case, for 8 years they have not.

The betrayal by PAS' and DAP's deceit in whitewashing PAS' theocratic ambitions causing the Chinese to misplace full support for PAS in both the 2008 and 2013 general elections was reciprocated with a fierce rebuke. Despite PAS fielding Dr Najihatussalehah Ahmad for Kuala Kangsar, her medical background was incongruous with PAS' hudud call to sever the limbs of thieves, flog rape victims and was thus rejected by voters.



Campaigning was done in small groups approaching the constituents. Each MCA division was assigned to tackle identified areas. This reversed the sense of intimidation of huge numbers visiting individual homes, yet maintaining a personalised approach.

Selangor MB gone AWOL?

Sekinchan state constituency is held by DAP and Selangor is run by the very loose Pakatan Harapan cum Rakyat pact. But where the Selangor Menteri Besar Dato' Seri Azmin Ali most of the time, other than appearing on nomination day?

Online news tend to favour coverage of the Opposition on any given day including by-elections which helps to propel support for them. Yet, strangely enough, news coverage on DAP or Amanah or PKR ceramahs were scant or none.

Familiar vs unfamiliar candidates



Another factor contributing towards the shift in voting patterns is, BN candidates were known to their constituencies. Observing *iddah* or mourning period for Muslims, Kuala Kangsar's Datin Mastura Mohd Yazid, the widow of Dato' Wan Mohd Khair-il Anuar did not hinder her popularity. Meanwhile, Sg Besar local-boy Budiman's amiable disposition, availing himself at MCA-organised events enamoured him to voters.

Being a relatively new party, both of Amanah's candidates were parachutes and both party and its candidates were largely unknown to the constituencies, whereby it became more of a DAP campaign than Amanah's to acquaint them with voters.

BN cannot rest on our laurels



While BN and MCA can take comfort that Chinese votes have returned, we have to be cognitive that these were by-elections and more federal and party machinery are able to concentrate here as opposed to general elections. The return of the average 31% votes, although encouraging, still indicates that BN needs to increase the percentage of Chinese support.

BN cannot afford to laugh at the Opposition but to learn from their mistakes. In fact, Pakatan parties must also do soul searching as to where they have gone wrong, primarily arrogance and taking their voters for granted and constituencies so hurriedly after improved popular voter support in 2013 as opposed to the political tsunami of 2008.

More so, while Chinese voters rejected Amanah, more publicity needs to be done to show that Amanah is not a plausible alternative to PAS. The polling streams reveal that although Chinese voters ditched PAS in droves, a commendable number had switched to Amanah. DAP had campaigned to introduce and present the relatively new yet lesser known party as moderate, BN must work harder to tackle this fallacy as Amanah has never disavowed hudud.

Pakatan ignored local issues



The next day after being declared winner of the Sg Besar polls, Budiman wasted no time in fulfilling his promise to visit the Sekinchan market, assuring traders to apply for federal allocation to fix the dilapidated site. What has three-time DAP Sekinchan incumbent Assemblyman Ng Suee Lin been up to when poorly maintained drains, unkempt floors and dim lightings are local council or state matters? BN's efforts to refurbish Sekinchan market shows that the Putrajaya does not discriminate against Opposition-held states.

Meanwhile in Kuala Kangsar, Hang Soon assisted Jerlun residents to petition for land and identified a suitable location for a community hall. While the residents requested for a RM500,000 allocation for the hall's construction, days after polling, the Chendering ADUN also announced that the Perak state government had approved RM750,000 for the hall. He also announced that RM450,000 was allocated to upgrade amenities in Jerlun New Village. The announcement of RM2 million for SM Chung Hwa wooed back support at Jerlun.

In addition, as constituents had long requested for a bridge at Manong, Prime Minister Dato' Sri bin Tun Abdul Razak's announcement of RM43.5 million for its construction and the Universiti Sultan Azlan Shah. In appreciation of the support by Kuala Kangsar's 37 Chinese guilds and associations, Putrajaya announced an allocation of RM2.37mil to them.



DAP and PKR have long harped on national issues but neglected addressing daily bread-and-butter issues. Ceramahs perched on 1MDB felt out of place in the fishing and farming hamlet of Sekinchan or hilly Jerlun. In a post-election review between Mang Soon and DAP's Tony Pua, the latter conceded that the Opposition deployed the wrong strategy by focusing too much on 1MDB. Addressing local issues which the local populace can relate to becomes a "wow" factor to corral in votes.





IT IS A **WIN** FOR THE VOTERS

The BN win in the last twin by-elections on 18 June 2016 was expected. As the incumbent, it was a by-election for the BN to lose and for the opposition to make their mark. On their own, PAS and PAN were ineffective, getting voters from their respective religious fundamentalist groups or the urban Chinese electorate. In a three corner contest, the outcome will usually favour BN. It is in ethnically mixed constituencies like Sg. Besar and Kuala Kangsar that the multiracial, multi-religious platform like Barisan Nasional can shine. It was a collective effort, each component party playing their roles to ensure a favourable outcome.

By going against each other, PAN and PAS only got their basic hardcore votes and failed to convince many fence sitters of their cause. This situation now has left both PAS and PAN exposed as it is now a proven fact that PAS can only get their hardcore religious supporters and PAN's power base comes from DAP supporters.

Having too huge a majority margin not usually helpful to voters

In this situation, nobody will be left out and it definitely keep the winning MP honest for the rest of his term. We must avoid at all costs situations like in Seputeh where the incumbent won by a whopping 51,552 vote majority in a 88% Chinese seat or in PJ Utara where Tony Pua got a 44,672 vote majority. The voters of PJJU, Seputeh and many more like them gave the incumbent MP such a comfortable win that they completely disregard minority ethnic groups in their constituency. They can comfortably win the seat with the support of just one ethnic group. It is no surprise that voters there are most dissatisfied. The winners just continue to make silly parody videos and losers lost by such a large margin, they would have lost all hope of regaining the seat. Neither winner nor loser will provide any substantial form of service or representation in Parliament further compounding to their dissatisfaction and problems

SURUHANJAYA PILIHAN RAYA MALAYSIA
PUSAT PENJUMLAHAN RASMI UNDI
PILIHAN RAYA KECIL P.067 KUALA KANGSAR
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BN should still strive to improve voter support

On the other hand, the support given to BN was not as fantastic as some made it to be. While we got a slim majority of Malay and Indian votes, BN only managed to get 35% of the Chinese voters, up from 10% in the last general election. This kind of voting trend is actually ideal in our multiracial, multireligious country. Regardless of the winner's ethnicity, the candidate can be sure that he/she cannot win the seat without the support of the other component parties. Each ethnic group either give the winner a small majority or a slight loss in polling, ensuring the winner will continue to adequately address all of their problems fairly. The losing party, lagging not far behind, will continue to serve the constituency hopeful that one day it will be their turn.

Chauvinism & pandering to religious extremism not the BN way

BN must also remember that we cannot be chauvinistic just to win Penang or pander to the religious fundamentalists in Kelantan. As the ruling coalition in federal government for all Malaysians, we must be able to balance the needs of everyone in the country including those in Sabah and Sarawak. From the twin by-elections, the clear winners are the voters of Sg. Besar and Kuala Kangsar. Both Budiman Mohd Zohdi and Datin Mastura Mohd Yazid will have to be sensitive to every ethnic group to maintain their incumbency and the losing parties will still continue to press on in the hopes of getting that slight swing to win the seats. The voters there will enjoy the best from both sides of the political divide for the next two years.





While the Penang Undersea Tunnel has become the talk of the country, the overwhelming response is not positive. Many still think the grand project is more of a 'want' than a 'need' of the state. It seems like the DAP-led Penang government prefers to feed its own ego by boasting how 'rich' the state is, to afford such splurge, than to actually address the traffic woes of the island.

PENANG

Undersea Tunnel

-A Need OR A Want ?

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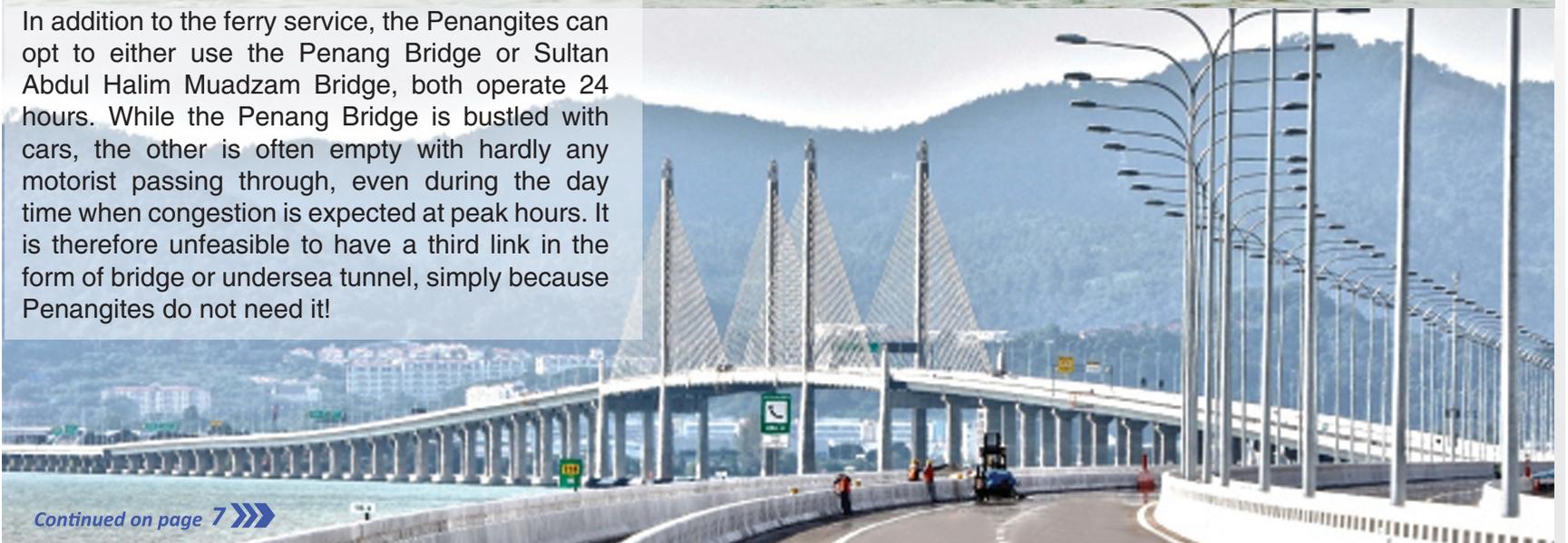
FERRY SERVICE STILL THE PRIME CHOICE

There are already multiple transport modes available for the islanders, why not focus on improving them by upgrading the services or maintenance, instead of venturing into an 'unknown project' which is exorbitant and may as well end up as another 'white elephant'? In fact the Penangites are used to the ferry services linking the island and Seberang Perai, which existed since colonial days, and the service enabled many Chinese school pupils to further their secondary education on Penang Island. However, the state government is oblivious to the convenience brought about by the ferry service, and never keeps track of its regular maintenance, leaving the service quality to deteriorate with longer waiting times and deplorable seat conditions.



WHAT'S THE USE OF OTHER BRIDGES?

In addition to the ferry service, the Penangites can opt to either use the Penang Bridge or Sultan Abdul Halim Muadzam Bridge, both operate 24 hours. While the Penang Bridge is bustling with cars, the other is often empty with hardly any motorist passing through, even during the day time when congestion is expected at peak hours. It is therefore unfeasible to have a third link in the form of bridge or undersea tunnel, simply because Penangites do not need it!



WHOPPING COST TOO HARD TO SWALLOW

When asked why RM6.3bil is required for three study reports, there are many sides to the story. According to Guan Eng, RM305mil was for the feasibility study, detailed design and EIA studies, RM540mil was for land acquisition and RM5.5bil was for construction. After being pestered about the rationale of paying hefty sum of RM305mil for paperwork, Datuk Zarul Ahmad, Chairman of the CZBUCG, which is the developer undertaking the feasibility studies, argued that the 'reasonable' cost was certified by an independent consultant engaged by the Penang Government.

On the contrary, RM200mil allocated under the MyDeposit First Home Deposit Funding Scheme by the Federal Government is able to benefit between 20,000 and 30,000 affordable house buyers, where they are able to pay 10% of the down payment for the first house purchase. It is worth mentioning that some of the successful MyDeposit recipients are actually from DAP-led Penang state! You do not need rocket science to tell which government allocation is more logical.

WHICH ONE SHOULD THE PEOPLE BELIEVE?

The cost controversy does not end there. PKR Kebun Bungah assemblyman Cheah Kah Peng had led 5 others from PKR and DAP to rebel against the state government at a state opposition motion to declassify all projects related to land reclamation, while another 5 skipped the proceedings. As a result, several of them were fired from state posts. Criticisms continued to loom when the discrepancy in the cost presented by the state government and Public Accounts Committee (PAC) was questioned. While the media frequently quoted Guan Eng and his team of stating the cost at RM3.7bil, the PAC report tabled in November last year citing a lower figure of RM3.5bil, in short a **discrepancy by a staggering RM200 million**. Which one should

the people believe? It is even frustrating to note that the state government had not considered the Works Ministry' offer to help reduce cost and ensure the project be completed within a timeline!



SHOCKING HIDDEN COST OF UNDERSEA PROJECT

It seems easy to the Penang state administration to build a mega project like the undersea tunnel, but the long-term maintenance cost could be much steeper than expected! Besides the construction cost of RM6.3bil, the state government should take into consideration of hidden costs including replacement or repair cost, ridership forecast, depreciation cost, the projected profit or loss and many others. Such detailed analyses, along the feasibility studies and EIA have to be considered whether the business venture is suitable and financially viable. Or else the project may fail terribly and accumulate huge public debts which will be borne by the people! I doubt the Penang government ever considered any of that as the project is approved in a haste without the feasibility studies conducted beforehand.

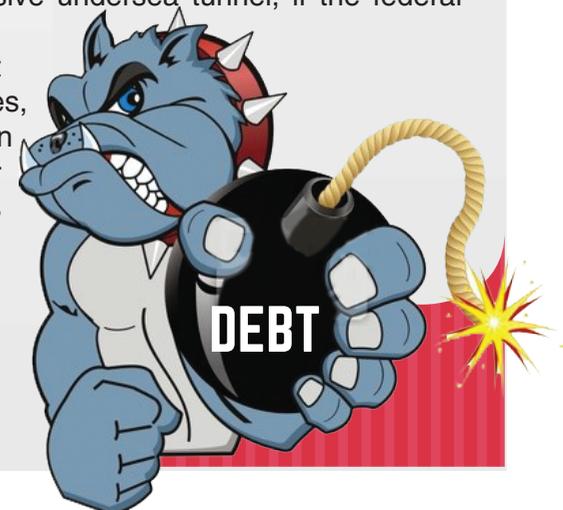
SAME AMOUNT COULD BE TURNED INTO WELFARE PROJECTS

The RM3.5bil can be put to good use for the best interests of the people. To achieve the target of 1mil affordable homes by 2017, the government has allocated RM2.96bil to build about 500,000 1Malaysia People's Houses (PR1MA), which will be sold 20% below market prices to low-middle income groups. While another half of the target is supposedly to be built by state governments, private developers and the Housing Development Board. Now just imagine the number of affordable homes to be built using RM3.5bil!

When it comes to welfare projects, the funds allocated for programmes targeting senior citizens, single mothers, students, newborn babies and disabled never come close to RM305 mil, the same amount used for the 3 feasibility studies! Only RM61mil is provided to Penangites registered with i-Peace Program covering Senior Citizens Appreciation Scheme, Disabled and Single Mothers Assistance Schemes, another RM2.8 mil is allocated to the AES aid programme which helped 1,204 families out of poverty through behavior pattern change.

PERHAPS ANOTHER BRIDGE WILL DO?

After coming under heavy criticisms, Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng has resorted to suggesting a third bridge as an alternative to the more expensive undersea tunnel, if the federal government is agreeable to it. Again, such a suggestion is put forward without thorough studies, as the current traffic situation on the Penang Bridge is still under control while the other bridge is underutilised. The state government should never build a bridge just for the sake of building it, and not understand the real needs of the people in Penang.



In the name of integrity, various quarters have questioned the tenability for Lim Guan Eng to continue as Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng following charges of corruption and abuse of power brought against him over the purchase of his bungalow below market value purportedly in return for the conversion of Taman Manggis land from agricultural to residential status.

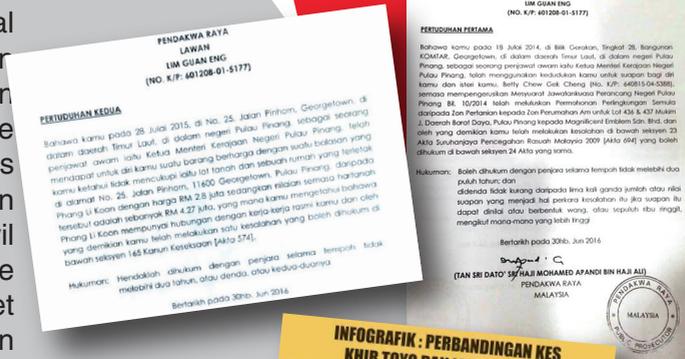
A matter of integrity - or not...

When Prime Minister Dato' Sri Najib Tun Razak was accused of corruption over the RM2.6 billion donation hailing from the Saudi kingdom, DAP was the first to call for his resignation even though the investigation had yet to be completed. Unlike the donation case where the Saudi Foreign Minister has acknowledged the donation, there is compelling evidence in the form of documents and invoices obtained from the Companies Commission of Malaysia to show that the sale of the Taman Manggis land is possibly linked to the purchase of Guan Eng's house for a very low price.

Thus, it is no surprise that Guan Eng is being investigated by the MACC, and both him and DAP should seek to cooperate in the investigations if they are really innocent.

Influencing investigations

Stepping aside pending the trial will also ensure transparency in the investigations. Although Guan Eng is not able to influence the MACC in its investigations as claimed by DAP, he is still an imposing figure to the state's civil servants and this may jeopardise any attempt by the MACC to get them to testify against their own Chief Minister.



Inciting public hatred

DAP must also stop behaving as though Guan Eng's corruption charges are politically motivated. Guan Eng is not the first state leader to be charged for graft; in fact there were 3 BN state leaders were also charged for graft; ie former Selangor Menteri Besars' Datuk Idris Haron, Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib and Dr Mohamad Khir Toyo.

It is unfair to accuse the courts and the MACC of political conspiracy when the trial has not even begun. It has always been the opposition's tactic to incite a "trial by media" which is not only detrimental to our legal system, but also shows disrespect to our judiciary.

As such, instead of holding street protests and committing sub judice through public explanation sessions, DAP and Guan Eng should cooperate with the authorities. To use DAP's own meaning over PAS' hudud enactment mission, "if they are innocent then they have nothing to fear".

INFOGRAFIK : PERBANDINGAN KES KHIR TOYO DAN LIM GUAN ENG

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membeli dua lot tanah dan sebuah rumah daripada Pengarah DITamas Sdn Bhd Shamsuddin Hayroni, pada harga RM3.5 juta. Sebelum itu pada 2004, DITamas membeli hartanah tersebut pada harga RM6.5 juta. Diskaun yang diperolehi Khir Toyo : RM 3 juta. Alasan : -Willing buyer-willing seller. Ditapati bersalah dan dihukum penjara satu tahun. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membeli sebuah rumah daripada Miss Phang pada harga RM2.8 juta. Sebelum itu pada 2008, Miss Phang membeli hartanah tersebut pada harga RM2.5 juta. Diskaun yang diperolehi Guan Eng : RM3.7 juta. (harga pasaran rumah pada 2015 adalah RM6.5 juta) Alasan : -Willing buyer-willing seller. -Tiada kolam renang. Dalam siasatan SPRM
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March 28, 2016
DAP blames The Star for misleading info on Guan Eng

To Blame List:

- Accountant not valuer ✓
- CM not property agent ✓
- Feng shui is bad ✓
- Semua salah-BN ✓
- Friendship discount ✓
- Suka sama-suka ✓
- No swimming pool ✓
- House is old ✓
- Not as nice as Khir Toyo's house ✓
- Got protests ✓
- THE STAR newspaper ✓



The late Sarawak DAP Chairman Wong Ho Leng (died of cancer 21 June 2014)

Federal DAP Secretary General Lim Guan Eng (charged with corruption 30 June 2016)

NO DONATION DRIVE BY DAP TO COLLECT RM1 MILLION for medical expenses (eventually paid for by BN State Govt after appeal by family members)

DONATION DRIVE BY DAP TO COLLECT RM1 MILLION for bail expenses (which will be refunded unless he runs away)

IF YOU ARE DYING OF CANCER THEN THAT IS YOUR PROBLEM. IF YOU CHARGED WITH CORRUPTION, WE WILL HELP YOU.

DAP's million dollar question

DAP's fundraising to raise RM1 million to post bail for Guan Eng is also a questionable move, especially so since DAP Penang had already paid RM980, 000 to post bail. Thus, what is DAP now going to do with the RM1million collected from the public?

This is not the first time that DAP has raised funds through the public, and it is not the first time that DAP has refused to declare or account on how the money is being utilised. Even pro-opposition activist Fahmi Reza has also questioned DAP on their intentions on how the cash will be used, with no answer given yet.

The misogyny continues by PAS Youth whose latest target is American pop star Selena Gomez and her *The Revival Tour* on 25 July 2016 at Shah Alam's Stadium Melawati. Objectifying Selena Gomez as "synonymous with sexy appearance would tarnish the sanctity of Syawal (The Star, 19 July 2016)", PAS Youth must clarify: What sin or crime has she committed just because PAS Youth profiles Ms Gomez as "synonymous with sexy"?

So, almost naked bodybuilders

on stage aren't "sexy" & don't lead to social ills?



Strangely, for male body-building Mr Kelantan competitions where men proudly display their biceps, triceps, mid-drift, thighs and don solely skin-fitting trunks and cloth, how come neither PAS Youth nor the PAS Dewan Ulama submits any memorandum demanding the sports be banned? Even in Muslim-majority Palestine, there is a Mr Palestine competition but PAS holds no grievances there.

While Selena Gomez is a performing artiste, and the Mr Kelantan and Mr Palestine contestants are sportsmen, they all have one thing in common – Both men and women perform on raised platforms before spectators. The difference is that, Ms Gomez's body is more "covered up" while the anatomy of Mr Kelantan and Mr Palestine contestants are more revealing.

If this is not gender bias by PAS Youth, then what is?

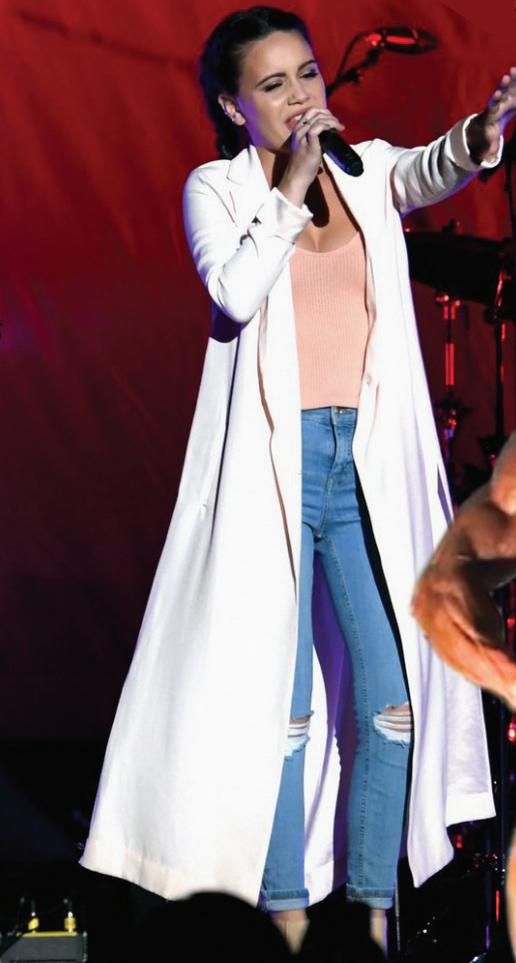
Defining & condemning "sexy"

to validate ogling at women a façade for voyeurism

How much time did PAS Youth spend staring at the songstress' physique to reach the said "sexy" adjective? Does PAS Youth not feel ashamed of itself for justifying its voyeurism on women's body and dressing? As fellow women, what says PAS Muslimat on this behaviour of its male members scrutinising women's body with the intention of finding fault?

PAS should introduce its definitions for persons or attire deemed "unsexy". Nevertheless, spelling out this list is an easy task, as PAS, like other theocratic states, will most likely mandate that all women be shrouded up from head to toe in very loose tunic eg the Taliban regime enforcing the burqa with netting for the eyes on women in Afghanistan where patrolling religious police are ever ready to publicly whip women whose burqa are deemed to have exposed their ankles, wrists or any skin. Likewise, members of Saudi Arabia's Mutawaa (Commission for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice) aka moral police publicly berate, cane or push down women deemed to have exposed any flesh. In Aceh, Indonesia, anti-vice squads spray paint on women deemed wearing tight outfits.

Will PAS next demand prohibition against fully-clothed Malaysian female artistes attired in colourful (perhaps glamorous even) long sleeves and skirt hems that cover the heels from serenading on stage, considering that when PAS ruled Kedah from March 2008 to May 2013, the PAS state administration had in January 2013, introduced a four-point guidelines banning live music, pop songs and female artistes from performing outdoors, and, instead, only songs with religious themes were permitted.





With or without votes

MCA proven right

- PAS hudud enactments creeping into judicial sphere & daily lives

again & again

MCA wants to remind the people to be careful about PAS, especially so in light of the confirmation by the police that the blast at a Puchong club was committed by local IS operatives.

The rise of terrorist threats may increase in relation to the possibility of Hudud enactments being introduced by PAS into our judicial sphere. Such a law will undoubtedly have direct and indirect impact on all Malaysians Muslims, non-Muslims and women etc, and as such the law cannot be taken lightly. The very fate of our nation, and its current security and racial harmony will be threatened with the introduction of such archaic laws.

MCA has warned the public time and time again to be wary of DAP and their false promises that PAS has embraced a moderate stand. The breakup of Pakatan Rakyat has now left PAS unchecked with so much power in their hands, courtesy of DAP.

Unlike the opposition which fights purely for its own interest, BN has adopted a multi-racial and moderate approach in resolving problems. Despite having few voices of individual extremism, BN is still empowered enough to suppress and contain such extremism within our ranks.

Unfortunately, although MCA has repeated the same warnings over and over again on the clear and immediate danger of religious extremism and the possibility of terrorism in Malaysia's political and social sphere, DAP has denied the facts and even dared to mock MCA.

The truth is that after GE13, a clear racial divide will be outlined or ingrained if Chinese voters are lopsided and seen to be anti-establishment and bias for DAP's politics of provoking racial angst, anger and hatred. Extremism begets extremism and an outburst of extremism is beyond DAP's ability to contain this incident.



DAP mocked MCA each time we cautioned about PAS



PAS Youth chief cum Pasir MAS MP Nirk Abduh Nirk Abd Aziz praised IS terrorist/former PAS Kedah member Mohd Lotfi Arifin as a "martyr"

MCA once again issues a caution on PAS. DAP had held out to the Chinese votes that they are in control of PAS which is untrue and in fact a lie. Whereas PAS had admitted and acknowledged that their co-operation with DAP is only temporary and they will review their political approach and cooperation after GE13, DAP had chosen to pull wools over the eyes of their supporters with regard to PAS' political agenda, which is and has always been, the implementation of Hudud law and a theocratic state, and not a welfare state as claimed by DAP.

Every time MCA as a responsible party speaks the truth, DAP will laugh, scoff and ridicule MCA by calling MCA names. However the old adage "time will tell" has indeed exposed the lies told. Now who have been clowning and cheating their supporters? Now who has been hogging the media headlines with alleged "corrupted" practices? Not MCA.

TVET which stands for Technical and Vocational Education Training, is now part of Malaysia's National Education Development Plan. Having a skilled workforce is a key to having a developed nation status. One needs only look at Germany where 60% of its citizens take up vocational education or Japan, to realise that TVET forms a major part of their education. It is treated as a viable career option in these countries. Skilled workers are just as important as professionals because they support professionals in performing the tasks required for the job.



skills holders more mobile than many professionals



2016 TVET & Higher Education Fair

Skilled and technical workmen find it easier to seek jobs abroad, in high paying economies. They are more mobile than many professionals and can apply for jobs in booming economies whenever the local economy is in a slump.

At the recent 9th ASEAN Education Ministers meeting, concluded on 26 May 2016, the ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2016-2020 aims to focus on eight areas, among which are TVET and lifelong learning. We can expect to see activities related to the Work Plan being organised by international agencies such as UNESCO, UNICEF, and SEAMEO (South East Asian Ministers of Education Organisation).

More importantly was the endorsement of the ASEAN Qualifications Reference Framework (AQRF) Governance and Structure to harmonise higher education and TVET. Harmonisation of qualification frameworks will enable students of TVET institutions around the region to transfer from one institution to another similar to the credit transfer system being used in universities and colleges. It is also expected to lead to improved quality of TVET courses and greater recognition of TVET qualifications that comply with the framework.

Given such aspirations, the MCA Youth Vocational Bureau headed by Lau Chin Kok and the Federation of JPK Accredited Centres (FeMAC) hosted the 2016 TVET and Higher Education Fair from 28 to 29 May 2016 at Viva Home Expo Hall 2, Kuala Lumpur. 70 booths were featured including colleges from China and Taiwan for students to obtain career guidance from a range of exhibitors including the Department of Skills Development (JPK), Skills Development Fund Corporation (PTPK) and Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF).

Launching the Fair, MCA Youth national chief cum Deputy Education Minister Senator Chong Sin Woon said that his Ministry's long-term aim is to enhance Malaysia's talent pool by producing technical professionals who are capable and competent for the job market from the 165,000 vocational graduates in 2013 to 225,000 by 2020.

Through collaboration with 11 vocational institutes, scholarships worth of RM4.7million were made available during the Fair. To enable skills training and job opportunities for the visually impaired, the TVET Fair saw the participation of the Malaysian Association for the Blind to promote their education and free vocational training for the blind. Free massage services were also provided to visitors during the Fair.

Kajang satay-ed by floods

& Kak Wan comes a-calling when the sun shines after the rain



Kajang in 2014



Kajang on 11 May 2016

In preparation for her Kajang Move by-election campaign, one of PKR President Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Ismail's four-point Manifesto pledges was to "improve the solid waste management as well as collection of rubbish in the area" whereby the PKR-headed Selangor state government said it "would look into the setting up and managing of a new environmentally friendly garbage disposal and solid waste site." This was in March 2014.

Her Manifesto then proved that since wresting the state government from BN in 2008 and retaining it in 2013, for six years, the Pakatan government did not bother to even attempt overcoming the clogged drains resulting with river-waters-bursting-their-banks woes.

Two years later, the flash floods deriving from the same spot of Sungai Kantan, Kajang after a sudden torrential downpour continue to plague residents. After 40 minutes of rain on 11 May 2016, Kajang down was left deluged in muddied waters, broken tarmac lanes, fallen street lamps, flooded school grounds, motorcars losing their balance, etc. What has Kak Wan been up to in these two years, apart from contesting for the Parliamentary seat of Permatang Pauh up north in 2015 where she had promised that she would continue to pay equal attention to her constituency in Selangor?

Longkang ADUN, do your job!



I had PROMISED to improve rubbish collection but



Kajangites expect its elected representative to have fixed the problem of congested and blocked drainage and irrigation immediately upon swearing an oath to the Selangor State Speaker. They certainly did not expect their ADUN to undertake a photo ops of visiting homes affected by mudslides only after the floods have subsided, and shaded by the comfort of your hand-held fan, and further sheltered beneath an umbrella held by an attendant. Such actions clearly lack sincerity as Kak Wan turun padang only after severe damage was wrecked by the thunderstorm.

How may students of SMJK Yu Hua, Kajang develop their sports talents if their basketball court is submerged? Studies are also affected with rising waters creeping into the school's grounds, thereby muddying the premises which students very likely would need to assist to clean up, besides the fears of water-borne diseases. Meanwhile local businesses suffer economic losses with damaged soaked goods.

After close to two months of the El Nino phenomenon where prolonged soaring temperatures and haze revived fears of water rationing in the Klang Valley, the rain should have brought respite not dampened hopes.



Chinese School Flooded