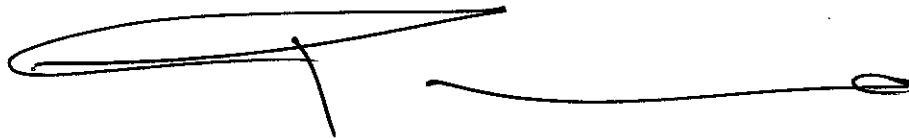


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**“PAKATAN RAKYAT” SHOULD NOT BETRAY THE HOPE AND TRUST OF
THOSE 52% WHO VOTED THEM.....”**

- (1) It is time now for leaders of Pakatan Rakyat to seriously think whether they are seriously betraying the trust and hope of the millions of people (more that 52% of the total) who voted them at the last elections.
- (2) It is very obvious that the rakyat of Malaysia desperately want a change in Government since the 2013 General Elections. How else do you explain that the Pakatan Rakyat could garner such huge support despite not having the kind of machinery, media and other facilities --- let alone the huge and unlimited war chest, that the other side had.
- (3) The campaign by Pakatan Rakyat is that they can offer a better Government than the Barisan Nasional. However the character and the behavior shown lately by the Pakatan Rakyat parties concerned is creating serious doubts amongst the rakyat as to whether they are indeed ready to offer a better alternative Government. More and more people are beginning to think that they would be better off with the Barisan Nasional --- despite all their serious wrongdoings and sins.
- (4) The unnecessarily very strong, harsh and hurtful words being used by Pakatan Rakyat leaders against each other is putting off a lot of supporters. Such behavior is rarely seen amongst the 14 or so Barisan Nasional parties over the last 60 years or so. And these harsh name calling is done blatantly and openly even on relatively small matters when such matters can be discussed quietly within the leadership Councils. When leaders show such examples then people below them will follow suit with even harsher and stronger terms.
- (5) **It is common sense that politics in a multi-racial, multi-cultural and multi-religious country like ours, calls for a very high level of tolerance on differences and a ready spirit for give and take. Our Founding Fathers showed us their ways in this respect so eloquently in the past, and this has worked so well for the rakyat and the country.**
- (6) **On this matter, it is good to take cognizance of the late Singapore Prime Minister, Dato' Lee Kuan Yew's experience. When he was asked as to what was his biggest regret in his political career, his answer was that when Singapore was in Malaysia “HE FAILED TO UNDERSTAND THE MALAY PSYCHE”. He wanted changes too much and too soon and he too was using strong and harsh words. This provoked the normally very friendly and docile rural folks of the country.**

- (7) Millions of them were ready to “amok” and turn to the streets. As a result our Tengku, Bapa Malaysia, had no choice and in his deep wisdom decided to ask Singapore to immediately leave Malaysia. Lee Kuan Yew never expected that and cried on hearing the news. But it was too late for Lee Kuan Yew and for Singapore.
- (8) **BUT IT IS NOT TOO LATE YET FOR THE PAKATAN RAKYAT POLITICAL PARTIES.** Most of the winning leaders in the recently concluded PAS Annual General Meeting seem to be making the right noise. I am sure the millions who voted Pakatan Rakyat in the last Election, and still support them, would want to see the Parties concerned make the right adjustment and reach out towards each other. To start with, they should stop using such harsh, strong and rude words against each other. They should have the strength of character to show real statesmanship, patience and wisdom, to meet more often, discuss things and have the will to accommodate each other. **Learn from the ways our Founding Fathers did it and did it so well.**
- (9) To start off, Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng and Menteri Besar Azmin Ali should show that they have big hearts and reject Mat Sabu’s resignation and others that might follow from their positions in the Penang and Selangor State Governments. **THE RAKYAT IN 2013 VOTED FOR PAKATAN RAKYAT GOVERNMENTS NOT FOR A DAP OR PKR GOVERNMENT.**
- (11) There is a motion in PAS to stop its “**political corporation**” with DAP. This is not finally decided and the onus is on PAS to explain what this means. **Meanwhile, there is also a firm decision from PAS that it wants to remain in Pakatan Rakyat.**
- (12) **THE 52% OF THE MILLION OF VOTERS THAT VOTED PAKATAN RAKYAT IN THE LAST ELECTIONS WOULD WANT THAT THEIR HOPES AND TRUST ARE NOT BETRAYED THAT EASILY.**



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