

### Press Release

## **Power Struggle in Negeri Sembilan: The People Once Again Become Victims of Democratic Deception and the Greed of Politicians**

The crisis started with the dismissal of one of the Undangs (territorial chiefs of the state of Negeri Sembilan) by the Yang di-Pertuan Besar (YDPB) of Negeri Sembilan (the ruler of the Negeri Sembilan state), which was then followed by the collective action of four Undangs dismissing the YDPB. Subsequently, the Chief Minister of Negeri Sembilan intervened, declaring that the dismissal of the YDPB was invalid. The four Undangs then retaliated by stating that the Chief Minister had lied and was unfit to govern the state. Ultimately, the crisis escalated to 14 Members of the State Legislative Assembly (ADUN) from UMNO declaring a loss of confidence in the Chief Minister.

Observing the unfolding crisis, five opposition assemblymen from the Perikatan Nasional (PN) coalition without hesitation and delay, immediately declared their support for UMNO. UMNO, in turn, capitalized on the situation by declaring that it possessed a simple majority to seize the state administration and the position of Menteri Besar (Chief Minister). What a perfect timing, although at this juncture, the victor has yet to be determined!

The political history of Malaysia has witnessed numerous incidents of party hopping, shifting allegiances, changing coalitions, and declarations of lost confidence committed by either state assemblymen or Members of Parliament. None of these occurred by chance; rather, they were orchestrated as a result of greed and the availability of opportunities to change the government through the "backdoor." As early as 1994, Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS), which had won the State Election with a slim majority (25 out of 48 seats), collapsed after only a few weeks in power when several PBS assemblymen defected to support Barisan Nasional (BN). BN subsequently took over the Sabah state government.

In 2009, the most tragic political event occurred in Perak when three Pakatan Rakyat assemblymen [two from Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR), one from Democratic Action Party (DAP)] declared their departure from their respective parties to become independent assemblymen supporting BN. This resulted in a balanced seat composition [28 BN + 3 Independents vs. 28 Pakatan Rakyat (PR)]. The then Sultan of Perak, Sultan Azlan Shah, rejected the request of the Chief Minister (Datuk Seri Mohammad Nizar Jamaluddin) to dissolve the State Legislative Assembly, and instead appointed Datuk Seri Dr. Zambry Abdul Kadir from BN as the new Chief Minister.

The greatest tragedy, widely acknowledged to have "tarnished" democracy in Malaysia, occurred in 2020 through the "Sheraton Move," which saw the collapse of the Pakatan Harapan (PH) government at the federal level and its replacement by PN. Following this, several states in Malaysia also collapsed as a result of the same backdoor manoeuvres. Ironically, the factions that successfully "seized power" characterized these actions as democratic, while those who lost power labelled them undemocratic:

- The PH government in Johor collapsed when Bersatu left the PH coalition and collaborated with BN and Parti Islam SeMalaysia (PAS) to form a new government under the leadership of Datuk Hasni Mohammad.

- The PH government in Melaka fell after two Bersatu assemblymen and two other assemblymen (from PKR and DAP) shifted their support to BN.

- In Perak, the government under Datuk Seri Ahmad Faizal Azumu (Bersatu), initially aligned with PH, fell. However, he was reappointed as Chief Minister under a new coalition (PN) before ultimately being ousted again through a vote of confidence in December 2020.

- In Kedah, the government led by Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir fell in May 2020 after two PKR assemblymen left the party and supported PN, leading to the appointment of Muhammad Sanusi Md Nor as the new Chief Minister.

The current tragedy in Negeri Sembilan mirrors what occurred in Melaka in 2021 when a crisis erupted within the ruling bloc itself. Four assemblymen (including those from UMNO and Bersatu) withdrew their support for the then Chief Minister of Melaka, Datuk Seri Sulaiman Md Ali, citing a loss of confidence in his leadership. The Yang di-Pertua Negeri of Melaka agreed to dissolve the State Assembly on the advice of the Chief Minister, which paved the way for the Melaka State Election in November 2021.

In every such incident, identical statements were issued by all those involved in the political struggle: they claim to want to swiftly resolve the crisis for the sake of the people's interests. This is the stale script of democratic politicians since time immemorial prioritizing the people in every problem they themselves create, wherein they are clearly the masterminds. Such is their method of making fools of the people through their internecine power struggles. After clearly betraying the votes entrusted to them by the people, they then proclaim that the people's interests are their priority!

**O Muslims!** Realize that all of this is merely a "game of power" played by political parties within the democratic system solely for their own vested interests. The greed for power among democratic politicians knows no bounds, persisting until they return to the soil! They are the ones who have truly brought ruin to this country and hardship to us all. Their sole objective is to be in power, for it is through power that they can savour all luxuries and amass as much of the country's wealth as possible into their own pockets. Whether that power is acquired through the front door or the back door is entirely inconsequential.

They are the ones perpetuating the colonial-inherited democratic system in this country, elevating the man-made constitution above the Al-Quran and the As-Sunnah. Truly, there is no good in any nation that places its constitution – much less a constitution created by colonial disbelievers – higher than the Al-Quran and the As-Sunnah!

As long as the democratic system continues to dominate, the Ummah will continue to be deceived and manipulated by its politicians. In democracy, Muslims are merely treated as chess pawns, easily sacrificed by those in power. The Muslim Ummah must realize that these are the two root causes of the catastrophes befalling them i.e. a corrupt system and corrupt rulers. It has happened many times – not just twice as prohibited by Rasulullah (saw) – that this Ummah been bitten from the same hole. Therefore, the Ummah must definitively declare that enough is enough! It is obligatory for Muslims to strive to extricate themselves from this catastrophe by replacing the corrupt system and rulers with a righteous system and righteous ruler – a Caliph (Khalifah) who leads under the Caliphate (Khilafah) system. The forthcoming second Caliphate is the only state promised by Allah and His Messenger, which, Insha Allah, shall be bestowed with abundant blessings, as it will run upon the methodology of the Prophethood, just as the Rightly Guided Caliphs of the past ran upon the same path.

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