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It remains my sincere hope that this little book would bring about changes to the people of Malaysia and the citizens of the world at large.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'u' followed by a horizontal line and a diagonal line extending upwards and to the right.

S.H. ALATTAS
*President of the Malaysia
Political Writers Association
Kuala Lumpur
15th March, 1997.*

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

*In the name of Allah,
the Beneficent, the Merciful.*



④ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ

Read: In the name of thy Lord who created.



Dr. Mahathir: You see the writer. One small **story** falls in his hand, he makes it into hell of a long story. You know RM2.4 million is not a big deal, not worth talking about. But this joker blows up the story into RM500 million international news. What a jerk? Luckily there's only one writer like him in this part of the world. If there's two, God save us, he is a nightmare, the way he writes the kind of language he use can really make a politician sick. But believe me, I never give him the permission to write this book. He **simply story** what he likes. I think this time he's a little bit too much. **Dia sendiri punya hal, dia mahu ingatlah. Sendiri bikin hal, lain kali sendiri mahu jawablah.**



Dr. Mahathir: *My last wish before I step down. You think you can make a good Prime Minister like me? I know my time is up but I'm not sure whether I want to go or not. I'm only asking this question. But if I really have to go, can you promise me something. And my last request don't forget Sanusi Jonid, if it is ok with you, take him to be your number two.*



***Rahim:** Big brother! I should have listened to you. You' ve given me good advice since 1978 when you do the first write-up on me in your book **'Perang Di Kuala Linggi 1978'**. And I think we've been friends ever since. If only I should have thought carefully and accept your critic with an open mind, things would have been different. I should never listen to the people around me. Only when I lost everything do I realize the power of the pen. Now I realise leaders should not be arrogant, egoistic. Writers and politicians should work together hand in hand. When you lost everthing, you know who your true friends are. But this is the price I have to pay. Politicians must be prepared to be humiliated, played out by their friends. They will only be around you when you have the power.*



***President:** Brother, you better listen to me and listen good, you don't think only Tun Daim can whisper to PM. I can also whisper, and people believe the writer more than the politicians but I whisper with my heavy duty pen. I do it quietly without uttering a word. My whisper goes deep into the mind and the hearts of the people. I hope you read this book. This is my **amanah** to you. There's so much you can learn through it. You're young, talented, intelligent, rich, famous, with the best of PR you are loved by our fellow writers, we are proud of you, you have a **brave heart**. Now you are the UMNO Youth Chief, the leader in a making and the fourth line up of the party. And you are also the Chairman of the National Saving Bank and a few public listed companies. All this is not enough to make you a noble. Remember who you are and what is the purpose God created you. You are the Khalifah, the leader of the moden new generation. Don't fail the trust that the Youth put upon your shoulders. May Allah bless you and may you be guided by the book of God and submit only to him. Don't worship men even he happend to be your boss, be truthful.*



Rahim: Mat, do you remember what we did to the two Aussies who were convicted for drug trafficking? We hanged them. They begged for mercy. The people of Australia through their press labelled us with all kinds of names such as savage, barbarian... And we don't care one. And now they catch you red handed with RM2.4 million, what makes you think they want to let you go? Sorrylah Mat, I don't think the Prime Minister can help you. **Sendiri punya basikal, sendiri mahu kayuhlah. Sendiri punya diri, sendiri mahu ingatlah.**

Mat Taib: Rahim... You don't **story me like thislah**. You make me nervous. You've already become ex-Chief Minister, our brother here Tan Sri Muhyuddin, the former Vice President also has become the ex-Chief Minister of Johore. Who knows when this case is over, me too will be an ex-Chief Minister. But o.k.lah, even if I have to be one I am not so cheap, you know maybe I will be in the Guinness Book of the World Record as the **half billion dollar Chief Minister** and can you tell me how much you are worth?



The author, as the President of the Political Writer Club of Malaysia as one of the non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) (unregistered) is in the centre. On his right is the Honourable Member of Parliament, Ruhani Ahmad. On his left, Tan Sri Muhammad Mohd Taib, Tan Sri Rahim Tamby Chik. Sitting on the extreme left is Tan Sri Muhyuddin Yassin.



*Walking in the centre on the red carpet, the author as the coordinator of the **Theatre Elite**, with His Highness Sultan Ahmad Shah, the King of Malaysia and on the left the then Minister of Education Datuk Dr. Sulaiman Daud. Walking, away from the carpet, on the right Datuk Dr. Siti Zaharah Sulaiman, the new UMNO Women's Chief and the present Deputy Minister of Health. On the extreme left, not on the carpet is Dato Hassan Ahmad, the former Director General of Dewan Bahasa & Pustaka on the occasion of poetry reading in 1981 at the Dewan Bahasa & Pustaka, the first of its kind in which the king participate in reciting a poem. Sultan Ahmad is the one and only Sultan who moves freely with the people unlike the other kings who sit in the palaces only and don't simply move around with anybody especially with writers, poet and artists. Sultan Ahmad Shah is the President of the FAM (Football Association of Malaysia).*



***Dr. Mahathir:** One more of your book? Don't you think you have done enough damage already? Give me a break. My patience has a limit. But, don't worry, I will not ban your book this time. Why should I make you a martyr? Three Prime Ministers had banned my book, **'The Malay Dilemma'**. I just banned one of your books. Don't think you are a hero. Still a long long way to go. Ala la la long... long.. long.. long.*

(Dr. Mahathir during happier moments with the author who in the past had autographed all his works personally to the Prime Minister and all the while he has always been branded and labelled as the Prime Minister's men).

*The world is, but a farm
the fence being the nation
The nation is a power
'Those who flourish with the power
is the predetermined order (the sunnah)
The predetermined order
is the politics
administered by the king, (president, prime minister)
assisted by the armies
'The armies are the helpers,
supported by the wealth
'The wealth is the revenue
gathered by the people
'The people are the children
raised by justice
Justice is what being fond of
'With justice, the world stands
'The world is, but a farm
and you come back to the beginning of the word.*

Ibnu Khaldun

PREFACE

S.H.Alattas is the author of thirty books, mostly '*bestsellers*' in Bahasa Malaysia. **MUSA A TRAITOR?** is the first book in English. But the most controversial book in Malaysia history was his '**CHALLENGER**', which dragged Datuk Musa Hitam, then the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister Of Home Affairs into the court's witness box. Therefore, S.H. Alattas, a school drop-out, is the only man in the world who has successfully damaged the political career and caused downfall of an Harvard University's visiting Professor. The **MEMO TO THE PRIME MINISTER** was another S.H. Alattas' controversial book which urged the Prime Minister of Malaysia, to step down and retired. However, this book was banned by the Malaysian authorities under the Premiership of Dr. Mahathir who is also the Minister Of Home Affairs. The fate of this book, **THE FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARMAN** that you are about to read may be in a balance. This book is S.H. Alattas thirtieth and the second book to be published in English. You are the best judge to this drop-out writer who has created nightmares to Malaysian top political leaders.

Syed Hussein Bin Alwee Alattas popularly known as Pak Habib (but he uses S.H.Alattas in his books and articles) was born in the year of the Snake, September 21st 1941. A self-made-man, a secondary school dropout who went through all kinds of jobs, mainly salesman, odds jobs as gardener, driver, model, part-time actor, production manager, script writer, translator and manage his own family business.

He has travelled widely within the country and worldwide. It is not a surprising fact that his ten-room-house now is given away as the first Malaysian Writers' Museum. The house has won the most beautiful traditional Malay house and land-scape in Pahang

and second place in Malaysia. It has become a centre of exchanging views, knowledge and ideas among many people of different races, creeds and religions. They are Muslims, Hindus, Christians, Buddhists and free-thinkers, and animists. In fact, animals and birds also love his house. He is an avid collector of plants and flowers. His eight-acre garden is planted with the exotia fruit trees and flowers consist of Haliconies and other tropical flowers. It is a botanical garden.

He has been married three times, with eight children, 6 boys and 2 girls whose ages range from 7 to 32 years. He is also the proud grandfather of 6 grandchildren, 3 girls and 3 boys. Now he has only one wife. He is a friendly, jovial, happy-go-lucky, down to earth, open-minded, loyal, approachable and helpful person.

He is a very popular columnist of many Malay tabloids among them Watan and Mingguan Perdana. Later, a few of these tabloid have been banned, namely '*Mingguan Waktu*', '*Mingguan Kota*' and '*Media Islam*'. He started as a short story writer in 1960 and became very popular in entertainment magazines in the early sixties especially Berita Filem, Filem Malaysia, Massa and Mastika.

He is a trend setter, his style of writing and arrangement of his book is a trend being followed by the present political writers of this country. His nicknamed is Pak Belalang or Pak Nujum. He is the first Malay writer to introduce astrology, palmistry and face-reading to the present Malay readers. As he gets older and more matured in his writing, he is better known as Pak Habib. However, Pak Habib has remained a popular name of Syed Hussien up to this day, be it in his writings or in everyday social life.

His early subjects were astrology, palmistry, physiognomy and

mystic (which he has abandoned long time ago). Although he lacks academic training but he gained enormous inner knowledge (Arabic, laduni) through divine gifts. He has combined and well-blended the physical, mental, religious and spiritual knowledge in all of his writings. His writings were inspired by unknown forces which only a limited number of people believed. Of course the majority do not believe in miracles and occultation and supernatural world (spirit) because they have been misled or never exposed. They have been taught that only the physical world exists.

S.H. Alattas or popularly known as Pak Habib showed the highest form of humanity when he was allowed temporary custody of 22 children of convicted religious teacher Abdul Talib Harun and his 10 wives by the Bentong Magistrate's court in late July 1995. His residence in Janda Baik was turned into a court room. It was probably the first occurrence in this country, or maybe in the world, where individual's residence had been turned into a court-room.

The twenty two children - 10 boys and 12 girls - who were between two months and six years old remained under Pak Habib's care for three months. The Welfare Department and the court agreed that S.H. Alattas or Pak Habib was morally and financially able to support, maintain and educate the children. What our political and religious leaders are doing? Are they passing Laws to punish or to safeguard the innocent children?

Born from a wealthy family of businessmen in real estate who were renowned throughout the country for their charitable works. The Alattas family had built schools since the early thirties near mosques. They even donated many acres of land for mosques, religious schools and for the Chinese cemetery.

Hussein Alattas is the President of the **Malaysian Political**

Writers Club. He practises *open-house*' all day long and all year round, and I think his house is the only one that has no gates and fences. Anybody is welcome. You can ask all the children or the folks of Janda Baik and they will show you his house. Hussien belief that his house, property and asset belong to Allah, the Almighty as he is only a trustee. Men should never be stingy and greedy. We must share what Allah has trusted upon us, that is the basic teaching of Islam. Submit and worship God only. It is a sin to submit and worship the material world. Why should we cling and hold tight to things we cannot take with us to the grave. To live happily and to remain healthy, we must learn to let go. What is dear to us for the sake of Allah. Every thing comes from Allah and we must surrender back to Allah with open heart. That is Hussein Alattas' way of thinking.

In 1981, Syed Hussein wrote a book, entitled **SIAPA SELEPAS MUSA**. The main issue then was the bitter contest for the UMNO's Deputy Presidency between Datuk Musa Hitam and Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah. As a result, the latter lost and left UMNO to form a new party, Semangat 46. This new party became popular among a fraction of Malay community because Tengku Razaleigh was the most senior minister before he left UMNO. Semangat 46 was to become a substitute party for the Malays, but later, Tengku Razaleigh dissolved this party and urged all his followers to join UMNO again. In the beginning, they agree to his kind of writing but now it has become a history.

Prior to the 1981 contest, Hussein Alattas predicted victory for Datuk Musa. Even the caption of the photograph of Syed Hussein with Datuk Musa which was taken long before the contest stated:-

"This is the leader who is tipped to be the Deputy Prime Minister".

When Datuk Musa Hitam submitted his letter of resignation, dated February 26th 1986, the name of S.H. Alattas suddenly appeared in the minds of Malaysians about the writer, who for the past five years, had written and published a numerous publication that touched and focussed so much on Datuk Musa Hitam's political future.

Those who have not had the chance to follow his writings will naturally wonder what Syed Hussein has got to do with Datuk Musa Hitam, Tengku Razaleigh, Ghafar Baba, Abdullah Badawi, Datuk Najib or any other Malay political leaders? What is so special about Syed Hussein that needs to be written? Why do I have to speak so much about him in my preface in this book? Who is really the focus of **Five Hundred Million Dollarman**?

The real issue here is about Tan Sri Muhammad Mohd Taib who was caught by the Australian authorities. There are several interesting facts about Hussein that should be made known before you proceed with the book because he is not just a writer, but a king maker who possesses psychic abilities. Almost all of his predictions became true. And if you don't know the real Alattas you will not enjoy his eccentric work. He is unique and to know him is to love his writing. He writes with a mission and vision, a danger man, who could create a nightmare to Malaysian top politicians.

MUSA A TRAITOR? was his most daring and popular book which openly and boldly attacked the Deputy Prime Minister who was also the Home Minister at that time. It also reveals the political intrigues of Datuk Musa Hitam, who was once regarded as a very intelligent politician. Unfortunately, luck had ran out on him. Musa was successful in court and Syed Hussein was fined RM150,000.00 for his writings which ruined the political career of Musa Hitam.

Some of his friends used to advise Hussein that should he wish to criticise a Minister, it would be best to do so without writing a book. Once a book is written, everybody would know the truth and it is damaging and it will bring shame to the family concern. It will be very embarrassing to the Minister concerned. Hussein contended, that:-

"I write about Ministers in my book because it is the only way to get the Ministers to hear what others say about them. Otherwise, I cannot convey the people's wishes to the ministers. It is not only me who finds it very difficult to get to meet Musa. Just ask any of his friends, how difficult it is to see him after he became the Deputy Prime Minister. Even if you manage to see him, you will find him a totally different person."

Hussein Alattas would give the same answer to who ever questions his manner and style of writing. He could not care a bit. He does not own anybody for a living or anybody own him for a living. He has to teach the new generation how to be brave. This is what independence is all about. A man is born free and he only submits to God. No man should *kaw taw, sembah*, fall prey to another man.

His comments on his books are exemplary as such:-

"Sincerely I apologise if my books are not up to your expectations. Please accept the fact that this is not a literary work but is an analysis of Malaysian politics. I want you to enjoy the phenomena and the true picture of Malay politics the way it is originally written."

If you can enjoy American English or Australian English, why don't you give yourself a break. Try Political Humour in Malaysian English of my style.

Anyway, there is always a first time. So you can forget about the grammar and the tenses. Most importantly is my message and what you can read in between the lines.

As a dropout, this is the best that I can present and I do not expect you to ask for anything better.

The purpose of translating my book in my kind of English is because I want you to enjoy reading it as in the original copy.

I write the way I feel and think, which is also the thoughts and feelings of some Malays, although I am not really a Malay myself.

I am a first generation of Arabic descendant. My father is an Indonesian Yemeni, a typical Hadarami. My mother is also from the same Alattas and her grandfather is also from Yemen. Both of my father and mother and my whole family are Sunni.

Years of intermingling with the Malays had made them accept me as a Malay. Though in my hometown Johor Bahru, where I was born and brought up, they still framed me as Arab. The practice of apartheid in Johor for the definition of Malaysian where the Arabs cannot buy any property in the Malay reservation is still persisted. What ever, I am

very proud to call myself a Malaysian. Anyway, most of the Malay leaders are of the Indian, Turkish and Thai descendants. A race most unique among the other races, you have to be a Muslim to be a Malay and yet in the state you are born, they mistreated you in their brotherhood to live in the same village with them although your wife is a true Malay according to the state law ."

My dear readers, this is the kind of work you are about to read. You will not enjoy his work until you know who the writer is. He is not an Islamic scholar but the critical ulama, mullah and the religious department officials cannot find the logic of his bringing the Al-Quran into most of his writings.

Another extraordinary thing about the writer is that he acts as a story teller in all his works. He involves himself in writing, typesetting, printing and distribution of his books which is another strange thing to people who have never read his works.

"Some people say that I like to criticise the government and enjoy thrashing those leaders that I don't like. It is not so. I criticise for the love of my country, my people and my religion. I was once Musa's strong supporter but now, after Musa had turned in to a 'musang' (fox) - the way he was nicknamed by his enemies for chasing after the chickens, mother hens and cockrels - I have to shoot him with the 'foxy gun', in order to chase him away. Otherwise I would be his victim.

It is a shame and I am fully aware that if it is fated that Mahathir should fall, and Musa with his men wins, they will take over the present government. I

am prepared to spend the rest of my life under detention by ISA. I was told about this when Musa was still the Home Affairs Minister.

I like to prove to the world that under the Premiership of Datuk Sri Dr. Mahathir, we really practise democracy.

I criticise not because of my desire to be the Prime Minister or the King. I am not a politician. I am not a member of any political party. Neither is it out of revenge. I did it because I consider it as a sacred duty that I have to perform in order to uphold the truth.

It is better to be dead or rot under detention than to suffer the humiliation of being a mercenary writer earning payment by writing for and according to the demands of the master. Heaven forbids! A munafik. I do not want to be like those cowards who are afraid to fight for the truth. I hope those who had been used by Musa would one day realise that they were his tools. I hope they would know that what they had done was against the interest of our beloved country. Good Muslims love their country and people. They will never let themselves to be used as tools by anyone."

Syed Hussein's excellent works are well-known among Malaysian readers, but with this publication - **Five Hundred Million Dollarman** - the reader will be globalised. It is because the main topic is focussed on Tan Sri Muhammad Bin Hj Mohd Taib who has committed an offence in Australia. He failed to declare in his possession of RM2.4 million (actually in various

currencies) at the Brisbane Airport when he left Australia on the way to New Zealand. As the Chief Minister of Selangor State and the Vice President of UMNO (the ruling party in Malaysia), Muhammad Mohd Taib is supposed to be well-versed with legal matters. Ignorance of foreign laws is not an excuse for him to do whatever he likes, as he did in Malaysia.

"Usually the leaders' fall is due to their own misdoings. They are careless, selfish, egoistic, merciless and neglect the responsibilities entrusted upon them. Their downfalls are geared by their sinful deeds committed openly with or without the awareness of the people".

"It is not my intention to meddle in Musa's personal affairs regarding his ex-wife Maria, but since he is our leader, who aspires to be the Prime Minister one day, it is imperative that we see how he manages his personal life, for:

"If He Can't Even Run His Own Home And Marriage Properly, How Could We Expect Him To Look After The Entire Nation".

S.H. Alattas
Musa A Traitor

There are very few books about political analysis written by Malay authors in English in Malaysia. Some of the Malay writers who happened to indulge in writing in English are very much academic-oriented. Thus, judging from their writings, it can be seen that their style and technique were more inclined towards academic works that are suited to inexperienced students. Furthermore, most of these books are one-sided, that is to say, they are bias and never criticise any wrong doings of political

leaders. The writers are scared of punishment under the Internal Security Act or their books being banned by the Government.

The books written by Alattas are more accurately categorized as popular works on politics. The reality in fact was such. The political books written by Alattas are popular indeed. They command many followers and enjoy high sales, surpassing books written by other authors.

Who could deny this reality? It is not easy to sell 30,000 to 50,000 copies of books, like those written by Pak Habib. Malaysians, especially the youngsters are lazy to read political books. They prefer entertainment magazines on pop singers, artists and Gila-Gila. Ujang is the most popular cartoonist among the younger generation, even Alattas is a fan of Ujang, a very popular cartoon magazine for children..

The works by S.H. Alattas are not academic books. I suppose Habib himself agreed to this statement and he cannot be bothered. He may not be proud to be a school dropout but it never make himself inferior. However, his ultimate aim of writing books is to convey the message, transparent or in-depth hidden meaning, brought to him by the messenger of God. Is it not the duty of every Muslim who professes Allah as his/her only God and Muhammad the last messenger? So the readers would not only grasp the entire political scenario but at the same time to educate the leaders involved.

The language used by Alattas in his book as a mean of communication almost did not comply to the required standard. He uses a simple and down-to-earth language so that his readers would understand better.

Actually this is what made Pak Habib distinct from the others. He

does not use the academic language and he writes according to what he thinks as best, and no more than that. Once he told me what if he starts to write like academicians, he will be common like them. And surely his books would fail to achieve the controversial status. And I think that in every decade, there is only one accentric man like him.

S.H. Alattas knows the technique of communication and he knows who are his 'target readers'. He writes in the style of language which would be understood even by the taxi drivers, 'bahasa pasar' (market dialect) used by the youngsters. It is just like Alattas is talking through his mouth. Nevertheless, once in a while, he writes like Anwar Ibrahim or Dr. Mahathir or any of the contemporary ulamaks.

This is the talent possessed by S.H. Alattas which could also be said as his advantage. Perhaps without realising it, he had used the communication technique through everyday language in the style of story-telling. He is a story teller, like a chatter box. When he starts talking or writting, it is difficult to stop. Thus, this what attracted the attention of the people to read his books. This kind of communication technique, more aften than not, leaves a far-reaching effect because it is communicative and effective as well as being close to the readers. He never tell me where he learns the art of propagation technique.

He loves his readers. He cares about them and he always wants to present the best quality of work which will satisfy them. This is further enhanced by the fact that the writer possesses boldness, unmatched by other writers, apart from featuring facts not known to ordinary people. God knows how and where he got them from.

Touched on the questions of moral and legal implications by belittling the boldness of Alattas is saying "blind" in his boldness.

We believe that Alattas has considered over the consequences as a result of his writings - one of his foot is in the prison - he is betting on his own life. The threats by politicians are perhaps no longer posed any danger for him. He says that he is the descendant of matyrs. His grand father died as matyre and he adored those ulama who died as matyres. Man must die to fight for the truth because truth is God. This is the proof that he loves Islam, he loves his Prophet, he loves his fellow humans as he loves God.

Many seemed to disapprove the way Alattas published those photographs which could be detrimental to our politicians. But, as an extraordinary writer he possesses different type of approach in writing - not the conventional approach. He chooses the best photographs to illustrate the real meaning of his message. In addition, his captions on the photographs were excellent.

Many people want the writer to have moral obligations. But they have forgotten the fact that leaders are public figures who are subjected to much exposure. They are not free from the question of whether the writer would "enjoy" the misery of others as a result of what he had written.

The well-disciplined leaders must be made because we do not want to be led by those ill-disciplined leaders who are corrupt, cruel, arrogant and abusing power trusted by the people. Let it be Kings, Sultans and their families and ministers but when they become gamblers, drinkers, corrupted tyrants, oppressors and womanisers, do you really want your children and grandchildren to be entrusted in the hands of these kinds of leaders and monarchy? There is no compromise in fighting the tyrannical and barbaric leaders because God is always with us. We must have faith in Allah the Almighty. Every thing is fair in war as long as you don't over do. Don't go beyond the limit.

Once again we take our hat to salute the boldness of Alattas. This is where lie the responsibility of the writers towards the society as indoctrinated by the 'Asas 50': *seni untuk seni, bukan seni untuk negara* (art for the sake of art, not for the sake of nation). This is the kind of boldness that we asked from every writer.

Our country upholds the sovereignty of the law. Should anything written by any particular writer is directed towards a single purpose of discrediting or slandering someone, we have many judges and courts to do the jobs of justice. Alattas is also an ordinary citizen who could be dragged into a courtroom and face a penalty should he is found guilty of perjury or false writing. The wrong doings or corrupt practices by our leaders should be exposed and let the people to be the judges. The practice of *sweeping under the carpet* of those corrupted or ill-disciplined leaders is unethical. It can be considered as **Barbaric Practice**.

Datuk Musa had used his privileges under the Law. But this was only confined to stop the book "**Challenger - Siapa Lawan Siapa**" (Challenger - Who Versus Who) from further distribution. A popular maxim states that, *power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely*.

Why didn't Datuk Musa go further than that if what Alattas wrote was really incorrect and had caused him due embarrassment?

Every writer has the right to write according to his perception based on one's ability - the ability in terms of gathering the information and the ability to present the information in his writing. This is what many people seemed to have forgotten the fact that the society also reserves the right to obtain information. Until now, Pak Habib seemed to be able to comply with the readers' desire for information.

At the end of my comment, I leave it to the readers to posed a question, whether the books such as this, is fit to be categorized as the source of knowledge? Now, it is our turn to ask a question, could we in our right mind, compare Proton Perdana to BMW, to be categorized as luxury cars? It would be good if we are prepared to admit that Proton Perdana is popular and very saleable. But it is not a luxury car as BMW, anyway.

With this in perspective, **Five Hundred Million Dollarman** is seen as serving a dual purpose of informing the local and international readers about Malaysian politics from a Malay point of view. At the same time, it will encourage the Malay writers to begin writing political books in English for wider audience.

Syed Hussein's exposure to current political events and he is able to penetrate into the inner circles of UMNO's enclave of top leaders has made his writing more matured, critical and responsible. We are lucky readers because we can share his enormous experience with him through his pen.

He may not be a single observer on UMNO's politics. However, his work would help readers to widen their scope about the power play in UMNO. If in **'The Small is Beautiful'**, E.F Schumacher writes, **'an ounce of practice is generally worth more than a ton of theory'**; then this is what **Five Hundred Million Dollarman** is all about.

Syed Hussien Alattas boldly speaks out his mind on 'taboo' subjects. At the same time, he shades some light into various topical problems that need to be examined. In doing so, a few of his books were banned by the Malaysian authorities. He cannot be bothered. He strongly believes that every one who understands the shahadah *'la ila ha ill lallah, Muhamadar Rasulullah'*, **There**

is no God but Allah and Muhamad is the messenger of God, must submits himself only to Allah The Almighty and carry the responsibility of the messenger of God. Muhammad is the last messenger of God. He fears nobody, nothing but the power of the Almighty God, Allah.

Hussein as the decendant of Hussein Aba Abdillah, the matyrer who gave his life and almost all his family except for Imam Ali Zainal Abidin of Karbala, also possesses the **inner knowledge** being bestowed upon him by Allah, the Almighty when he comments:-

"Miracle happens to those who believe in it. I believe in Allah, thus I believe in miracles. I have seen miracles happened in politics. I have seen and involved in the ups and downs of political leaders. I am not proud and it is not right to be labelled as a king maker. It is God in man, far deep in the hidden part of the biological body of men hidden the soul that came from God and all men are the khalifah of God on earth. All men are alike. They are all come from God and will go back to God.

"O you people! We have created you all from one male and one female, and have made you nations and tribes that you may know each other. But the noblest among you is the most righteous".

Here in this verse, the Quran, our holy book which was revealed from God directly to Muhammad through the Archangel Gabriel, starts with the words: Ya ayyuha `nnas, which mean: "O you people!" It did not say, "O you Muslims!" Islam looks at all humanity as one Family of families coming from the same root, from the same origin.

Islam teaches people to practise righteousness, to be courteous, to value equality and human rights, and to work peacefully towards the idea that all under heaven are one family.

It also teaches people to observe the obligations of Islam when alone in this world and to practise self discipline; not to care only for the present but to be farsighted and think of the future.

Islam teaches us that no man should try to obtain undue profit or gain from another. There can be no reward or recompense for service or deeds that we may have done to others, except that which will be given a thousand fold by Allah.

Islam is a religion which works for universal harmony. Modern scientists have helped to prove the accuracy of Islam.

It is a lesson to be learnt by the cruel and tyrant leaders to respect mankind, the re-presentatives of God on earth. They should learnt from Al-Quran, like the famous Pharaoh (King of Egypt) who lost to Musa a.s. the Prophet of God.

*If politicians do not believe in miracles, and the power of the Almighty God then they are belittling the prophetic saying, **'Politics is the game of the possible. In politics, there is nothing such as 'two plus two is four and two multiply by two is four'.** The answer is incredible and no schools children would ever understand and not even the scholar who*

accepted Islam as a tradition which was passed to them from the fathers and grandfathers.

Every religion has miracles. In one form or the other, all the sacred books have recorded miracles brought by God's Prophets. Torah, Gospel and Quran all recorded flamboyant miracles performed by the early Hebrew Prophets, Jesus Christ and his apostles, and Muhammad with God's will and Intervention. None of these miracles are indentical; they always differ to suit a particular occasion or happenings or to a whole community or century. The miracle that Prophet Jonas was eaten by a fish and he was in its belly for a good number of days until it swam across the ocean and vomitted him out differs from the several miracles that Prophet Jesus had performed. Jesus fed several of his disciples with little food; he even raised up a dead person; he restored eye sight to a blind man. Like his birth, his death shrouded in mystery, which had a miracle of its own. Prophets Moses and Abraham were born with full of miracles. Moses had been bestowed the power to perform miracles as the only way to escape from the cruel King of Egypt. His walking stick came to his aid. Right in time, it became a serpent when he was confronted by the great magicians of Egypt. His arm changed to white when he lifted it up from his arm pit. All these miracles supposed to have been performed by Moses, Abraham, Jesus and Muhammad (Peace be upon them) and the other Prophets are to declare the power of God.

At the same time, these miracle or the power of God's Warners to perform miracles do not constitute essential dogma of belief. One can continue to be strict adherent of any religion without believing in any of these miracles. In other words, faith is not built upon these miracles. With or without believing in these miracles brought by the Prophets one can be a good Muslim, a good Christian or a good Jew. The Holy Quran does not vouch-safe

that Prophet Muhammad was a maker of wonders and miracles. On the contrary, he had lived the life of a perfect man. His life was real. He lived to his precepts and teachings. It is hard to imagine that whatever miracles supposed to have been brought by him had won laurels to his grand personality. Nothing like that.

As S.H. Alattas said:

"Al-Quran guides man to understand religion better. Only religion can help us to solve the world's problem of today. No other, be it Communisme, Capitalisme or Socialisme. I know that I was gifted with well-developed psychic powers and visions by Almighty Allah. This 'feeling' had told me that Musa would not stay long as Mahathir's number two. All other happenings which I have predicted were true."

*Why do I mixed politics with miracles? I did not, but I write political books in a political manner, like those written by political analysts before me? Because if I imitate their style, then my predictions on Harris Salleh's fall, the return of Tun Mustapha to power and he was appointed as Sabah's Chief Minister, as in **TUAH NASIB PEMIMPIN MALAYSIA** published in 1983, were not come true. It is one of the examples on my predictions.*

The late Tun Mustapha, the bankrupt politician, won the Sabah election with his party, USNO. He united with Harris Salleh's party, BERJAYA to contest for the only seat left in the Sabah State Assembly was definitely a miracle! What ever happened was just an history. USNO and BERJAYA were buried together with their leaders. Most of their members were

admitted into UMNO. Today, Sabah is ruled by UMNO, but it lost its Chief Minister's post to another party. This is what you call politics. Only Mahathir the Prime Minister who has made the decision can explain it.

Datuk Harun was the first Malaysian Minister to be charged in court with corruption. He was convicted and put in jail. He was powerful, popular and one of the UMNO's Vice Presidents. But the UMNO followers did not believe that he was a corrupt leader and deep in their hearts they know Harun was a good man. They knew he was framed. Only history will reveal the truth. That is why they took him to be their leader irrespective of whether he was an ex-convict who was charged with corruption? And that is why the convict won the Vice President's post while he was in the Pudu Jail. Datuk Harun Idris is a good man and not a con man as his corrupt case was cleared. He was rejected by UMNO because he was not an ex-convict but he left the party to join the Opposition.

*I am a Muslim, I believe Al-Quran is the voice of God. As a believer, **'the holy Al-Quran' is a living miracle**. Al-Quran is the manual to help and guide mankind and the universe. Muslim must possess the mind built by the Al-Quran. This is not a song book for singing and reciting. It must be part of men like the Prophet as the living Al-Quran. God commands men to read and read with His Gracious name. Allah is the only God who is Almighty.*

Politics is the game of the possible'. It does not mean that

you can simply do whatever you like with the power trusted upon you. Well, this is left to be seen. After all the people in the government, especially the Ministers and the Chief Ministers, supposed to serve the people today, are not any better than the Chief Minister of Selangor. No one is perfect. What Tan Sri Muhammad Mohd Taib experienced now is just because luck is not on his side. May be he is being framed because of a jealousy, hatred and ill-feeling. He was caught red-handed in other people's country. We are yet to see the outcome of the Brisbane scandal. No matter what, the Malays have '*short memory*'. They will forget this issue soon, like they have forgotten the previous leaders which Syed Hussein exposed in his books. May be they considered it as an history.

Perhaps, what our Prime Minister believes might come true. '*A known Devil is better than an unknown Angel*'. In the political arena, there is no such phrase as '*a permanent friend or a permanent enemy*'. As long as there is permanent trust, the past will be buried for as long as Mohd Taib is an asset to the boss!

Before I close this preface, let us try to understand the mind of the writer who has created a nightmare to most politicians in this country. That is the reason why it takes me a long time to introduce the writer to you so as they say, *to know is to love*. Once you love his work, you will communicate better with his mind. It is because he works for no one, but for Allah the Almighty.

After reading all of his 29 books, I conclude that this book, **THE FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARMAN** is his masterpiece. He has accommodated all his thoughts, talents, inner knowledge and gifted abilities in this book so that the readers could grasp the real messages being conveyed but him. I

hope those who have been criticized by Pak Habib in this book to keep a cool head. They must ponder and think deeply about the messages contained in this book, and ask God for His Guidance.

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*Those who laugh last, laugh the loudest. Such is the fate of politicians - for as long as there is life, the spirit is still high and they still have followers, the chances to be the Prime Minister is still bright. On the right is Datuk Abdullah Badawi, the Foreign Minister and one of the Vice President of UMNO. They called him the good man. They say he won the last UMNO election because the magical tears of Dr. Mahathir. But many still believe Dato' Seri Sanusi Joned (on the left), the Chief Minister of Kedah, the longest serving Agricultural Minister in the world is predicted to be the next Prime Minister too, though he is not one of the three Vice Presidents. **Politics is the game of the possible.***

(Challenger II)

S.H. ALATTAS

KU YAH LAWAN MIKE TYSON



*Di harapkan panas hingga ke petang, rupanya hujan di tengah hari.
Itulah nasib Ku Yah yang tersepit di dalam kancah poligami...
Bagaimana dengan masa depan politik Muhammad Taib yang telah
memberikan wang Muta'ah sebanyak RM16 Juta kepadanya ?*

*She hoped the sunshine would last till the end but it rained in the afternoon.
Such is the fate of Ku Yah with her polygamic experience with Muhammad
Taib. What is in store for Muhammad's political future after paying a divorce
suit of RM16 million?*



The marriage between Tan Sri Muhammad and Tengku Puteri Zahariah Sultan Salahuddin, the princess who is so beautiful, rich, famous, they called her Joan Collins of Malaysian ended up in frustration and loneliness. This is the result if only one thinks of looking after the cage but not the bird. Money cannot buy everything. Can buy a house, not a home. Can buy fun and cheap thrills but not happiness.



The Heartbroken Princess

So they say **'The hands that rock the cradle are also the hands that shake the world'**. Tear drops from her lonely and sad eyes show the deep cut in her heart, her heart is very badly hurt, only God knows how painful it is when the one you love lets you down and you have nobody to turn too. Tears and prayers are the only thing she has left. Beauty, wealth and popularity is of no use anymore. How can she tell the world how deeply hurt she was? It is no fault of others. She knows the man is married and someone else's husband. The man she loved is an ambitious politician with a dream and a mission and to him the princess is only an **appetiser**, an **ajinomoto**. How frustrated it is to know the truth when it is too late. What if this were to happen to your sister, daughter or even your mother when somebody simply humiliate and turns her into a widow? **Sendiri tanya, sendiri jawablah. Sendiri tengok, sendiri ada hati, sendiri nangislah.**



What is there to explain? The pictures tell the whole story. Mat Taib and former father in law, the king. And Ku Yah with all her children.





*Do you think those involved in this case and have committed themselves in such cruelty are fit to talk about Islam? Even the jahiliah, the barbaric Arabs before the coming of Islam only buried alive baby girl. Is the Syariah Court judgement according to the book of God and the sunnah of the Prophet? When the members of the public do this to any child, they are taken to court and would be punished severely. But just because the Religious Department is in control of the Syariah Court, the sultan is the boss, you think they can simply do what they like? Nobody can label them **deviationist** (sesat) every other Muslim who thus not abide under Islamic administration enactment is at their mercy. How can we allowed them to play God, allowed them to abused the power to show who is Islam and who is unIslamic as interpreted by them. Dr. Mahathir talks about the world and the hereafter, have they ever thought of the punishment they have to face after death? Just because Abu Talib and his wives has a different school of thought they should fall prey and victim to the authority? You think our conscience is clear to see such cruelty happening under our nose and we do nothing, say nothing? And can you blame the social problem of today if 'the so-called' ulama 9 to 5 have no respect for themselves? Ask the ulama what they do after five?*



Imagine these babies were your own, your flesh and blood, would you not have a pain and a big cut in you? These babies are innocent, why should they be punished? Just because their mothers were found guilty by the Syariah Court of Johor Baharu, for unlawful sex and living with Abu Talib out of wedlock. The judge can simply put their mother's all ten of them in to the cell. Thanks to the Director of Prison who help me to allow the babies to live with them during the sentence. I am very thankful to God, the Al-Mighty that has entrusted me with so many newly born babies whom I never met and they don't know me either. Imagine all the children who was with their ten mothers and father so suddenly taken away without notice. At least leave a few mothers who are milking the children. I love them and they love me too. God had granted me the strength and courage not to panic, maybe because it has always been my philosophy that I shall pass through this world but once. Any good thing therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature. Let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.



Abu Talib, 35 the religious leader who mastered in Islamic history taught, his wives and followers the secret about the 7th century Mecca, how the powerful leaders are in bitter conflict with one man "Mohammed". Strong in character and determined in spirit, who speaks out against the injustice of the society in which they live, slavery, cruelty, drunkenness. All of humanity is of one race, one source, one nature and has one God, to declare equality for all, so he developed a social, class and ideological equity in the model society of Madinah, in a society where bilal, a scorned stranger and slave, was formally recognized in that society by all and was felt to be more noble and of greater value and was treated with more respect than the greater aristocrats of Arab society, Salim, a youth who was the son of a slave of Hudhayifah who, at one time, had walked about in the narrow streets as a debased and deprived slave, now stands, leading the congregational ritual prayer in the Quba Mosque, before the most noble of the quraysh Emigrants, and behind him are the dearest, most radiant figures of society and the most distinguished personalities of the pre-Islamic and the Islamic era. He also reveals the secret teaching of mutaah which was a taboo and had been kept a secret for more than a thousand years by the school of Ahlul Sunnah. Abu Talib is a Syiah. Do you think he has been given a fair trial? We have finally come to the closing of this century. We have reached the junction between the goods and the evils. As such why should the true Islam be hidden from us forever.

THE PLAYBOY CHIEF MINISTER

19th. March 1993

Tan Sri Muhammad Mohd. Taib.

Tan Sri,

I have written you a long letter which I hope you have read very very carefully and understood every word that was written. I know the content of the letter is very direct, very sharp and very harsh. I know you will not like it at all but I have to be very frank and honest because of all the evil things that you have done all this while (irresponsible and tricky) will bear their consequences on yourself. That letter also illustrated all the evil things and cruelty that you have done, not only to me but to the public as well. You are very cruel to me and to our son, Mohd Faez. I felt sad and upset that Mohd Faez, a clever and brilliant boy, has to suffer and the father-son relationship severed.

Our broken marriage has created one big question. I want you to think and ponder this following words. There is no woman, who has been married, wanted that marriage which was build on love, to be broken so easily.

Is there any woman who wants to be a divorcee after having a child from a famous husband? Is there any woman who has been divorced once, twice, thrice and fourth wanted to be divorced again?

I hope for the sunshine to last until evening, but it rains in the midday. That was the fate of a Royal Princess with her own luck and destiny.

With promise and oath, there will be no more divorce until death departs us. But a banana tree bears fruits so many times.

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What was happening lately I could grasped - rumours on your relationship with RM (Selangor) that was strained (not as intimate as before). That was the result after I gave several warnings that this thing would happened, if missed the target.

God is always Seeing and Helping to the innocent people, like me, who has been betrayed and played out. When there is a crisis, Tan Sri and your beloved wife, Puan Sri Asbi Rohani Asnan, both of you always conveyed the bad impression of me to Raja Muda (Selangor) with wrong facts so that Raja Muda would be on your side. Tan Sri was intimately close with Raja Muda (Selangor) like nail and flesh. You meet him in your house or you visit him in his house, you played badminton together - in the end that intimate relationship was broken. That angered me. I am a blood sister from one mother with Raja Muda (Selangor) has been side-lined. He side-lined me without due consideration, although I am his own sister. Raja Muda also pestered and praised Puan Sri Asbi and Tan Sri while I am still your wife. He is very selfish and greedy for more government lands without considering his sister's sufferings. This is 'selfishness'. In the end, it was broken and everyone moved separately.

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Tan Sri, I am very very angry with Tan Sri because you told to public that I was crazy in love with you. But I was one-sided love, that is, you do not love me. This has made me ashamed of myself to the public as well as to the prominent people. They are keeping on asking me on the subject, whether it was true or not. This has made me depressed and angered as although I am chasing your shadow. There were suggestions for me to forget and discard Tan Sri completely, and to look to alternative choice because Tan Sri was dishonest, unfaithful and you could not provide me comfort and true love. Tan Sri also is completely forgotten of Mohd Faez. I answered those allegations and queries by saying that I am not surprised on your behaviour. It is because, while I am still your lawful wife, that is, before our divorce, your involvement with other women still exist. Whatever Tan Sri, I hope you always perform umrah several times so that your heart could be purified with good intentions. There is no benefit, after performing umrah, your heart is still dirty. Before one goes to Mecca, what is one intention? I know your intention. I also know the intentions of politicians who

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perform umrah. But, is the intention pure? Do not possess good intention while in Mecca, but on returning home, the intention became evil. One who returns from Mecca will be tested by God. If good intention in Mecca became evil at home, God would punish severely. Allah forbids victimisation to the other fellow Muslims.

That's all,

(Tengku Zahariah)

THE OTHER SIDE OF MIDNIGHT

The Honourable

Tan Sri Dato' Muhammad B Muhd Taib,

The Chief Minister's Office

Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Building,

Shah Alam.

6th. April 1991

The Honourable Tan Sri,

Assalamualaikum (be peace on you). I have a few matters for your attention as reminders. These matters were the reasons for our separation as a husband and wife.

Firstly, the monthly monetary support was inconsistently made, sometimes once a month or once in every two months. It was made through Azman. The husband's monetary support to a wife through a middle man was improper, as if it was made as a compensation after a divorce. Why the payment through cheques not as in normal practice through cash? Why, do you scared of truth.....?

Secondly, Tan Sri was unfaithful and failed to give fair treatment to me and Mohd Faez.

Thirdly, Tan Sri was always finding my faults in our arguments. You did this for one purpose, that is, to leave me and refused to return home. You refused to return home for a few days, weeks and months. This is a very cruel behaviour to own wife and son. This is an animalised behavior and attitude. Tan Sri was selfish and treated more to the first wife only. If

this was your attitude, then your consciousness mind had planned for our separation and divorce.

Fourthly, Tan Sri always gave reasons to others with these words, 'I have nothing with Tengku.' Tan Sri also revealed my movements. I was blamed for all faults, I was wrong, I was condemned and I was criticised. Why Tan Sri is scared to your own faults and truth? Why don't you admit it? This thing has upset me. I will never get angry if you admit your mistakes. Why you like to victimise others?

Fifthly, your attitude after re-appointment as the Chief Minister which has given you power, wealth and status so much so you could influenced and bluff the Sultan. The Prime Minister supported you because you have influenced the public and the Sultan's personnel. You threatened your staff and government servants so that they respected you.

If anyone disobey you, you transfer him or he become your enemy. Your attitude has become identical with Pharaoh who disobey ed God. You have forgotten that good luck, fate, wealth, power and status belonged to God, Allah. It is only Allah who gives good luck and He will take it back in a split second. Last time we were ill-treated and criticised by Tuanku. At that time your future was bleak and your life became hopeless. You became soulless although your ambition was to become a top politician. You have forgotten what Allah gave you. Allah has consented our marriage, but why do you jeopardise that holy relationship and you have made my life hopeless? Why you provoked me to seek divorce? Before our marriage, you should have a thorough thinking on fairness, equal treatment to second wife and fair distribution of material and sexual commitment. The public knows that you and your parent are religious. You have told me before that

your parent (father and mother) are pious and good faith, and they have given you enough religious knowledge. But your behaviour towards me showed you failed to follow your parents religious upbringing. You always behaved against religious teachings and disobeyed Allah - like victimising the second wife. Did you feel guilty conscious or you simply disobeyed Allah's command?

Sixthly, we became enemies after the incident at the airport on 17th February 1991 and in my last letter in hand-written to you, I wanted myself to be your enemy. The reasons were, Puan Sri had demoralised myself in front of public with her words as below:

a. "Why you have to concern about your rotation on weekend, all this while, Tan Sri always sleeps in my house although it is your rotation".

b. "Tell her, tell to her, why you are scared of, why don't you tell so that she knows. These words showed as a proof that both of you have collaborated to sabotage my marriage.

c. Dato' Ali Ayat (personal secretary of the Sultan) went to your house months ago and he told me that one day before we met the Sultan, you wanted to divorce me within two weeks after the audience. When you told him the news, Puan Sri was with you. Why do you revealed all my affair in front of Puan Sri and the others? Everybody blame and criticised me. Why all the happenings in my house, Puan Sri knew? This was no concern with her. But, with your planning of divorcing me, Puan Sri became happy. I assumed that was your collaboration with Puan Sri, Dato' Ali told me the story in details. I felt very upset because you have told Puan Sri on all our affairs. I do not want to prolong our marriage. There were

no more love, trust and faith. Everything was broken and devastated. You have collaborated with Puan Sri after the Sultan pardoned you. I do not want to be your wife any longer if you still scared of your first wife. She really controls you. The incident at the airport has shown that you are really scared of Puan Sri. If this is the case, it is better to terminate our marriage immediately because she controlled you so much that I have become the victim of our marriage.

Seventhly, I was labelled as talkative. Let us think that you always come home at a very late hour. If I want to relate on fairness and rotation, you blamed me not allowing you to sleep, but that was the time I have with you. Early in the morning, at 7.30 you woke up and heading direct to your first wife's house, sometimes without bathing. You gave me reasons that you have no time to hear my grouses. When I call you by phone, you said that I cannot disturb you, you have visitors in front of you. So when can I discuss my problems with you? Why you refused to give me time for discussion? This is because you failed to give fairness and to following rotation. This is because you have to follow the whims and fancies of Puan Sri. If you dare to involve in love and marriage, why you are scared to revealed everything to the first wife? You always reminded me that once we get married, I have to understand your status. As the second wife, I abide the rulers. But you cannot treat me as an animal. I have to be known as your legal second wife. I have sacrificed a lot as the second wife, although it was improper for me as the daughter of the Sultan. This is because I love you with all my heart. At that time, God has consented our marriage although it was conducted with all the hassle and difficulty. Your collaboration with Puan Sri had jeopardised and upset everything.

My reports to the police and JAIS could not be blame on me

alone. I did that because I was frustrated and jilted by your actions with your first wife. When you slapped me at the airport, it demoralised you as the Chief Minister.

To satisfy Puan Sri, her mother and to give you satisfaction, I hereby withdraw myself and our relationship ceased automatically.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Puteri Zahariah bt Sultan Salahudin Abdul Aziz Shah..

29, SS 19/4D
Subang Jaya,
Selangor Darul Ehsan,
4th April 1991.

The Chief Qadzi,
The Department of Islamic Affairs Selangor
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Attention: Tuan Haji Abu Naim bin Haji Ikhsan

Dear Sir,

Re: JAIS Friendly Line Programme.

I, Your Honourable Tengku Puteri Zahariah bt Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah made this report after reading the daily newspaper, Utusan Malaysia of Wednesday, dated 27th March 1991 regarding the JAIS Friendly Programme which was sponsored to give advice and guidance to the husbands and wives who suffered marriages crisis. That programme was launched by the Chief Minister of Selangor.

On myself who faced problems, I have lodged a report to JAIS in 1990 because I was treated unfairly by my husband, Tan Sri Muhammad. Until today, JAIS has never taken any action on my case. Is fairness the basic tenet of Islamic teachings? Why JAIS is still refused to investigate my case? Is it because of the Chief Minister's busy schedules and top politician that my case received no response? Islam has never preached that political activities could be involved in marriage.

I had come twice to JAIS office and made several telephone calls, but to no avail. There is no benefit of sponsoring Friendly Line Programme if the basic tenet of Islam on fairness could not be solved. There is no benefit of this Programme, being launched in the fasting month by the Chief Minister who never practised the Islamic Law. If this is the case, the programme has failed to achieved it's objectives. It also puzzles the public. Why JAIS supported the Chief Minister and abandoned my plea? I have made a lot of sacrifice through proper channel, but it was a waste of time and JAIS' attitude ashamed me. I do not respect you as the Chief Qadzi of JAIS and you are not fit to hold the post because you have failed to solve my marriage problems. You have failed to respect me as the daughter of the Chief of Islamic Religion in Selangor.

Herewith, I would like to appreciate the action of Dato' Mufti Dato' Haji Ishak Haji Baharom as a responsible religious official. I have called him for an appoinment to see him. But the next day, he came to see me. This is a very good example. When I call you, there is no response, but not to Dato' Mufti. He acted on the complaint very efficiently. He respected me as the daughter of the Sultan of Selangor. You did not respect me because you think that you are very important person and holding a higher post.

What is the motive of JAIS and the Chief Minister of publishing the Friendly Line Programme in the newspaper? Is it to publicize oneself and JAIS only? Did you and the Chief Minister know that the marriage of the Chief Minister and me is in a crisis? He failed to solve his own marriage, how can he solve the marriage of others? Is it better to mend one own marriage first before mending others.

I would like to know from JAIS about 788 cases of husbands or wives who like roaming around and 155 cases of limited religious knowledge. It is evidently shown that the Chief Minister himself likes to roam around and he lacks religious knowledge. He ill-treated his wife but there is no action taken by JAIS. There is no point of masking oneself with constructive advice to others, yet one is so evil and refused to follow the Islamic principles.

Yours sincerely,

Tengku Puteri Zahariah bt Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah.



*The most loving couple in Malaysia, who else but the handsome Dato Seri Najib, the Education Minister and Vice President of UMNO, son of the late Prime Minister of Malaysia, with his second wife, Datin Rosmah. You want to know what happen to his first wife and children, you ask him yourself maybe he will **story** you.*



NEW HOME ... Zaleha surrounded by the children at Alattas' house. — **STAR-**
pic by MOHD SAHAR MISNI

Star only 95
By ADLINA WAHAB

JANDA BAIK: The Welfare Department will apply for a court order today to grant temporary custody of the 26 children of convicted self-proclaimed religious teacher Abdul Talib Haron to political writer S. H. Alattas.

National Unity and Community Development Minister Datuk Paduka Zaleha Ismail said the Pahang Welfare Department had submitted a report on

the children.

"The application for the temporary order is a matter of ironing out the technicalities.

"The court order for temporary custody is for someone deemed fit to care for the children," she said after visiting the children at the writer's home yesterday.

Zaleha added that preliminary investigations show the children are being well taken care of.

She said the court order

is sought under the Child Protection Act, 1991, and when granted, the writer would be under the supervision of the Bentong Welfare district office.

She said the temporary custody is to safeguard the interests of the children until four of their mothers had served out their one month sentence.

Abdul Talib was sentenced to 25 months' jail and fined RM14,000 for 10 offences.

Writer gets custody of 22 Talib children



MAKING HIS DECISION ... Azmir Shah (left) assesses the condition of the children and their environment. With him is Syed Hussein (right).

By Ainon Mohd

JANDA BAIK, Thurs. — The Bentong magistrate's court today allowed writer Syed Hussein Alattas temporary custody of the 22 children of convicted religious teacher Abdul Talib Haron and his 10 wives.

Magistrate Azmir Shah Zainal Abidin who visited the children today granted the application by Syed Hussein to take temporary charge of the children under the supervision of the Bentong Welfare district office.

The 10 boys and 12 girls, who are between two months and six years old, will remain at Syed Hussein's bungalow in Cherinjin here.

However, the other four baby girls, all of whom are two months old, were handed over to their respective mothers at the Kajang prison as they still need to be breastfed.

Azmir Shah said the provision under Section 22 of the Child Protection Act 1991 allowed the court to grant temporary custody to whoever they deemed fit to care for the children.

He added that the children would stay with Syed Hussein until their respective mothers made applications through the juvenile court to claim them back after they had served their sentences.

Abdul Talib, 35, was found guilty by the Johor

Baru Syariah Court last Thursday of 16 charges under the Johor Islamic Administration Enactment.

His first four lawful wives were sentenced to one month's jail for conspiring with Abdul Talib while his six other contractual wives were each sentenced to three months' jail for having unlawful sex with him and living with him out of wedlock.

Bentong welfare officer Shamaruddin Mohd Yatim said the department sought the Bentong court ruling as preliminary investigations showed that Syed Hussein was morally and financially able to support, maintain and educate the children.

"We feel that Syed Hus-

sein has done a good job in taking care of the children," he said. The children had been staying with Syed Hussein since July 13.

Earlier, National Unity and Social Development Minister Datin Paduka Zaleha Ismail said the Welfare Department would help Syed Hussein in the upkeep of the children.

Syed Hussein said he was thankful for the custody of the children.

"This is not an easy task as it requires a tremendous amount of responsibility. But as Abu Talib has entrusted me to take care of his children, I hope I won't ill-treat them," he said.

"The children miss their mothers dearly," he added.



Muhammad Taib with his first wife and children. What a blissful happy family



*Ku Yah and some national political writers at the Silver Jubilee official ceremony and the launching of the author's 25th book entitled **"Tuanku Mahathir Lawan Sultan Mahmud Iskandar"** at a prominent hotel in Kuala Lumpur. Sitting besides her is the author himself and Johan Jaafar, the Group Editor of the Utusan. Tengku Zahariah is the former Patron of the Political Writers Club of Malaysia.*



*What more you want? You want Datukship, I give you the highest Datukship? You want to become the Chief Minister, my daughter come and **story me**, though I'm very angry '**murka**' with you, I let you be one. You want my daughter, you go and elope with her to Thailand, you know how ashamed we were? Frankly speaking I cannot stand you, you stole her away from the palace. I control my temper.*

*Now what you want? After the Australian caught you, you still want to hatch more eggs? The golden eggs you have not enough ah? You are lucky the sultan have lost their immunity otherwise I will turn you into **si luncai**.*

Ali ibn Abi Talib said; The Prophet (SAW) said,
If my Ummah (Muslim community) bears 15 traits
tribulation will befall it.

Someone asked; What are they. O Messenger of Allah?
The Prophet said; When any gain is shared out only among
the rich, with no benefit to the poor,

When a trust becomes a means of making profit;

When paying the Zakat (alms tax) becomes a burden;

When a man obeys his wife and disobeys his mother, and
treats his friend kindly while shunning his father;

When voices are raised in the mosques;

When the leader of a people is the worst of them;

When people treat a man with respect because they fear
some evil he may do;

When much wine is drunk;

When men wear silk;

When female singers and musical instruments become
popular;

When the last ones this Ummah curse the first ones

- Then let them expect a red wine or the earth to swallow
them or to be transformed into animals.

- Narrated by Tirmidhi

A Malaysian Morality Tale for the 1990s

Control of Renong Could Be Up for Grabs in Spellbinding Divorce Battle

By RAFAEL PIRA

Staff Reporter

At 5:45 a.m. on May 20, 1995, Mohamed Zain Abdullah was awakened by Malaysian police pounding on his door in a Kuala Lumpur suburb. Roused from bed, the 38-year-old part-time bomb, or practitioner of Malay traditional medicine, was handcuffed and whisked away.

At a nearby police station, officers showed Mr. Zain an arrest order accusing him of deviant Islamic teaching. But Mr. Zain wasn't questioned about religious matters. Instead, he was grilled about Puan Sri Norani Zolkiffi and her estranged husband, Tan Sri Halim Saad, chief executive of Renong Bhd. and one of Malaysia's wealthiest men.

Police interrogators contended, among other things, that Puan Sri Norani had asked Mr. Zain to use his occult skills to cast a spell on her husband, according to Mr. Zain. The bomb, accused of trying to manipulate the tycoon's wife for financial gain, was banished without trial to internal exile in remote Terengganu state.

Mr. Zain is entangled in an extraordinary family feud with a compelling central issue: How will Puan Sri Norani and Tan Sri Halim divide a controlling 28.4% stake in Renong valued at about 1.9 billion ringgit (US\$762 million) and other assets held by Tan Sri Halim?

In divorce proceedings begun by Tan Sri Halim last October, Puan Sri Norani is asking for 900 million ringgit in cash and 50% of her husband's assets, which she estimates at five billion to seven billion ringgit, and half of a separate 5% stake in Renong that Tan Sri Halim transferred to a family trust two weeks before filing for divorce.

It's a formidable fortune by any measure. But the Halim-Norani divorce battle has a potent extra dimension: Tan Sri Halim's wealth is the legacy of a political money-machine created a decade ago by Tun Daim Zaimuddin, the powerful treasurer of Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's United Malays National Organization, or UMNO, the lead party in Malaysia's governing coalition.

Renong, which comprises public companies with investments ranging from toll roads to telecommunications, rests on a corporate foundation created by Tun Daim. Tan Sri Halim, Tun Daim's prize protégé, has run the group's main operating company, United Engineers (Malaysia) Bhd., for a decade — first as a nominee shareholder and manager for UMNO and now, through Renong, as an independent entrepreneur.

The Norani-Halim saga is a Malaysian morality tale for the 1990s, years in which the country's seemingly unstoppable economic boom has given a society one generation removed from sleepy rural villages a case of the cultural bends. The battle illustrates, albeit in extreme form, how windfall wealth and the intricate intermixing of business and politics have generated fortunes and follies undreamed of a decade ago.

The Halim-Norani battle also shows how

traditional beliefs in possession, evil spells and other types of "black magic" persist among some modern-day Malaysians.

In an affidavit submitted in the couple's divorce case, Mr. Zain recounts how he used the severed tails of seven black cows to exorcise demons from a printing plant owned by Puan Sri Norani, purportedly capturing the evil spirits in bottles, which he then tossed into the Straits of

Malacca. On another occasion, a Balinese maid was sacked for purportedly trying to put a spell on Tan Sri Halim's socks and underwear. (Puan Sri Norani acknowledges the incident but says the maid wasn't acting on her instructions.)

The tug of war between Puan Sri Norani and Tan Sri Halim, both 42 years old, is studded with allegations of intimidation, wiretapping and adultery. Among other things, Puan Sri Norani accuses Tan Sri Halim of using a corporate jet to trail her along a Malaysian highway. Two lawyers approached by Puan Sri Norani for advice allege that they were threatened by unknown persons.

Tan Sri Halim declined to be interviewed for this article. Rashid & Lee, his lawyers, said that he was "not free" to discuss matters related to his divorce case. They added that Tan Sri Halim considers some issues raised in this article to

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Puan Sri Norani



Tan Sri Halim

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be personal and that he "does not consider it constructive for such matters to be the subject of speculation in the press." In written replies to questions, his lawyers said the jet incident couldn't have occurred. Tan Sri Halim also said through his lawyers that he wasn't aware of the alleged threats against the two lawyers or that his wife had approached them for advice.

Neither the Malaysian government nor Dr. Mahathir's UMNO party has any official link to Renong or to the feuding couple. But at one time or another, the Halim-Norani battle has involved some of Malaysia's most powerful political figures, including Tun Daim, Information Minister and UMNO Secretary-General Datuk Mohamed Rahmat and Home Affairs Deputy Minister Datuk Megat Junid Ayub, who supervises Malaysia's police.

"It's difficult to say whether the problems I'm having are political or personal," Puan Sri Norani says in an interview. She accuses the government of intervening in the divorce dispute in support of her husband.

Datuk Megat Junid defends Mr. Zain's arrest and banishment, which he says was based on a six-month police investigation into a complaint against the bomoh by Tan Sri Halim. In an interview, he also rejects allegations by Puan Sri Norani and Mr. Zain that the police harassed them in support of Tan Sri Halim. "This investigation was properly done," Datuk Megat Junid says. "I don't want to do things (so that) people say I've misused power."



Tun Daim Zainuddin

Datuk Megat Junid says that Prime Minister Mahathir "knows this story from A to Z" and has encouraged Tan Sri Halim to act to protect the interests of the couple's three children. Dr. Mahathir's office declined to comment on the divorce battle.

Unhappy Marriage

Sudden wealth strained Tan Sri Halim's marriage, according to business colleagues and personal acquaintances. They portray Tan Sri Halim as a lonely man, sometimes shy, sometimes arrogant and hot-tempered. "You look at his face and you know he's not a happy man," says a long-time acquaintance.

Puan Sri Norani, in turn, is viewed by acquaintances as an insecure housewife who didn't keep pace with Tan Sri Halim's fast-changing fortunes and became obsessed with finding supernatural causes and cures for the deteriorating marriage.

"The whole affair is getting very messy," says a former colleague of Tan Sri Halim who knows the couple well. "I strongly believe that power and wealth change people," he adds. "It changed me and it changed Halim."

The story of the Halim-Norani battle which follows is compiled from information provided by some of the principal characters, their lawyers, court documents, personal documents and Malaysia's registrar of companies.

Puan Sri Norani and Tan Sri Halim were married in 1979. Tan Sri Halim, a New Zealand-trained accountant from rural Perlis state, was working at a local affiliate of Ford Motor Co. His wife, who came from a middle-class family in Johor state, worked as a junior bank executive. Both recall those early days of marriage as a pleasant idyll: They were poor but happy. Tan Sri Halim described the period as "just like a fairy tale", in a letter to his daughter earlier this year; Puan Sri Norani, in an interview, calls the early years "blissful."

Tan Sri Halim wasn't destined to be an obscure accountant for long. In 1980, he joined Peremba Bhd., a state-owned property developer then run by Tun Daim, a lawyer and confidant of then-Deputy Prime Minister Mahathir. When Dr. Mahathir became premier in 1981, Tun Daim quickly emerged as one of the most influential businessmen in Malaysia and the strategist behind an expansion of UMNO's business interests. In 1984, Dr. Mahathir named him finance minister and UMNO treasurer, with overall responsibility for the party's finances and investments.

An Aggressive Manager

A key UMNO nominee company was Hatibudi Sdn. Bhd., incorporated in 1984 with Tan Sri Halim and another of Tun Daim's Peremba underlings, Datuk Anuar Othman, as its sole directors and shareholders. In 1985, Hatibudi acquired a controlling stake in United Engineers, a moribund engineering concern. Tan Sri Halim became the dominant shareholder and chief executive of the reorganized United Engineers.

Tan Sri Halim also began to acquire a reputation as an aggressive, sometimes harsh and impatient manager, according to several acquaintances and former colleagues. His relationship with Puan Sri Norani deteriorated. According to his wife, the couple began to argue over Tan Sri Halim's time-consuming business affairs. In June 1987, Tan Sri Halim gave his wife a handwritten letter, offering her a divorce if she countersigned; she never did.

Hatibudi's UMNO ownership was hidden from the Malaysian public until July 1987, when opposition politicians challenged the prospective award of a huge highway project to United Engineers. The following month, in an affidavit submitted in a lawsuit attempting to block the highway award, Tan Sri Halim acknowledged that he held his shares in trust for "the ultimate beneficial owner, UMNO."

Then, in February 1988, a Malaysian court — acting on an appeal by the losing faction in a 1987 UMNO leadership contest — ruled that the party was illegal because of membership irregularities. The party was disbanded, and immediately reborn under the name New UMNO. Its known assets — including Hatibudi and United Engineers — were confiscated by Malaysia's Official Assignee for safekeeping.

The ruling posed a dilemma for UMNO, which lost its companies just as they were poised to reap a bonanza from privatization projects. What happened next has never been publicly explained by Tan Sri Halim, UMNO or the Malaysian government. But by 1990 a complex series of corporate ma-

neuvres had returned most of UMNO's former assets to the same group of Daim protégés that had earlier run the businesses.

The change in registered shareholders at United Engineers was striking because it wasn't really a change at all. When the Official Assignee took over United Engineers' controlling shareholder, Hatibudi, in 1988, Hatibudi's self-acknowledged UMNO-nominee shareholders were Tan Sri Halim and Datuk Anuar Othman. A year later, a separate company called Hatibudi Nominees Sdn. Bhd. was disclosed as United Engineers' new dominant shareholder. Hatibudi Nominees was owned by Tan Sri Halim and Datuk Anuar, this time as independent entrepreneurs.

In early 1990, Tan Sri Halim moved to consolidate most of UMNO's old assets under the umbrella of a listed holding company. He targeted Renong, then a small property concern, as the vehicle for the deal. After a series of transactions valued at 1.23 billion ringgit, at the time the biggest corporate acquisition ever in Malaysia, Tan Sri Halim and his associates owned, directly and indirectly, more than 50% of Renong's stock.

In September 1990, the Renong purchase was officially completed. Tan Sri Halim promptly installed his wife, Puan Sri Norani, as a director of the company. "I don't know why," she says, but adds that she agreed to take the post. At the time, Puan Sri Norani had left her banking job and was caring for the couple's children, Nor Syahadah, now aged 12, Muhammad Taquiddin, 11, and Nor Sabrina, 10, at home.

But as the bonanza of new wealth began to flow to the couple, their marriage skidded deeper into trouble. In court documents, Puan Sri Norani alleges that Tan Sri Halim left home on Dec. 9, 1991, and went to live with an air hostess for Malaysian Airline System. Puan Sri Norani says the incident marked the beginning of a pattern of behavior that saw Tan Sri Halim return home briefly, then leave for long periods.

In late 1993, Puan Sri Norani's father, through a family friend, was introduced to Mr. Zain, the bomoh. Mr. Zain, an ethnic-Chinese Muslim, professed to be able to diagnose charms and other psychic or physical ailments and cure them using exorcism.

Mr. Zain, in a sworn statement last November, said that Puan Sri Norani told him that other bomohs had told her that Tan Sri Halim had been "charmed" to dislike her and she asked Mr. Zain to "cure" him. But when Tan Sri Halim refused to cooperate, Mr. Zain told Puan Sri Norani that he couldn't cure his patients "through intermediaries," according to acquaintances of both Mr. Zain and Puan Sri Norani.

Still, Puan Sri Norani — always accompanied by her children, parents or other relatives — continued to visit Mr. Zain regularly to seek his help with her family problems.

Conflicting Stories

Puan Sri Norani says that Tan Sri Halim left home for good early in the morning of May 13, 1994. She says that her husband woke her at 3 a.m. and asked her three times if she wanted to continue her study of the Koran in translation with Mr. Zain. In court documents, Puan Sri Norani said she did, to which Tan Sri Halim allegedly responded, "Good, now I have good reason to leave you."

Tan Sri Halim, in a court submission in the divorce case, offered a different version of the confrontation. Tan Sri Halim maintained that he forbade his wife from going to Mr. Zain's home. He said that he told Puan Sri Norani he would consider them divorced if she insisted on doing so. According to Tan Sri Halim, she remained defiant. In turn, he recited the words used to declare a unilateral divorce under Islamic law. In a rebuttal statement, Puan Sri Norani denied that her husband had forbidden her to visit Mr. Zain or that he had threatened to divorce her.

Tan Sri Halim didn't contact Puan Sri



Datuk Megat Junid

again with him over ber. On Oct. 15, 1994, the children went on a short train ride as a school outing. According to Puan Sri Norani, Tan Sri Halim, flanked by two Malaysian immigration officers, was waiting for the children when they arrived at Kuala Lumpur's central railway station. The men put the children's thumb prints on several documents for use in making new international passports.

Puan Sri Norani wrote a letter to Prime Minister Mahathir on Oct. 25, 1994, complaining about the fingerprinting episode. She wrote that she asked immigration officials why new passports for the children were being issued to Tan Sri Halim, given that their existing documents, which she held, were still valid. Officials told her they acted on a directive from Datuk Megat Junid, she wrote.

Police Investigation

Puan Sri Norani also complained bitterly in the letter that Malaysian police had been harassing her and her friends. "All my house phones, handphones, office phones and parents' phones have been tapped," she wrote. The "interference of Datuk Megat Junid in this matter compels me to seek for your help," she wrote.

Datuk Megat Junid acknowledges the passport incident and readily agrees that the police, sometimes working undercover, began investigating Mr. Zain after receiving complaints from Tan Sri Halim. According to the deputy minister, Tan Sri Halim was increasingly worried about the impact his wife's relationship with the bomoh was having on the couple's children. Datuk Megat Junid says Tan Sri Halim wanted new passports for the children because he feared that his wife might attempt to take them abroad. He adds that Tan Sri Halim believed Mr. Zain was attempting to exploit his wife's fixation with the supernatural for financial gain.

Puan Sri Norani, through an intermediary, sent her Oct. 23 letter to Dr. Mahathir via Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat, who is also UMNO's secretary-general. Puan Norani claims Datuk Mohamed later met with her father and the intermediary and conveyed an offer from Tun

Daim to give her 25 million ringgit and custody of their children if she agreed to divorce Tan Sri Halim.

In a written reply to questions about the episode, Tun Daim didn't address the issue of the alleged 25 million ringgit offer. But he denied encouraging Tan Sri Halim to disseminate the opinion that marriage is something which is very private and should not be subject to public debate. It is highly immoral to advise divorce," he said.

Datuk Mohamed acknowledges meeting Puan Sri Norani's father, who he says was seeking 50% of Tan Sri Halim's assets. But

he says he never conveyed any monetary offer to Puan Sri Norani's family and that he didn't pass on her letter to Dr. Mahathir. "I was never a go-between," he says.

In November, 1994, Puan Sri Norani arranged through Abdullahilhai Mohamed, a lawyer specializing in Is-



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lamic law, to meet with a "spiritualist" at her parents' home on Nov. 20. The meeting never took place. Mr. Abdullahilhai wrote to Puan Sri Norani on Nov. 21 to explain why he wanted to break off contact. Mr. Abdullahilhai wrote that as he approached the meeting place, his van was stopped by "three burly gentlemen." According to the lawyer, the burly gentlemen proceeded to beat on his vehicle, while one man "twisted my right arm several times until I felt the pain cannot be stood anymore." He wrote that another of the men told Mr. Abdullahilhai never to "communicate or liaise" with Puan Sri Norani again.

Mr. Abdullahilhai declined to comment on the incident and said he considers the matter closed. Tan Sri Halim said through his lawyers that he wasn't aware that his wife approached Mr. Abdullahilhai and wasn't aware of the incident.

Another Gambit

By 1995, Puan Sri Norani says, she had stopped meeting Mr. Zain. She tried another gambit. Through acquaintances, she approached Datuk Rais Yatim, a lawyer and a former Malaysian foreign minister. Datuk Rais had been a senior UMNO executive before the party split in 1987.

According to Datuk Rais, Puan Sri Norani wanted help tracing the investments she believed were held in her name and Tan Sri Halim's name. Datuk Rais agreed to take her as a client. Soon, however, he says he began receiving anonymous telephone threats warning him to drop the job. Datuk Rais doesn't know who delivered the threats, but says "when you have a family, such messages are unsettling." He quit the case. Tan Sri Halim said through his lawyers that he wasn't aware his wife approached Datuk Rais and wasn't aware of the incident.

On Oct. 31, 1995, Tan Sri Halim asked Malaysia's Islamic syariah court to confirm officially that he was divorced from Puan Sri Norani. Tan Sri Halim offered to pay maintenance allowances totaling 6,500 ringgit a month and make a onetime 30,000 ringgit payment to Puan Sri Norani. He said that a property settlement would be arranged through the couple's lawyers.

In early January of this year, with the divorce case pending, Tan Sri Halim was granted a court order placing the children in a private school owned by a Halim family foundation and giving him custody of the children from Friday noon until Monday.

On Jan. 24, Puan Sri Norani set out to drive to Johor state with her youngest daughter. She says she was speeding down the highway at midday when her car began vibrating violently. She looked about and discovered that "a jet was flying so low over our heads, so low that the car was shaking." She alleges that the dark-colored plane was one of Renong's corporate jets.

Rashid & Lee, Tan Sri Halim's lawyers, said the alleged incident "simply couldn't have occurred." In a written reply to questions, Rashid & Lee said the only aircraft connected with Tan Sri Halim or his businesses that fits Puan Sri Norani's description is a Canadair Challenger jet owned by a private company controlled by Tan Sri Halim. Rashid & Lee said the Challenger was parked in a hanger and didn't fly on the day of the alleged incident.

On Friday, Jan. 26, Tan Sri Halim came to Puan Sri Norani's home with three bodyguards to collect the children. Members of Puan Sri Norani's family recorded the incident on video tape. Throughout the episode, she says, a helicopter hovered over her suburban home.

Going Too Far

On Feb. 5, Tan Sri Halim wrote to his eldest daughter, Nor Syahadah. In a seven-page letter, he offered his version of the rift with Puan Sri Norani. "When I married your mother everything seemed so fine, just like a fairy tale. We were just like any ordinary couple, happy and excited about starting a family," he wrote. "God gave me good *rezeki* (fortune) and willed that I would become rich."

Tan Sri Halim went on: "As I became richer, your mother became more possessive, like she wanted to control me. I suppose she was afraid that my wealth would not go to her. Then your mother tried to do things to make sure that I would listen to her and obey her. She went a little bit too far, she engaged the services of many *bohoms* hoping that she could put a spell on me," he wrote.

"One night, I could not stand it anymore. I told your mother that if she were to go out to (Mr.) Zain's home she is divorced. I found out she did go and when she admitted to me she went, I took my things and left the house." Tan Sri Halim concluded that Puan Sri Norani "just wants to see me

ruined and humiliated."

Mr. Zain, meanwhile, was trying to win a hearing for his plight. In a November 1995 sworn declaration before a Malaysian commissioner of oaths, Mr. Zain denounced his arrest as an abuse of police powers and called the charge against him a "complete fabrication" and a "plot hatched by Tan Sri Halim Saad for his self-interest." Mr. Zain made the sworn statement and distributed it to friends and associates as part of his effort to get his banishment reviewed.

On Feb. 9, 1996, he wrote to Tan Sri Halim, restating his allegation that he had been framed, but adding that he believed that Tan Sri Halim was a loving and caring father. Mr. Zain asked Tan Sri Halim to consider his predicament and stressed that he had never taken money for casting spells or performing exorcisms.

A few weeks later, Mr. Zain sat down with Tan Sri Halim's lawyers and offered a new version of his relationship with Puan Sri Norani — one that contrasts with his earlier sworn declaration. In an affidavit submitted by Tan Sri Halim's lawyers on March 27 in the divorce case, Mr. Zain asserts that "he really believed" that Puan Sri Norani and her family "were haunted by the wealth that was owned by Halim Saad and tried to influence him so that all of his riches can be wrapped up by themselves."

Deputy Home Affairs Minister Datuk Megat Junid says Mr. Zain wrote to him on March 1, apologizing for his actions and asking that the terms of his banishment be reconsidered. Datuk Megat Junid says that he has since approved the transfer of Mr. Zain to a restricted residence site closer to Kuala Lumpur.

According to Datuk Megat Junid, Mr. Zain now will be the prime witness for Tan Sri Halim when the syariah court next convenes on Wednesday to hear the couple's divorce case.

Staff reporter Leslie Lopez contributed to this article.



Two of the Sultan's sometime friends, Adnan Khashoggi (international arms dealer, left) and the Swami (worldly spiritual adviser - bearded) with the Swami's assistant, known as Mamaji (right), and 'Tiny' Rowland. At various times, these men were all in conflict with Al-Fayed.

The sultan with his sometime spiritual adviser, the swami (shaven in this photograph). The woman appears to be Queen Mariam.





HRH, Sultan of Brunei with his two wives and families.





Dr. Mahathir: You want my cup of tea or you have something else to whisper? You know the public is making fun of me, some even ask who is the trump card holder? What more do you want? All the posts and positions I entrusted upon you, Treasurer of the United Malay National Organisation (UMNO), the Chairman of the Labuan Development Authority, the Chairman of the Langkawi Development Authority, The Chairman of the Northern Growth Triangle project, the Special Representative to the East Asean Growth Area (Philippines, Brunei, Indonesia and Malaysia). What else do you want?

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE
BY DOROTHY LAW NOLTE

- If a child lives with CRITISM
the child learns to CONDEMN*
- If a child lives with HOSTILITY
the child learns to FIGHT*
- If a child lives with RIDICULE
the child learns to be SHY*
- If a child lives with SHAME
the child learns to be GUILTY*
- If a child lives with TOLERANCE
the child learns to be PATIENT*
- If a child lives with ENCOURAGEMENT
the child learns CONFIDENCE*
- If a child lives with PRAISE;
the child learns to APPRECIATE*
- If a child lives, with FAIRNESS
the child learns JUSTICE*
- If a child lives with SECURITY
the child learns to have FAITH*
- If a child lives with APPROVAL
the child learns to LIKE HIMSELF*
- If a child lives with ACCEPTANCE and
FRIENDSHIP
the child learns to FIND LOVE in the world.*

Kuala Lumpur

16hb Oktober 1991

Tan Sri Muhammad Mohd Taib

Dear Mat,

I heard from Che'Gu Mazlan, your favourite postman that you are coming to see me with the intention of coming back together again. Mat, even after hearing such good news, it makes me confused and I feel shaken because I really have to think deeply whether it will work again. If the marriage fails again you akan menghampa dan menyeksa hidup Yah sekali lagi. My father will not regard me as his daughter and will do nothing to help me if I ask him to help me again. He will say. 'Dia tu memang tak serik-serik, bukan saya tak nasihatkan dia'.

I really have to think again and again after hearing from Che'Gu Mazlan because I cannot afford another mistake. Kali ini nak menangis pun tak berair mata lagi. My father will ignore me. I can understand as a father he would like to see his daughter very happy and he does not want to see me crying and always suffering caused by an uncaring husband. Deep in my heart I do love you very very much but I also have to think of Mohd Faez who like all my children are close to me. My other children do not have the chance of receiving a father's love but in Mohd Faez's case his father is around but he does not bother to give the time and love for him. Though he is still very young he knows to call you ayah and that makes me very uneasy when he does. How I wish it will not fail again so that I do not have to face the warning from my father.

As a man of maturity how is it that you do not foresee all that has happened between us you mistreat me, having fun with women and falling in love so many times (non stop). Obviously you have read me wrongly. You think that as a woman who has been married and divorced several times I will not have the courage (berani hati) to bring forward our problems to my father, to friends and to society in general. You see I can exercise self control to a certain limit but if it goes beyond that I will not tolerate anymore. I have no choice but to open up to my father whether my father approved my action or not. For then, I have

already made up my mind to accept any consequences from him. Samada Tuanku hendak sepak, maki hamun atau mengatakan 'padan muka' dan sebagainya Yah sanggup terima. Yah berani hati menghadapi ini semua. Jika berlaku lagi masalah, Mat hanya kehilangan seorang isteri tetapi Yah akan kehilangan seorang ayah dan suami. Tentulah Yah yang lebih rugi daripada Mat. Itulah sebabnya Yah rasa menggeletar (shaky) dan keliru bila mendengar kata-kata Che'Gu Mazlan. Bila Che'Gu Mazlan kata Mat ingin berbalik semula Yah berdiam diri sahaja kerana memikirkan mungkinkah kali ini Yah akan tertipu lagi dalam kehidupan Yah. Mat it is a fact that you don't appreciate the love that I have given you, you take things lightly, and you do things that you like. You don't take my love strongly. You only love me for one year and after that you began to act differently and then you drop me until today.

Mat, for heaven's sake, if you are thinking of coming back to me as a husband please do it only if you are sincere to me and not for the sake of keeping a good public and political image or for a good relationship with my father. I am aware of all these. If you want to come back, let it only be kerana penuh cinta dan kasih sayang terhadap Yah dan terhadap Mohd Faez. Jangan menganiayai kami berdua sekali lagi. Jangan musnah rumahtangga kami setelah Mat sudah bakar dan runtuh pada kali pertama. Jika hendak membina jangan diruntuk sekali lagi.

Mat recently I was embarassed by remarks made by your sister in law - Haji Raduan's (Shah Alam Prperties) wife. It was during the Rotary Club Dinner (at a European house early this year Jan/Feb) when a friend of mine whose husband is close to Haji Raduan (plays golf together and see each other regularly) asked your sister in law. 'kakak what do you think of Mohd Taib's second wife, I heard she has been divorced?'

Your sister in law replied 'Padan muka, all of us in the family hate her, including Raduan's father and mother. dia itu sundal istana kuat berbomoh'. She said that in front of everyone at the table. You see Mat this word sundal is very familiar. I don't know her, I've not met her and how could she use such words in front of people. It must have come from Asbi because Asbi used the same words towards me.

I never know that members of your family can simply maki orang tetapi tak berkenal pun. She does not know me. She cannot depend on Asbi's brain washing and influence. It's

not fair. Mat, this word 'sundai istana' makes me very angry. I am thinking of taking legal action against her but it will not involve you at all. I want Raduan and his wife to appear in court because this has embarrassed my father and myself. I will never let people call me such names. And despite all this, you are brave enough to have ideas about coming back to me - even after all the members of your family hated me and being influenced by Asbi. She must have been very successful to menjahanam dan memburukkan nama Yah or maybe you both planned it.

There is a good friend of yours named Rashid Maidin living 3 or 4 doors away from my house in Subang Jaya and he has a wife named Nora Shamsuddin. A friend of mine from Taman Tun Dr Ismail who is also a friend of Nora Shamsuddin once asked her. 'Macam mana MB Selangor selepas bercerai dengan isteri kedua?.'

Nora Shamsuddin replied. 'Jangan mengharap, Tan Sri tidak akan berbalik semula kepada isteri no. 2 I boleh 'bet' dengan you. My husband told me that MB is enjoying himself and he has already got a replacement for his second wife and he is keeping her now'.

What made me mad is that Rashid knew everything I have in my house. He told his wife that I want to sell the bungalow because I do not want to have memories of my marriage to you. If even I want to sell it, they have the intention to buy it. It seemed that Rashid knew a lot about my movement. Is he your spy?

Nora told my friend, 'She made a lot of renovation.' Why should Nora be jealous of my house? If you have given enough business to Rashid Maidin as Nora said, surely he can afford to pay for any renovation/extension to his own house. If Nora knew the details of my master bedroom and my big bathroom and spread the word around it is not coming from me but it has to come from your mouth because Nora said her husband heard it from the MB.

Please do not spread news that I want to sell my Subang Jaya house. If I want to sell it I will put a signboard 'House for Sale' in front of the house.

Mat when I think of your sister-in-law and your good friend Rashid Maidin and his wife all talking bad about me without meeting me and knowing me personally, they must be influenced by Asbi. If your sister-in-law called me 'sundai istana' then she is also saying that my father is also

sundal. As to think that her husband did not stop her when she said those words and you never stop Asbi from saying those words at the airport make me conclude that all the men in your family are afraid of their wives.

Mat you have many Chinese friends now whom you trusted so much but some of them sudah buka cerita and it is now spreading everywhere I will not reveal all their names but one Dato' Danny Tan of Berjaya Corporation has said that orang Melayu nak jumpa MB susah, macam kena sembah Azman dulu, sekarang orang Melayu complain. If these people are sincere to you they should keep everything confidential but they are stabbing you in the back. Dato' Danny Tan has been telling people in Kuala Lumpur (federal) that you and I are making lots of money through big business ventures. Your Chinese friends are spreading these news with 'kemegahan'. They also said that they also supply women to Tan Sri in Malaysia and outside Malaysia and you travel in different planes. I wish I can mention the other 4 names but I am not allowed to. I've been warned. Before your name selalu disanjung orang, harum, wangi you are the top favourite but now with your behaviour, your ego, you make people so sick of you and now your name has really gone down the drain. Don't you ever think about this before?. Don't you value your status and dignity? Why do you want to spoil these things? You cannot get away with everything. I wish you maintain your dignity and good name as in 1987. You will not do anything foolish then. But now you have already done a lot of damage to yourself.

I remember sometime ago (1-2 years after we're married) when you said,

'Yah, you ambil hati Tuanku, look after your father well so that I can really concentrate on work in Selangor, jaga jangan bagi orang cucuk dan asah your father, jangan bagi Tuanku dipengaruhi oleh musuh-musuh I. I hendak berjaya seperti Dato' Harun. Kita boleh kaya raya. One term is not enough to make money in Selangor. If I have 2 terms cukuplah. So I can take care of you dan kita semua senang, mewah dan kaya raya. Kita mesti jaga hati Tuanku supaya dia sayang I (MB). Jangan bagi Tuanku murka dengan I.

Mat, sekarang you dah berjaya, banyak duit, berlambak-lambak seperti gunung. You lupa diri. Sebalik dari itu you campak I ketepi. You aniayakan I sampai kita bercerai. Lebih dari itu you berpakat, bersubahat dengan Asbi untuk kesenangan you berdoa sekeluarga.

I tak boleh bayangkan you sanggup berpakat, subahat sampai you boleh jatuhkan I after all the good things I have done for you until you become intimate with another woman also.

Is this what I get in return?

From,
Yael

SAUDI SHEIKH'S £8.8 MILLION GAMBLING GIFT TO EUROPEAN CASINO



ne man who was blissfully unconcerned about the lengthening shadows of war over the Middle East, was Sheikh Eynani of Saudi Arabia. This depraved idiot with the IQ of a mentally retarded gorilla, and the greed of a Shylock, threw away £8.8m on a recent gambling spree in Mount Casino, to the ecstatic, uncontrollable joy of its British owners. That was on August 15, 1990.

Four years ago, in 1985, this same cretin who is the adviser to Prince Faisal, the son of Fahd, lost £8m on the same gambling table. Faisal, it would seem, has an adviser befitting the wild profligacy and lunatic irresponsibility of the Fahd Dynasty. Faisal probably won't go that way, not because he is angelic, but simply because the wheels of history are turning so fast that he will not be Prince for much longer, nor will he be able to afford, even if he were to flee into a Swiss exile, the services of Eynani.

It is not surprising to learn that Eynani's fortune, now rapidly dwindling because of his weakness for the casinos of Europe, is built on the oil that belongs to the Arab peoples. They say that he sleeps during the day and wakes up at night in time for the casinos. He is also very fond of his European inferiors, just like his Saudi masters, and tips them lavishly. On one occasion he doled out over £370,000 in tips to the croupiers of his favourite casino. What about the hungry Muslim babies in the Sudan and Ethiopia!

Sick dogs are generally shot to put them out of their misery, and to protect human beings from the deadly Rabies infection they carry. One does not have to wonder why Eynani has not been dealt with in this way. It is just that the Saudi Royal family loves sick dogs of this type for their own behaviour, after all, fits in nicely with the Rabies pattern. Shooting this insane species must be a top priority once the Yanks are driven out from the Holy Land of Islam ●

*From the book 'Lives And Crimes Of The Al Sauds And
The Al Nahyans'.*



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Assalamualaikum wa. w.d.

Kepada,
Y.A.M. Tengku Puteri Zuhariah bte. Tengku Abdul Aziz Shah,
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Tan Sri Dato' Muhammad bin Mohd. Taib.
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Y.A.M./Tan Sri Dato'.

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Rendah Shah Alam (Di Petaling Jaya)


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akan ditetapkan kemudian.

2. Bersama-sama ini dilampirkan salinan surat Bil.(111)dlm. Pj.
D.Y.M. Sel. Sel. 11/78 Bng. III bertarikh 25hb. Mei, 1991 untuk
makluman dan perhatian Y.A.M./Tan Sri Dato'.

Sekian terima kasih.

"BERKHIDMAT KEPADA ALLAH UNTUK NEGARA"

Saya yang Jujur,


(Dato' MOHD. YUSOFF BIN JANAED)
Pegawai Tadbir Agama/Kmal,
Shah Alam.

s.k.

- Setiasama Sulit,
Kepada D.Y.M.M. Sultan Selangor,
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Pejabat Duli Yang Maha Mulia Sultan Selangor Darul Ihsan,
Istana Alam Shah,
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PAS/am..

ENAKMEN UNDANG-UNDANG KELUARGA ISLAM SELANGOR
No. 4 TAHUN 1984

BORANG 6/FORM 6
(Seksyen/Section 47)

PERMOHONAN UNTUK PERCERAIAN

Tengku Zahariah binti Tengku Abdul Azis Shah

1. Saya
No. Kad Pengenalan 4282070 Tarikh Lahir 20hb. Jun 1951
Alamat (Rumah) No. 29, 55 19/43, Subang Jaya, 47000 Petaling Jaya.
Alamat (Pejabat)
Pekerjaan Pendapatan sebulan
memohon bercerai dengan ~~suami~~ suami saya yang bernama Tan Sri Muhammad
bin Muhammad Taib
No. Kad Pengenalan 2693999 Tarikh Lahir 05.6.1947
Alamat (Rumah) No. 1, Puncak Mutiara, Road T-12, Puncak Mutiara, Selangor S. 1300
Tingkat 21, Bangunan Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, Shah Alam
Alamat (Pejabat) Menteri Besar
Pekerjaan Pendapatan sebulan 312,000.00

2. Tarikh H 22hb. Sulhijjah, 1407
M 17hb. Julai, 1987
Bilangan Daftar (jika ada) 1112530
Tempat kawin Teluk Anson, Thailand
Cara perkahwinan Wali Iktin

3. Kami ada mempunyai anak seramai satu orang
Muhammad Fawaz 18hb. Jul. 1989
(1) Tarikh Lahir lelaki/perempuan
(2) Tarikh Lahir lelaki/perempuan
(3) Tarikh Lahir lelaki/perempuan
(4) Tarikh Lahir lelaki/perempuan
(5) Tarikh Lahir lelaki/perempuan

4. Kami pernah/di pernah bercerai/ruju' pada
Tahap kali

5. Dia adalah ~~suami~~ suami saya yang keempat

6. Prosiding sedang berterusan di mana-mana tempat berkaitan dengan perkahwinan dan
permohonan yang sama (jika ada)
Mahkamah
Tarikh bermula
Nama pihak-pihak
Tarikh bicara
Kedudukan prosiding

7. Sebab-sebab hendak bercerai kerana tidak dapat keadilan dan hak-hak sebagai seorang isteri.

8. Langkah-langkah yang telah diambil untuk mencapai perdamaian (jika ada) - ada -

9. Perjanjian (jika ada) ingin berdemi jika suami mengubah sikap

10. Jika berlaku penceraian saya sanggup ~~menyewa~~/memuntut bayaran seperti di bawah ini:

(i) Nafkah iddah sebulan \$ 15,000 (3) bulan; jumlah \$ 45,000-00

(ii) Nafkah anak seorang 2,500 (1) orang; jumlah \$

(iii) Mut'ah \$ 16,000,000 (16 juta) \$

(iv) Mas Kahwin tunai/hutang sebulan \$ \$

(v) Lain-lain bayaran jika ada \$ \$

Jumlah

11. Nyatakan harta benda sepencanan yang akan diserahkan kepada/dituntut oleh *isteri/
rumah 4 buah, kereta 4 buah, perkakas dan perabot rumah.

Isteri

12. Peruntukan bagi pemeliharaan dan penjagaan anak-anak

13. Butir-butir perintah yang diminta Mohon keputusan suami

Tarikh H
M

9/5/91.


Tengku Zaharah
Tetapan/Cap Jari Pemohon

PERAKUAN PEMOHON

Saya mengaku segala butir-butir yang terkandung di dalam borang ini adalah benar dan sekiranya butir-butir itu palsu maka saya melakukan satu kesalahan dan boleh dikenakan hukuman mengikut seksyen 58A Enakmen Undang-Undang Keluarga Islam Selangor No. 4 Tahun 1984.

Tarikh H
M

9/5/91.


Tengku Zaharah
Tetapan/Cap Jari Pemohon

**O Reader, take a moral from here, never know your end maybe near, Change your living
and make amendments, for Heaven, on your deeds depend.
Wherever you are, death will find you out.**

This the tale of an Average Man,
Who acts contrary to Allah's plan,
If you are reflected herein,
Then repent! and commit no sin.

It was early in the morning at four,
When death knocked upon a bedroom door,
"Who is there?" the sleeping one cried,
"I am Israel, let me inside."

At once the man began to shiver,
As one sweating in deadly fever,
He shouted to his sleeping wife,
"Don't let him take away my life."

"Please go away, O Angel of Death!
Leave me alone, I'm not ready yet,
My family on me depend,
Give me a chance, O please perpend!"

The Angel knocked again and again,
"Friend, I'll take your life without a pain,
It is your soul that Allah require,
I come not with my own desire."

Bewildered, the man began to cry,
"O Angel, I am so afraid to die,
I'll give you gold, and be your slave,
Don't send me to the unit grave."

"Let me in, O friend!" the Angel said,
"Open the door get up from your bed,
If you do not allow me in,
I will walk through it like a Jinn."

The man held a gun in his right hand,
Ready to defy the Angel's stand,
"I'll point my gun towards your head,
You dare come in, I will shoot you dead."

By now the Angel was in the room,
Saying "O friend! prepare for your doom,
Foolish man, Angels never die,
Put down your gun and do not sigh."

"Why are you afraid? tell me O man,
To die according to Allah's plan?
Come smile at me, do not grim,
Be happy to return to Him."

"O Angel! I bow my head in shame,
I had no time to take Allah's name,
From morning till dusk, I made my wealth,
Never even caring for my health."

"Allah's command, I never obeyed,
Nor five times a day, I ever prayed,
A Ramadhan came and a Ramadhan went,
But no time had I to repent."

"The Haj was already Fard on me,
But I would not part with my money,
All charities, I did ignore,
Taking usury, more and more."

"Sometimes I sipped my favourite wine,
With flirting women, I sat to dine,
O Angel! I appeal to you,
Spare my life for a year or two."

"The laws of Quran, I'll obey,
I'll begin to salat, this very day,
My fast and Haj, I will complete,
And keep away from self-conceit."

"I will refrain from usury,
And give all my wealth to charity,
Wine and wenches I will detest,
Allah's Oneness I will Attest."

"We Angel do what Allah demands,
We cannot do against His demands,
Death is ordained for everyone,
Father, mother, daughter or son."

"I'm afraid, this moment is your last,
Now be reminded, more of your past,
I do understand your fears,
But it's too late for tears."

"You lived in this world two score more,
Never you did your people adore,
Your parents, you did not obey,
Hungry beggars you turned away."

"You two ill-gotten female offsprings,
In nightclubs, for livelihood they sing,
Instead of making more Muslims,
You made your children non-Muslims."

"You ignored the Muezzin's Adzan,
Nor did you read the Holy Quran,
Breaking promises all your life,
Backbiting friends, and causing strife."

"From hoarded goods, great profits you made,
And your poor workers you underpaid,
Horses and cards were leisure,
Money-making is your pleasure."

"You ate vitamins, and grew more fat,
With the very sick you never sat,
A pint of blood, you never gave,
Which could a little baby save."

"O human, you have done enough wrong,
You bought good properties for a song,
When the farmers appeal to you,
You did not have the mercy, it's true."

"Paradise for you? I cannot tell,
Undoubtedly you will dwell in hell,
There's no time for you to repent,
I'll take your soul, for which I'm sent."

The ending, however, is very sad,
Eventually, the man became mad,
With a cry he jumped out of bed,
And suddenly he fell down dead.

Wherever you are, Death will find you out, Even if you are in towers built up strong and high!
(Quran 4:78)

THE FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARMAN

Islam during the days of our Prophet and the subsequent centuries possessed a genuine Islamic spirit and faith. Islam during that period was a simple religion and one that did not burden its followers. The belief that the world and its success was not important did not influence the minds of Muslims in the centuries of Islam's expansion. The result was a balanced civilisation between that of the world and the hereafter.

Datuk Sri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad,
Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur,
July 1992

Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhd Taib, a high-ranking Malaysian politician and the Chief Minister or Menteri Besar of Selangor was caught by the Australian authorities at the Brisbane Airport for carrying cash to the equivalent of Malaysian Ringgit 2.4 millions.

It was on the December 22nd, 1996 and Mat Taib, as he was popularly called among Malaysians, was leaving for New Zealand to join his family for a holiday.

In Malaysian terms, and taking into account his position as the Chief Minister for the richest state in Malaysia, the sum of RM 2.4 millions cannot be categorised as a large sum of money. After all it was not for the purpose of shopping spree at some large Brisbane shopping complex as alleged by one

senior minister who happened to be from the same state and had been tipped to be the Chief Minister before Mat Taib was appointed to the post. The purpose of the fund, as Mat Taib himself had explained was for the purchase of a house in Gold Coast for his children.

Can you imagine that? In his own home state of Selangor, so many parents cannot even afford to buy school text books for their children but their elected leader is enjoying himself in buying a million dollar house for his children to stay temporarily while studying in Australia.

The amount is sufficient to buy some 100 low-cost houses for the millions ordinary Malays who are in need for such house. And those Malays are among the many thousands of his supporters, voters as well as the tax payers who look at him with their green eyes - oh how lucky it is to be the children of a minister.

If only every minister who wants to buy properties or renovate their house with this amount of money, just think a little, are they doing justice? Are they being fair? Where is the spirit of brotherhood? Just imagine how many low-cost houses could be built? And how many ordinary Malay families can live in a much proper condition? Thus, the 2.4 millions spell the vast different between the ordinary Malays and the Chief Minister who is also a Malay. After all what is politics without a piece of land or a house. There is so many UMNO members who have no house nor land of their own. How could they ever own one when greed and pride has overtaken their leaders?

Maybe it was on this understanding that the Malaysian Anti Corruption Agency has never questioned his wealth or

asking the question such as where did so much money come from because it seems that every leader must live like a king and must acquire as much for himself and his family. The problem of the people is that they don't regard things like this as their problem. May be to the ACA it was really not a big deal. Mat Taib is after all a Chief Minister and represents the new generation of Malays called the 'New Malays' who could afford any luxurious thing on earth that money can buy. And in his capacity as the Chief Minister of the prosperous state of Selangor, the power of his pen and a stroke of his signature could turn a pauper into a billionaire almost instantly.

Tan Sri Muhammad Bin Mohd Taib, in his book '*The New Malay*' after all said:

As the end product of this endeavour, the New Malay will be sought after by other people or countries for advice and guidance and looked upon to lead in politics, the economy, sports and so on. The New Malay knows clearly who is (identity), where he is going (vision) wherever he may be (level and roll): is highly adaptable: is a leader who brings about changes in the technology or thinking of his people and who plays his religion of Islam as the foundation in all aspect.

The RM 2.4 millions is not the question. The house that he was going to buy can be considered as chicken wings or chicken sheds compared to the house owned by most of the Chief Ministers and cabinet ministers of Malaysia. The big question mark among the inner circle is why must someone do a thing like that to a nice man like him? Why must they trap him and who is behind all this? Do you think is fair to put the president man with the best PR like him in such an embarrassing situation? You are making the Prime Minister

very angry. The 'yesmen' around him will make use of this opportunity.

And that if someone could be considered as his enemy, then on which team could he possibly be? This is the very question that certain politicians are most concerned with.

I wrote a letter to Mat Taib asking him to grant an interview. I want him to tell me everything. *If he don't story me, this book will not be interesting, so he better story me.* This is the first time he refused to see me. In all my previous book he entertained me. He story me a lot.

But now he is a writer himself. So I think, let him write his own book, tell his own story. I go to see the princess, the king daughter story me good, very good story. You read... don't stop reading, I promise you good story. I will write this book in Malay, English, a school dropout English with few Malay words and Malay usage of English words, appearing here and there.

The man who tries to frame him maybe is working in his team or some followers who finally get very angry with him because he did not fulfill his promise? How can you please everybody who come to you asking for favour when you are also interested in the same thing? You know there is a saying among the politician, *together they rob the bank when the money is not divided equally that's the time they start to kill each other.*

That is the time when all the trouble begins. And you think where else the children learn to hate each other, fight with each other, learn to be rude and unethical. Surely from the politicians. You know the politicians, sometimes their

behaviour are even worst then children. You could ask Datuk Musa who like to make use of the words *kurang ajar*. Maybe the outcome of this word become the trend to the new generation.

Kurang ajar can be meant rude, aggressive, ill-mannered, no respect for the elders and anti-establishment. Ask Musa Hitam to *story you*, the correct defination of *kurang ajar*.

Can you blame the new generation if they are *kurang ajar* now? If you want to correct the social problem, correct the leaders first. You must punish them, not the innocent children.

If you want to know more, read '*Musa A Traitor*', Musa should take this book to court not the '*Challenger*'. Anyway Humpty Dumpty has already had a great fall. But remember, never underestimate the political genius, a former visiting professor to the Harvard University. Unfortunately my heavy duty pen makes him a political dropout.

So many politicians have not been behaving themselves, breaking promises, giving empty hopes and stepping on other people's feet. But luck is still with them, they can enjoy what has been robbed for sometime but don't forget the people's power.

The question among the close circle is, who's next? Maybe this is not the first time Mat Taib has done this, bringing in or out money from Australia. Maybe he is not the only one who does that. Do you think the Australian are stupid? You know Australia... I am not a historian to tell you history.

Ask any of the big boys. They will tell you the kind of money

that exchanged hands in Australia, in England, America, Hongkong, China and other part of the world like nobody's business.

The amount Mat Taib was caught with is very small. The Malay tycoons and newly made corporate high-flyers are taking by the billions. Of course when people make so much money they want to spend and show off. Their act definitely brought jelaousy and anger among some friends who were neglected. And they have forgotten to ask a question, can the Malays at large accept the corrupt practices as a tradition? Maybe within the norms of the New Malays it's o.k. If they do, we will have to sing Que sera.. sera. What will be, will be. One man's dream, is the people's nightmares. May God bless my country

Tan Sri Muhammad Taib won for the second time as the Vice President in October 10th, 1996 concluded UMNO General Assembly. He appears to be clean, unlike Muhyuddin Yassin who was rejected on suspicion for corrupt practice. Beside him there were a few others who were caught for **money politic**. They are disqualified. But nobody was caught for corruption. And where do you think money spent by the millions to get a seat in the UMNO hierarchy come from? Ask Tajudin Rahman who was caught spending RM6 million in fighting for a post. So they called him 'The Six Million Dollarman'. But because the Malay people have short memory, they simply forget, I am not surprised the story of the *five hundred million dollarman* will be swept under the Malaysian carpet too. Unfortunately or fortunately miracles happen. God helps me in turning the rubbish that is supposed to be swept under the carpet. Thanks God, with His blessing, my *Sheaffer* heavy duty pen turns the carpet into a magic

carpet. So let us all take a magic carpet ride to see everything without anymore obstruction. *Zam zam ala kazam. Piar ee seng mata kaji semar iseng.* (From the film 'Ali Baba Bujang Lapok' directed by the late Tan Sri P. Ramlee, the Malaysian all-time greatest film-maker as well as the Abu Nawas of modern times).

In the meantime please refer to Tengku Puteri Zahariah's letter to Tan Sri Muhammad dated on 16th October 1991:-

I remember sometime ago (1-2 years after we're married) when you said 'Yah, try to win Tuanku's heart, look after your father well so that I can really concentrate on work in Selangor. Don't let others instigate your father, don't let Tuanku be influenced by my enemies. I want to succeed like Dato' Harun (The former Chief Minister of Selangor). We can be very, very rich. One term is not enough to make money in Selangor. Two terms are good enough. So I can take care of you and we all will be very comfortable, living luxuriously and with lots of money. We must take care of Tuanku so that he will love me. Don't let Tuanku get angry with me.

After reading an extract of this letter and coming back to the question of how clean is clean, it is of no wonder you would think this as very interesting and mind-boggling. On the other hand it isn't really a 'big' question. It is just a mere definition and interpretation of the word. It was just like asking 'how big is big?' And how corrupt can a corrupt politician be? After he has already got two terms, he wants three. Is it the ultimate aim of politicians to get the power and in turn to make money? What would happen to the people they represent? What will happen to the country if all the politicians were to think like

this, making as much money as they can or remain in power for as long as they can.

Bob Dylan, the satirical hard-rock singer of the 60's used to sing, "*How many roads must a man walk down before you can call him a man... The answer my friend is blowing in the wind*".

Mat Taib's ex-wife, Tengku Puteri Zahariah Bte Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah, once wrote a letter to the Prime Minister and circulated her personal love letters to Mat Taib nationwide in order to alert the attention of the masses to warn the wrong doing of their leaders. Nobody cares. The letters and all their contents were all '*blowing in the wind*' just like what Dylan said.

Since the letter did not landed at the Attorney General's office or some files of the ACA, perhaps we should take a look at its extract which I reproduce below:

*"Refer to page 5 and 7 pertaining to the figure, **RM200 MILLION** and **RM100 MILLION** respectively. The figure **RM100 MILLION** should be read as **RM200 MILLION**. The error is due to the **TECHNICAL FAULT** in my **COMPUTER DISC MACHINE** which I am learning to operate. However, it is made known by many high ranking **GOVERNMENT SERVANTS** that you have amassed wealth close to **RM500 MILLION** - a very **SUB-STANTIAL AMOUNT**, it is really top **BLOW UP** from the government servants. Enclosed herewith page 5 (para 3) and page 7 (para 1).*

This is to remind you that don't ever think I would be

soft all the time. I have a limit to myself and DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE me. You can fool me sometime BUT you can't fool me all the time.

Tengku Puteri Zahariah (Ku Yah)

Muhammad Haji Mohd Taib, the Chief Minister of Selangor who is also known by his nick name **Mike Tyson of Malaysia** is so free to do whatever he likes in this country because he is **invincible** as far as his homeground is concerned. The most controversial marriage with the Selangor Princess which ended up in a divorce with a damage settlement of more than RM16 MILLION was swept under the carpet, even after the book, "**KU YAH LAWAN MIKE TYSON**" written by me became Malaysian bestseller. Do you know why? I guess because it is written in Malay and may be also because he is the Prime Minister's man. And the Prime Minister's men can do no wrong. Wrong is right and right is wrong is just like '*Black is white and white is black*', a song by Michael Jackson. Otherwise Mat Taib is known to be the sixteen million dollarman. Maybe the title is too small for him. So only his ex-wife became the sixteen million dollar woman.

Sorry! You know when you write something about Malaysian politics, you cannot be too serious. You must sing a little, laugh a little. Malay people are happy go lucky people, good people, fun loving people, that's why many people like to visit Malaysia, peace no war, no problem everything o.k. ok.. *tidak apa*. 'Que sera.. sera... what ever will be... will be... the future not ours to see, wait for the year 2020'.

The 'yesmen' people cannot differentiate between what is right and what is wrong. Yes sir.. yes sir... you are the master. Many

times in his many speeches, the Prime Minister urged the public not to believe in allegations made towards his men, especially on corruption. His men are all clean working people, maybe. Who knows? Only the footballers and those involved in soccer are caught for corruption but they forget the ball is round, the wheels of life is also round. Just you wait for the day. Anyway every dog has its day.

Maybe you never have a chance to watch TV. How many people care what they read on the newspaper? But now I *story you...* before that you ask yourself this question. Have you ever seen a minister charge in court for corruption? No, never, except for Dato'Harun Idris, the ex-Chief Minister of Selangor. That too, because he refused to compromise. Should he accept the appointment to the post of the permanent secretary to the United Nation, the case will be *swept under the carpet* too. But this brave man believe the truth. Sorry, he is prepared to be a popeye the sailorman but he will not want to be a yesmen. Harun Idris is a Malay hero, his story will appear after his death.

Anyway what is RM 16 million (US\$4 million) or RM 500 million (US\$125 million). If magnates like Howard Hughes or Aristotle Onassis were still alive, they wouldn't even think it is worthwhile to talk about. And to the people like Bill Gates who topped up the list of world billionaires next to the Sultan of Brunei as listed by such magazines as Fortunes or Forbes, the amount does not worth a few seconds of their times. Even for the cool Mohamed "Bob" Hassan, who is also known as the "king" and who has been a personal friend of the President Suharto of Indonesia, that kind of money is just a speck in his ocean of wealth. To mention one example, recently Bob walked away with 30% of the US\$68 billion world largest gold project. And now, the "king" is working

towards establishing Suharto Foundation which is to be at par with such giant foundations like the Ford Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation. The President of Indonesia trusted him, so much so he is instrumental to the settlement of the President's family squabble.

Mat Taib is not in the league of Mohamad "Bob" Hassan, Hughes, Onassis, Gates and very far from the HRH Sultan Hassanol Bolkiah. He was even much a smaller boy when compared to the strings of the new and upcoming corporate Malays whom emerged from nowhere but made many millions or even billions, sometimes at the touch of one or two drops of Dr. Mahathir's magical tears. There are at least 38 of them who made their fortune this way

And RM 500 million is no big deal. May be by now Mat Taib is worth double the amount. The UMNO members don't care, after all he is a bumiputra, belonging to the class of Dato Sri and Tan Sri Putra. So what. You think he is the only one worth that much? You must be a fool, not to make so much when you are so powerful. If you don't do that someone else will. Come on man, we are living in a capitalist system. You must be sleeping or nuts not to understand what capitalist system means.

Even the wife of Halim Saad, one of UMNO nominees sued him for the same amount because she also hold interest in UMNO property, the Putra World Trade Center and some other properties in America worth RM1 billion under her name. Their divorce case includes some 500 million ordinary shares of Renong at the market value of more than a billion. The wife Puan Sri came personally with her parent and children to my house in Janda Baik. I am the lucky man. Many of the Puan Sri and Datin Sri and wives of prominent figures

come and see me. Some of them came to tell their problems. As a writer I move around freely with people from all walks of life, drug addicts, bohsia, penkik, mak nyah and all those unwanted and neglected stray humans. At times I would sit and have a *teh tarik* in any warong, anywhere, anytime of the day with them. So I know I don't only rub shoulders with the rich and famous even though so many artists and celebrities are my personal friends.

If the wife of Ministers or UMNO leaders or any or the lesbian, homosex were to talk to Rafidah Aziz the former Wanita UMNO Chief, she won't listen. Write to Dr. Mahathir, the President, he will not entertained. You know I wrote a letter to the secretary of Dr. Mahathir, Datuk Abdul Aziz to ask for an appointment to see the Prime Minister since 24th October 1995, that's more than a year ago, however until today I yet to receive any reply. Sorry to say brother, I am not a tycoon nor a corporate man '*Bolayan, PM tak senang, sendiri punya hal, sendiri tanggung, sendiri jawablah.*

Rahim Razak is also another secretary in the Home Ministry. I met him personally, he only *story me cakap tak serupa bikin punya orang.*

You see, the kind of secretaries around Dr. Mahathir. Even some of the senior ministers complaint but who dares to speak to the boss. Our beloved leader is to far away from us. I don't blame him either. You cannot have the moon when you want the sun. When you want both at the same time, what you get is eclipse.

These secretaries think and treat some people like *shits*. Come on man, Dr. Mahathir is not a small god. If the people don't vote for him, you think he can be the Prime Minister? This,

the secretary must think. If Dr. Mahathir doesn't become the PM, tomorrow they find a new job. Maybe who knows after retirement they don't have to work for a few generations to come.

The December 22nd 1996 incident was not the first ever a controversial issue caused by the Chief Minister of Selangor. It has happened once on the 17 February 1991 at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Airport Kuala Lumpur. On this incident, Mat Taib ex-wife wrote a letter to the Prime Minister stating how she was insulted and slapped in public by her ex-hubby who is the Chief Minister as well as the Vice-President of UMNO. But the President made 'no comment'. Maybe the Prime Minister thought that the daughter of the Sultan deserved the slapping because she did not know how to value a VIP husband of hers. The wife must learn that a man has a patient but to a certain extent only. Anyway Mat Taib is an asset but the princess is a liability to the political elites. But why only one wife get a slap, why not the other one? This is the thing that made Tengku Puteri angry.

Sendiri punya hal sendiri tanggung, sendiri bikin susah sendiri jawablah. Sendiri hutang sendiri bayarlah. You dig your own grave, you go insidelah.

Worse cases has happened to a fifteen year old girl who was made pregnant. She gave birth to a child but because the Attorney General said that there was no case, Tan Sri Rahim Tamby Chik the former Chief Minister and UMNO Youth leader was set free. The underage girl who was raped and humiliated was detained and the matter was *swept under the carpet*.

Let us follow the latest court confession of this unfortunate

girl which is published as the front page news of the *Sun*, 28 February, 1997, which corresponds to the last days of my writing of this book:

Malacca, Thurs: A teenager testified in the High Court here today that she has an intimate relationship (hubungan sulit) with former Malacca Chief Minister Tan Sri Rahim Tamby Chik in 1994.

She also testified that she was never imprisoned by the police.

Instead, the girl, only referred to as N.M.Y, said she was in Bukit Aman federal police headquarters three years ago under protection to facilitate their investigation into the sex allegations against Rahim.

"I was in Bukit Aman as my father had consented to such protection but I was never under arrest," said the 18 year old when questioned by DPP Azahar Mohamed.

N.M.Y of Alor Gajah said she was given a room, a comfortable bed and assistance in her studies.

"I was preparing for the PMR examination, and a daughter of one DSP Chong had helped me with my studies," she added.

She was testifying in the trial of Kota Melaka MP Lim Guan Eng who is charged with putting out a malicious publication and uttering seditious words.

N.M.Y was later placed in the Taman Sri Puteri rehabilitation centre in Rembau for two years and two months.

She was under constant supervision throughout her stay at the centre.

She agreed with defence counsel Karpal Singh's suggestion that she could only leave the centre with the supervisor's permission.

To another question by Karpal whether she tried to escape from the centre, she said: "About four or five months after being sent there, I had tried to flee and on one occasion managed to escape but was caught soon after".

You know that Malay people are known to have a '**short memory**'. But before our memory becomes even shorter, let's have an interval with Tengku Puteri's letter to the Prime Minister.

"Perhaps Dato' Seri had been informed on the incident at the Subang Airport on the 17th February 1991. Actually my visit to the airport was only for the sole purpose of welcoming my husband according to my turn but Puan Sri Asbi showed her anger which clear by the look of her face. The situation became tense and confusing. I asked Tan Sri, 'what is going on, why is she here?'

Dato' Seri, I gave Tan Sri the opportunity to come and apologise or explain to me after the incident. I waited for 3 days. He never called or come to see me. Had he come, I might not have reported this matter to the police. I wish to know what has really happened that made Puan Sri present at the airport even though Tan Sri knew that I would be there to welcome him.

Doto' Sri, I made the decision to report this matter to the police because I was deeply hurt and embarrassed. As far as I am concerned there is nothing to be ashamed of. I've been subjected to the worst insult in my whole life. What will be, will be."

Tengku Puteri Zahariah

So much for the fiery letter of the princess to the Sultan of Selangor who used to be the wife of Mohd Taib. To conclude the letter, perhaps we should ponder at what Horace, the satirical writer of the Old Greek once said in his book 'Satires':

"All else-valor, a good name, glory, everything in heaven and earth - is secondary to the charm of riches".

In retaliation of Puan Sri Asbi's action, Ku Yah even acted further by circulating her personal love letters with Mat Taib nationwide in order to alert his attention. Her anger towards Mat Taib was so great that she allowed herself to be used as poison on Mat Taib's political career. I had approached Ku Yah and Mat Taib to advise them that their actions were not proper and to stop their confrontation immediately. But my approach was back-fired by fanatical followers of both sides. Those opportunists around them were using this confrontation to gain something.

Once in a while we have to sit and ponder, think that whenever there is an action, there is always a reaction to it. No man can run away from it. No way he can get away with 'karma'. You do good thing, in return, someday, sometime,

someplace, someone you don't know would in return be good to you when you are in need. It's the same thing if you are cruel. You mistreat an innocent person, you put people to shame, the '*karma*' will fall upon you. Do unto others as you like others do unto you. This is Bible say one, not I'm *membebel*. If you want to know what '*membebel*' means, find English-Malay dictionary*lah*. How can this little word also I want to explain to you?

Mat Taib hurt a woman who loves him dearly and passionately and who was only asking for her right to be heard. She was just asking for justice. Who else she could turn too if not the Prime Minister, the father of a nation, the *ulil amri*, the leader who is supposed to be the image of God. The president, the Prime Minister is the one who have the immunity, the sovereignty. Unfortunately our Prime Minister is so busy, not only he has to look after the Malaysian affair but also the world affair too. Maybe one day they will elect him as the Prime Minister of the world.

But before that, I hope he sits down and talk to the secretaries around him not to make decisions on his behalf and don't give empty promises to people. If they think they can bullshit people, just because Dr. Mahathir is the Prime Minister, they are people of bigger bullshitters than them. And please for heaven sake, don't try to push around people too much

Coming back to Ku Yah, if only her misery, her tears, her trouble was attended to, she would not turn to God. Since you have nobody to turn to, only those who was once experienced this situation would understand, only those who has hearts would cry when others shed tears would understand and you know if you whole- heartedly believe and have faith in God, and who else but God to turn to when every-

body turn their back on you, Allah The Almighty, Allah will answer the prayer of those being humiliated and treated with cruelty, the oppressed, especially women. Now not long after the incident Mat Taib, Mahathir and the nation is put to shame. The story is like the legend of Mahsuri in Langkawi Island, a woman who was made a victim cursed the island for seven consecutive generations until Dr. Mahathir breaks the spell.

Tan Sri Muhammad Hj. Muhd Taib, the politician with an imposing figure also an outspoken leader who openly opposes the Ruler's 'immunity'. As the backbone of Dr. Mahathir's team, he went all over the country to inform the people that the Rulers (sovereign Heads of state) were **invincible** and **immuned** from legal prosecution. Dr. Mahathir is fond of those top UMNO leaders who openly support his needs and deeds. You scratch my back, I scratch yours.

As a political writer I give my life to him to set the people free from the immunity which was wrongly used by the rulers. We should fight to the last drop of our blood to bring back freedom to the people. And Mat Taib, Tan Sri Isa Samad was among those who have brave hearts beside his (gurkas), back room boys, valacci, tough guys, tontoos are very loyal to Mahathir. The battle to bring back freedom to the people was a war, so together we fought with a mission and a vision. I did it not because of power, position but truely believe the vision and mission 2020.

But after the battle has been won, it seems like, as far as UMNO is concerned, the president men can do whatever they like so long they know how to keep secrets among themselves. But can you *cheat everybody everytime*? We may agree that *everybody is somebody's fool* but it is very unfair to treat everybody as a fool just because you are powerful.

Democracy should not be the government of the people by the people for some special people only. It should be for all the people.

In nation building, leaders - especially top political leaders and ministers - must show good behaviour and character to be emulated by the population. This was Dr. Mahathir's motto: *Bersih, Cekap, Amanah. Clean, Efficient And Trustworthy. Kepimpinan Melalui Teladan, Leadership Through Examples.* They are moulds as moulders and this is Mahathir's own words and his belief. If we all want to see his vision 2020 come true, we must make sure that Mahathir's motto is put into practice. I know it's difficult for his number two to do it. The fence around Mahathir is too strong a wall.

Sadly to say now, most of UMNO's leaders are **invincible** as though replacing the Rulers. While the Ruler's **immunities** are diminishing, the political leaders are immunised. In direct language, they are not 'sporting' and could not accept critics and advice. Five years of their stay on the seats entrusted by the people is just to enrich themselves and their families only.

It is unfair to make the leaders dream as the people's nightmare. We agree that the public is happy because they are **comfortably numb**. They have no other choice, nobody can deny their life is better now compared to their past. Their risk is also much bigger when they don't know and not sure of their future.

The Malaysian politicians especially the Malays have lost their own identity due to mismanagement by their leaders but since *Mahathir is the best among the others*, if we compared him to the other leaders of the other third world

countries, that does not means the man can simply do what he likes and listen to the whisper of the people around him only. Brave men should speak aloud. Let the people hear what they say. Unfortunately we have very few of them. Most of the political leaders have no backbones. They are hypocrites, the yesmen. Anything the boss say is yes boss, yes boss. How many dare for once say 'no sir'? How many? May God bless Anwar. I pray his popularity remains. May God also bless my friends Lim Kit Siang and his son Lim Guan Eng and of course Karpal Singh, the opposition members who know no fear. Even if they put them under the ISA, they still speak aloud.

Now the Malaysian public should know why I wrote the book '**Memo To Dr. Mahathir**'. In that book, I advised him to vacate his seat. Go and do something better before love turns into hatred. Too much in what ever you do is bad. We must learn to stop and say enough is enough.

One must look into his innerself, he must seek inner knowledge. The hidden knowledge trusted upon them by God. Only the spiritual strength in line with the ritual in everyday life will save them from the whisper that will deviate them away from the true teaching.

Most Malaysians are already hoping that Anwar would correct the situation when he becomes the new Prime Minister of Malaysia and the President of UMNO, that is, if he is given the opportunity to replace Dr. Mahathir.

Looking at the present situation and the current political trend, the odd against that is fifty-fifty despite the fact that Dr. Mahathir has sounded it more than 10 times, may be fifteen times at home or outside that he is grooming Anwar to replace him.

It looks like Dr. Mahathir wants to enjoy the good life of being at the helm of power in the same way as President Suharto of Indonesia. By the year 2020 Anwar Ibrahim will be too old for the post. To compliment the tough road to the premiership, more and more of Anwar's enemies were being positioned all over the country and the present trends in UMNO is very unhealthy. Datuk Seri Najib and Datuk Abdullah Badawi is the favourite horses, but many people say Datuk Sanusi Junid, the Kedah Menteri Besar is the black horse. Never underate Sanusi.

In order to achieve the status of industrialised nation, Malaysia needs to have leaders with special qualities. There are certain qualities of leadership which are essential for any age and any period. Among the leadership qualities are integrity, selflessness, wisdom, courage, compassion for the underprivileged and the poor, a commitment to justice, a love of freedom, respect for the opinion of the others, respect for cultural and religious diversity, motivational, and a commitment to peace and social harmony in the country. This is the basic teaching of Islam, but all these will give a false hope if the leader is not a God-fearing-man.

The shahadah to a true Muslim is very vital. We only submit to no other force but God. Leaders should not worship women, wealth and power. Greed should not dictate our life. Too many Shylock in a small country, the religion in the country will be left without God.

The moment we accept our shahadah, there is no God but Allah and Muhammad is the messenger. *Allah hu akbar. Only Allah is great.* No such thing as superpower. Why should we degraded our country to be labelled as third world nation?

What is so great about America? You think the American like to live in the system where Shylock is the master.

All men are alike, we already submit and surrender ourselves only to God and we must live according to the sunnah of the holy Prophet Muhammad and be guided by the Holy Al-Quran. But are we doing that? How many of us have faith and trust in God? If we truly believe in God then we must accept that all men are equal. We must love one another. We must be loving, giving and forgiving. And this is what is lacking and that is what you will see in between the line of my writing.

Don't you know that writer is the ear and the eyes of the people? What you are reading now is the voice of the people. The voice of the people is the voice of God. We are only seeking the truth, justice and freedom. That is what *shahadah* is all about, to give man their freedom. To make use of their mind and their intelligent and most of all to make use of their power of reasoning using Quran as the guidance because Al-Quran to men is a manual to a car. Every car needs the manual. Without the manual, it is impossible to service and to repair the car.

Otherwise, a man would be dictated by his desire, 'nafs'. He will worship power, wealth and women. So his submission to God, his prayer is just empty promises because God demanded that man only submit to Him and live according to this book. That was brought by his messenger. Muhammad (PBUH) is the messenger, not the son of God or a special angel. This is the only difference between Islam and the other religion, *shahadah* is the total submission to one and only God.

If you worship to other than Allah, you are an unbeliever. The Quran says:

"This life of the world is but a pastime and a game. Lo! the home of the Hereafter - that is Life, if they but knew".

Apart from this, leaders who are born Muslim who are supposed to believe that religion cannot function without God, but only talk about religion and use it as front replacing themselves and play the role of God. They are making use of religion as political tool.

To them, the make up is more important than the skeleton whereas it should be the other way round. It is like the bird and the cage, they look after the cage so well, neglecting the bird. To a person the soul is just as important as the body. It is not fair you only look after the body forgetting the soul. When you die, your body will be buried in the grave and you would turn in to ashes. Have you ever think what is going to happen to your soul? According to Dr. Mahathir, man must balance himself between body and soul. The world we are living now and the hereafter.

Leaders who believe there is no religion without God must learn certain other qualities necessitated by the changing political and economic situation. Leaders must never be arrogant, cruel and greedy. They must learn to share the power and wealth presented upon them. They should be reminded that the power and wealth is a trust. They are nothing but a trustee. God can give and can take away anytime whenever He wishes to do so. And only those who possess spiritual knowledge can see all this is happening in our everyday life.

This we all understand. If we have poor leaders, how can we, as a small nation, like Malaysia could achieve so much compared to the other third world countries. If we have

leaders who have never look into themselves, leaders with empty hearts, even how strong the mind may be, it will only bring disaster to the nation they lead.

Whatever programmes we made were of no use if leaders are greedy. In the end, if we do not take precaution, we are going to fall like the rest of the great nations led by Napoleon, Hitler, General Tojo, even Churchill for that matter. Prophet Muhammad is still chosen as the most popular leader in the history of the world even among the Prophets. And who else the Muslim should learn from? Looking into this disturbing prospect, when are we suppose to learn from history?

Look what is happening to so many UMNO leaders. How they fall like humpty dumpty or slided down the hill like Jack in the story of Jack and Jill, and in the end he broke his crown. It will put humpty, dumpty to shame. And yet until today, this very day, there are still so many people take their leaders like God. They worship their leaders as though without them, everyone in the country would die.

Come on man, our father and mother die, great grandfathers and great grandmathers also died long time ago, so many people who were born as orphans still survive. So what is there? We are suppose to learn from the history of the Quran, our Prophet Muhammad was also an orphan. He was illiterate. He cannot even read and write. Lord Jesus was born without a father. What about Moses or Musa a.s. - when every other born son was killed, murdered brutally by the barbaric king of Egypt, the Pharoah, a child floated by the River Nile defeated the kingdom of the Pharoah. So why should we think greatly of the leaders and think of them like God. We just respect them, enoughlah. That too, if they know how to respect themselves. If they don't know, may be one

day, they will have to learn from the Australians. The Australians can catch one of them again. And who knows it might be our nearest neighbours, Singapore. Do you think the old man like Lee Kuan Yew will just forget what had just happen to him just like that. He won't say sorry for nothing. The Malay people say, the trap never forget the mousedeer.

And this I have written in all my previous books. Unfortunately it is written in Malay and sad to say the Malays and the Muslim at large do not take reading and thinking so seriously. They simply ignore the scripture that was brought by Muhammad, the messenger who ask them to read. Read in the name of God and the holy book will only benefit those who THINK. Thus how many Muslim THINK? You think if they do, they will be what they are today?

History certainly left its monuments for the future generations to be reminded of. As for the Malaysians, especially of the succeeding generations, they would not lack such monuments. May God bless the soul of the Father of Independence, the late Tunku Abdul Rahman. Shouldn't we all be learning from his mistake. It is more or less the same with the late Tun Razak, the second Prime Minister. He made the wrong decision by relocating the Malays to the Felda schemes that made them secluded from the mainstream of life and progress. Tun Hussein who replaced the seat left by Tun Razak was no better leader.

And how do we write the history of Ghafar Baba, Musa Hitam, Mokhtar Hashim, Rahim Tamby Chik in our history book for the next generation to read?

Some forty years had gone with the wind. The colonial masters took tin, gold, rubber, pineapple and the wealth out

of our country. We fought for the independence. We fought for our own country. We want to free ourselves. We want to be better citizens. **Now are we better off in our minds and our souls when still millions of Malays are still living below the poverty level.**

How many have take religion as something serious? How many ever study and make analysis what shahadah is all about. The freedom given to them the moment they take Allah to be their God and Muhammad is the messenger means nothing because they are deprived from the hidden knowledge, the Spritual knowledge that explain to them the connection between God and man. Spritual know-ledge is something that you have to seek is not a piece of *roti canai* given to you. Your father, mother cannot simply give you the inner knowledge like they give you your name or baptist you. You have to be a seeker. It is the duty of every one. If you love God, you find Him and God is so near to you. It is impossible you cannot find Him.

Now we produce our own cars, lorries, motorcycles. We have become an industrilised nation. But who are we when we compare ourselves to the Japanese who have to rebuild the nation with bear hands and with blood and tears after the atomic destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Have they found the inner happiness? Is there peace? Is there love? Is there oneness? Is there equality? Can you find brotherhood among them. Have they found freedom. Is boozing, drinking, fun and night life is every thing that man wants in his life? Have we no life after death?

From nothing, they built something and the Japanese people are still not happy. This is because the Japanese cannot be at peace with the world. And so is the Americans and the

European because they refuse the scripture brought by the messenger of God. So if we are going to be succesful like them in the world of industry, we have to come back to God, only God can guide and help us. Otherwise, the whole world would end up in turmoil. Why this thing happen because the so called Christians are not a true believers in God and Jesus. The political leaders make use of their religion from one generation to another to just maintain power and wealth without giving them the spiritual knowledge. So how can you blame the Christians if the churches are empty, because God don't live in the churches for Christians are also like most Muslims who thinks God can be found only in mosques. He is so near yet so far. He is so far yet so near. Why point towards the sky when God is not necessarily up there.

Where is He? To answer this, perhaps the poetic words of Khalil Gibran from his book '*Reader Secret of the Heart*' may enlighten you:

All things in this creation exist within you, and all things in you exist in creation; there is no border between you and the closest things, and there is no distance between you and the farthest things, and all things, from the lowest to the loftiest, from the smallest to the greatest, are within you as equal things. In one atom are found all the elements of the earth; in one motion of the mind are found the motion of all the laws of existence; in one drop of water are found the secrets of all of the endless oceans; in one aspect of you are found all the aspects of existence.

But one thing I believe, Islam and Christianity are originated from a single religion that God have passed to the Lord Jesus and in turn to Muhammad (PBUH). But unfortunately, the truth in both religions is hidden from the followers and it takes men with brave hearts to reveal the truth.

A true Muslim is never anti-Christ. It is the unbeliever themselves those who have distorted the Bible for personal and economic gain are the anti-Christ. Unfortunately, the Muslims and Christians are put in the situation as each other's enemy. And the Muslim scholars are also to be blamed for this, for their ego, selfishness and greed for the material world.

Anyway I am so sorry. This is not from the Bible, this is me, *membebel*. Typical me. May be this is the first time you read my book. When I get carried away like this I cannot stop. If I stop, the story of the five hundred million dollarman will also stop. After all, the people who make money from selling the trust upon them whether they sell the Bible, the land or their own people won't make any difference because they submit to their own desire only.

Religion is not just something ritual, religion must be a combination of ritual and spiritual based on the true teaching of Jesus Christ and the only scripture that you can refer to is the Al-Quran. It is genuine from the very day it was brought to the Prophet Muhammad by the angel Gabriel until today. I would not prolong my talk or on Christian for I have my big brother Ahmad Deedat from Africa the only Muslim ulama who is an authority on the subjects of Christianity.

Lets relax and try to understand the message of Ahmad Deedat about Christianity:-

Deedat maintains that he is not 'anti-Christ' for the Christians are considered as 'Ahle Kitab' or people of the Book. Deedat said:

'No Muslim is a Muslim if he does not believe in Jesus.

Jesus, he said, is mentioned by name in 25 places in the Holy Quran and there is not a single disparaging remark in the Holy Quran against him.

While working in a furniture factory, he came across the book 'Iz-Harul Haqq' or 'The Truth Revealed' which dealt with the British conquest of India and their realization that their greatest threat were the Muslims. It was this factor that initiated him to launch his debate and lecture campaign to counter the Christian missionaries. The habit and talent in debating with people and the knowledge of Christianity, Judaism and Islam developed as a result of these debate, he explained.

Quranic message he said is aimed at promoting universal brotherhood, love and compassion and galvanising the spirit of peaceful coexistence in mankind. Triumph of Islam is bound to come. Islam will prevail. It is the promise of God and his promises are true, he said.

His argumentation against the opponents of Islam and inviting them to debate on the truth of their religions was what make him remarkable.

Although Deedat had no formal training in theology, he was considered a scholar who gives arguments and appeals to reason. He has taken upon himself the task of safeguarding the Muslim from what he called the onslaught of Christian missionaries. He believes that these missionaries have done a great harm to Muslims especially where there was colonial rule before.

Propagating Islam through lectures, and debates of which has made him well known and recording these on tapes, books and distributing pamphlets, Deedat's challenge to religious leaders of other faiths has made him a highly controversial figure. One of his major debates was with an American evangelist, Jimmy Swaggart which was telecast live to millions of viewers worldwide. Swaggart's church boasts of 200 million TV audience. The debate held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana was hailed as a victory for Islam by the Middle East media and put him in the forefront of the media.

Later Swaggart was found to be indulging in offensive sexual activities and Deedat received unexpected moral boost. He describes the act as 'Symbolic of the current Christian values in the West'.

He is obsessed with the Christian missionaries, proclaiming that they have made inroads even into Saudi Arabia, the Gulf States and the Maldives and Deedat is determined to face them.

He has invited prominent Christian leader to debate on the authenticity of the Book. He even invited Pope Paul to have a meeting with him but without response.

Of Indian origin, Deedat claimed that he himself is not an expert on Hinduism and the title 'Scholar In Comparative Religion' is limited to his approach towards Islam versus Christianity and Judaism.

Well versed in Quranic verses which he constantly

recite with beautiful and forceful tone, he however knows no Arabic but very fluent in the English language. (His mother tongue is Gujarati). Deedat is considered an authority on the Bible in which he used both to propagate the message of dakwa, extracting verses in the Bible which are in accordance with the truth in the Al-Quran and at the same time using the Bible in making up the points of debate in his campaign against the Christians. 'Is the Bible God's Word' was the first Muslim work in which the contents of the Bible was used to refute the claim that it was the words of God.

The only difference between two people and any other is while we preserve our beautiful bodies, some have lost their minds and souls. In other words they are heartless and without souls. The word god is spelled the other way round. If they treat god like dog, men's best friend, never mind. They also reversed the Malay word TUHAN became HANTU meaning devil. No wonder they became evil instead having godly soul in them, devil makes it hell for them in the end.

They become murderers, rapists, robbers, corrupt, drinkers, drug addicts. They allow evil and devils to use them to destroy themselves and others. They are the people who are called 'the robes in the rogues'. Irrespective of whether they live in the mosques or the churches, they are the same. They deceived people by their make-up. Peace cannot come to the world unless God is in their hearts. Islam is not for the Malays, or for the Arabs just like Christian which is just not belong to the Jews only, but they are universal religions for mankind.

Professor Dr. Muhammad Abdul Rauf in his book '*Contemporary Issues on Malaysian Religions*' said:

"O you people! We have created you all from one male and one female, and have made you nations and tribes that you may know each other. Indeed, the noblest among you, in the sight of Allah, is the best in conduct".

The significance of this verse lies, not simply in the statement of the principle of human unity based on having a common origin. There is also a Quranic hint at the fact that man is a social being, created with a basic need to aggregate and co-live with fellow human beings, his need of companionship, the necessity to fulfil his basic biological, emotional and other needs in a social order. God inspired man to form social groups, as this verse hints at, based on consanguineous. Yet, these two considerations must be overshadowed by a common belief must transcend all racial, national and geographical factors. The allegiance of a Muslim should first be to Allah and to his fellow believers.

"Allegiance and loyalty should only be to Allah, the True Existing Reality".

"And the believers, men and women, are loyal and friends of one another".

The leaders should ask the people to look inside them, seek inner happiness, soul searching. No matter what religion you belong to, the people with inner know-ledge will not angry towards one another.

We live in the multi-racial and multi-religion society. So it is

duty bound, in order to respect one another, we have to know the culture and the religion of one another, for they say 'to know is to love'. After all if we were to look back into the history, the origins of the religion of the Malay people is a blend of Hinduism and Buddhism. They will remain intact and live in harmony as long as they share the same inner-belief, the spiritual side of the religion.

During the time of the Prophet, the roofs of the mosques were made from the leaves of date palms. But the love of the brotherhood of Islam and the Islamic faith of our Muslim brothers were enormous. Slaves and masters, whites and blacks were together as one. There were equality and uniformity. But later, in the history of Islam great mosques of different shapes and colours with all their architectural grandeur came into existence. We look at these mosque from the remains of great Islamic empires such as the Othman and others. Until today, even the Blue Mosque of Shah Alam supports more pillars than those who come for prayers. Even the churches and tamples have become places of tourist attractions. Believers sometimes come to ask the priest to pray for the worldly things only. This was told to me by my Sikh, Hindu and Christian friends. They don't pray for the people of the world.

This should be our priority if we want to be one up. Is this not what the Prime Minister wants us to do, to balance civilisation between that of the world and the hereafter. If we claim. Islam is the religion of our country, we must be able to prove it. Otherwise we might just as well, forget it. The money spent on our sultan, the head of the Islamic religion, I think they should be spent on other better programe to benefit the people.

As it is now, the Malaysians have been indoctrinated to be

proud of the shining lights of the twin tower that stood at the former race course in the heart of the city of Kuala Lumpur. The tower is said to be the tallest of its kind in the world. Besides the silvery tower there is also the gigantic flag waving through the wind at one corner of the Dataran Merdeka (Merdeka Square), a historic site when the Union Jack was brought down and the Malayan flag was raised up on the night of 31st August 1957 to mark the birth of a new nation and the freedom or so-called freedom from the hands of the colonialism. Even to collect rubbish and to cut grass is monopolised by the very same greedy Shylock like the character portrayed by William Shakespeare in his famous play 'Merchant of Venice'.

Four decades has passed by since that memorable night. But as the city of walls and concretes spring up to touch, as high as the sky, the moral as well as the morale of the Malays, especially that of the youth are stalling down like a bunch of fallen leaves. And in spite of the emergence of the New Malays and the new Malay millionaires and billionaires, the poorer Malays are left to be poorer. The income of the hundreds of city mini bus operators whose thousands of life depended upon them were given to one man or two, the giant who own public listed companies.

Now how would the Malay leaders provide answers to their own conscience? *And what kind of historical monument the highest twin tower on earth would become? Would it be the tombstone of the Malays or some Malay political leaders?* The answer, we all shall see and what are we seeing now is the dream that is already turning into a nightmare. What if our children read the newspapers on the news of other school children especially the Malays. Maybe millions are sick, sick inside them, lonely life without love, without care,

so the empty souls of the young ones allow themselves to be involve with drugs, alcohol, free sex, homosexual, lesbian and gangsterism. How can they look up to any thing at all when nobody look upon them with loving care? Can you blame them if they don't care and have no respect for the elders nor the law?

Where do our children learn all these bad habits if not from the UMNO, MCA and some MIC politicians. They are all same-samelah. You know, I knowlah. *Cakap tak serupa bikin punya.*

How can they be good children when the elders who are power crazy and practise all sorts of nonsensical things such as money politics? From whom they pick up the dirty habits of living as individual? **Will looking at the twin tower, LRT, MRT, Kancil, Rusa, Wira, Perodua solve the social problems.**

This children have lost their hearts and their souls. They are the angry and frustrated young generations of Malaysians. How could you blame if they resort to this small luxuries when their houses is so crammed and crowded and do not even provide for minimum comfort. There is no badminton or sepak takraw courts. Forget about football grounds. You think the leaders who is so busy approving golf courses and expensive condominiums in order, to enlarge the membership of the 500 million dollar man's club bother to think about the welfare of the unfortunate citizens who live in the city.

The low cost flats they are living in is a one-room pigeon home, the class room so packed like canned sardine and do you have guts to blame them roaming around the shopping complex. What about their parents who also waste time in coffee shops?

Has anybody show the children love and care? To love, to care, to give and to forgive is Godly. It is Islam and Islamic deeds. Islam is peace. Islam is harmony. Islam is perfection. If we take Islam the way of the Prophet, the addin as a way of life, no such thing would happen to us as called by Anwar Ibrahim, the former President of ABIM. I hope he remains as brave heart and successful in helping the under privelage bumiputras to live in a better condition then their miserable low cost house.

The question that we should be asking now, is Islam still alive in Malaysia? We all know Pusat Islam is? It is under the Prime Minister's Department. But is Islam still alive? Where is the spirit of Islamic humanity have gone to? You think by putting a retired army general as the head will solve the problem of the ummah? What happen if he retired, surely he may become like the former retired Director of Pusat Islam, who is just elected as UMNO information officer suddenly he stop talking about Islam and talk about UMNO politics. This is a big headache, you know. You make some people very sick~~lah~~.

God is Almighty and most benevolent He is not narrow-minded like man - His creature. For instance an evil man may be able to deceive some people, but cannot conceal his wickedness from his own children - even if he tries to do so. His children will sometimes become more evil than he is or perhaps more evil than devils. This is a form of self inflicted punishment. If a drinker cannot restrain himself from drinking, God will not punish him at once. But he will become a drunkard and ruin his own health (which is slow suicide). An evil doer will be despised socially and his conscience will suffer. This is self-made temporary hell for him.

As Allah is All Knowing, nobody can deny that He is aware of what man will do.

Prayer is one of the most important obligations of Islam. In their prayers, Muslims only pray to Allah, the Creator of the whole Universe without requesting any personal favour but peace for all. They do not pray to any body else. Muslims believe that, by the will of Allah, men are the masters of the world. In other words men are not only superior beings over other creatures, but man also has full power to utilise everything on earth, under the ground and in the sea. Men are created equal in the eyes of God.

But, in spite of all that, we must also agree and appreciate the fact that an unmixed evil, mischief and harm cannot survive in the world even for a single moment. Whenever corrupt values come into vogue in the world, they are constrained to adopt some moral values also, for without them, they cannot move even a step further. Pure and unmixed evil can be contemplated in the world, but cannot be enforced in practice.

This books was written in the month of Ramadhan, 1417. The month of Ramadhan should remind us of the good and refined character and political leadership demonstrated by the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) which should be benefitted by every nation, Islamic or non-Islamic alike. This is the quality that could bring about peace and prosperity.

Most people fear the true Islamic leaders the same way some Malaysians feared Dr. Mahathir when he became the new Prime Minister succeeding the late Tun Hussein who resigned on the health ground. To these people, Dr. Mahathir was an

ultra-Malay, an extremist and a fundamentalist. But as time went by, the fear gradually diminished and disappears. Now, they love him and regard him as the greatest leader who is indispensable. Not a single soul could be thought of to take over his post as the Prime Minister or match his talents and capabilities. Many have submitted to him because he brought wealth and prosperity. And some even have begin to think of him as the 'god of Prosperity'. Who knows one day, they make a larger-than-life statue of him like the statue of Tunku Abdul Rahman and put vis-a-vis the eagle statue at Langkawi Island as he is the one who successfully broke the spell of Mahsuri and brought prosperity to the country. Dr. Mahathir single-handedly had transformed Malaysia from an agricultural state to a young and emerging industrialised nation. Under his leadership the economy enjoys a constant annual growth of 8 percent for the last ten years. And the **comfortably numbed** would be very angry with me when they read this book. I will be the subject of their thoughts as Mahathir's number one enemy. And I'm not surprised if they label me as Anwar's man, discrediting Mahathir and promoting Anwar to be the next premier. Frankly speaking, who ever is the Prime Minister, I am what I am. Ask Anwar Ibrahim, do you think he likes me? I'm not the least in his good book anyway, I can't be bothered. I don't owe him a living.

*Sendiri punya hal
Sendiri mahu ingatlah*

The Prophet of Muhammad (PBUH) had said:

*"Should you see a cruelty, unjust corrupt practice
fight it with your hands. If you are not able, then
fight it with words. And still if you can't, then it would*

suffice to say it in your heart, for this is the weakest of the faith".

The concept of morality in Islam holds that Allah is the Creator and Source of all goodness, truth and beauty. Man is His responsible and dignified agent. As such, Allah has entrusted man with the power to oversee His creation, i.e. humanity and the whole of the natural world. To accomplish this immense task man must observe what Allah has ordained as obligatory and avoid what He has forbidden.

It is man's moral duty to do so. He has the obligation to correct his mistakes, repent his sins and be virtuous in his dealings; to develop a sense of social consciousness and to nurture a feeling of humaneness; and to avoid arrogance and vanity, harshness and indifference towards anyone or anything in Allah's creation. This is how Allah judges and dispenses His favour upon man.

However, all areas of knowledge are of equal merit, except that the pursuit of the spiritual and moral area based on the recognition of God and the revealed guidance is the noblest, and has to be the foundation for all other pursuits. This is in order to shape a balanced personality within the scholar and ensure the ethical application of his knowledge. Academic pursuit, not accompanied by this spiritual moral basis, will be of much lesser value. The Holy Quran commands:

"Withdraw, (O Muhammad), from those who turn away from Our remembrance and desire only success in the near world.

"Such is all their attainment of knowledge".

But if Quranic verses are not convincing enough for some people may be the words of George Bernard Shaw and Mahatma Ghandi about Islam and the Prophet of Muhammad would change your mind or perhaps your destiny too.

In the book **"A collection of writing of some of the Eminent"**, let's just read what Bernard Shaw had to say this about Islam:

"I have always held the religion of Muhammad in high estimation because of its wonderful vitality. It is the only religion which appears to possess that assimilating capability to the changing phases of existence which can make itself appeal to every age..."

"I have prophesied about the faith of Muhammad that if would be acceptable tomorrow as it is beginning to be acceptable to the Europe of today. The Mediaeval ecclesiastics, either through ignorance or bigotry, painted Muhammadanism in the darkest colours. They were in fact trained to hate both the man Muhammad and his religion. To them Muhammad was anti-Christ. I have studied him, the wonderful man, and in my opinion far from being an anti-Christ he must be called the saviour of Humanity. I believe that if a man like him were to assume the dictatorship of the modern world he would succeed in solving its problems in a way that would bring to it much needed peace and happiness. Europe is beginning to be enamoured of the creed of Muhammad. In the next century it may go still further in recognising the utility of that creed in solving its problems and it is in this sense that you must understand my prediction".

And from the magazine "**The Light**" published in Lahore on September 16, 1924. Mahatma Ghandi was quoted as having said:-

"I wanted to know the best life of one who holds today undisputed sway over the hearts of millions of mankind... I became more than ever convinced that it was not the sword that won a place for Islam in those days in the scheme of life. It was the rigid simplicity, the utter self-effacement of the Prophet, the scrupulous regard of pledges, his intense devotion to his friends and followers, his intrepidity, his absolute trust in God in his own mission. These and not the sword carried everthing before them and surmounted every obstacle."

The English proverb says: "*the history books on the shelves is always repeating itself*". Yes, history could well repeat itself. We are facing dooms day because we neglect our duty to save mankind. The outcome of this is the current social problems that take place within our society today. And what is the cure of this social sickness other than going back to God and using Quran as a guide.

As I have told you earlier, in order to enjoy my book you have to allow me to take you shopping in a big shopping complex where everything can be found under one roof. So, please just buy what ever you like, if you cannot make up your mind, just be my guest. The pleasure is yours, the risk is mine. Since I have not finish talking about the Quran and Islam from the non-Muslim point of view, I will now take a break allowing Cat Steven, the former king of the rock, the singer who brought you such songs like 'Catch Bull At Four' to tell you a story - how he came to Islam as published by the *Islamic Herald*, November 1991. This is what Yusof Islam has to say:

As human beings we are given a consciousness and a duty that has placed us at the top of creation. Man is created to be God's deputy on earth and it is important to realize the obligation to rid ourselves of all illusions and to make lives a preparation for the next life. Anybody who misses this chance is not likely to be given another, to be brought back again and again, because it has been said in Quran Majeed that when men is brought to account, he will say, "O lord, send us back and give us another chance." The Lord will say, if I send you back you will do the same.

Early Upbringing:

I was brought up in the modern world of all the luxury and the limelight of show business. I was born in a Christian home but we know that every child is born in his original nature, it is only his parents that turn him to this or that religion. I was given this religion (Christianity) and thought this way. I was thought that God exist, but there was no direct contact with God, so we had to make contact with Him through Jesus, he was in fact the gateway to God. This was more or less accepted by me, but I did not swallow it all.

I looked at some of the statues of Jesus; there were just stones with no life. And when they said that God is three, I was puzzled even more but could not argue. I more or less believed it, because I had respect for the faith of my parents.

Pop Star:

Gradually I became allienated from this religious

upbringing. I started making music. I wanted to be a big star. All those things I saw in the films and on the media took hold of me, and perhaps I thought this was my god, the goal of making money. I had uncle who had a beautiful car "Well," I said, "He has made it," he had a lot of money. The people around me influenced me to think that this was it, this world was their god.

I decided then that this was the life for me, to make a lot of money, have a "great life." Now my examples were the pop stars, I started making songs, but deep down I had a feeling for humanity, a feeling that if I became rich I will help the needy (As has been said in the Quran, we make a promise, but when we make something we want to hold on to it and become greedy).

So what happened was that I became very famous, I was still a teenager, my name and photo were splashed in all the media. They made me larger than life, so I wanted to live larger than life and the only way to do that was to be intoxicated (with liquor and drug).

In Hospital:

After a year of financial success and "high" living, I became very ill, contracted TB and had to be hospitalized. It was then that I started to think: what was happen to me? Was I just a body and my goal in life was merely to satisfy this body? I realized now that this calamity was a blessing given to me by Allah, a chance to open my eyes, "Why am I here? why am I in bed?" and I started looking for some of the answers. At that time there was great interest in the Eastern mysticism. I began reading and the first thing I began

to become aware of was of death, and that the soul moves on, it does not stop. I felt I was taking the road to bliss and high accomplishment. I started meditating and even became a vegetarian. I now believed in "Peace and flower power", and this was the general trend. But what I did believe in particular was that I was not just the body, this awareness came to me at the hospital.

One day when I was walking and I was caught in the rain, I began running to the shelter and then I realized, "Wait a minute, my body is getting wet." This made me think of a saying that body is like donkey and it has to be trained where it has to go; otherwise the donkey will have to lead you where it wants to go.

Then I realized I had a will, a God given gift; follow the will of God. I was fascinated by the new terminology I was learning in the Eastern religion. By now I was fed up with Christianity. I started making music again and this time I started reflecting my own thoughts. I remember the lyric of one of my songs. It goes like this; "I wish I knew, I wish I knew what makes the Heaven, what makes the Hell. Do I get to know You in my bed or some dusty cell while others reach the big hotel?" and I knew I was on the Path.

I also wrote another song "The way to find God out." I became even more famous in the world of music. I really had a difficult time because I was getting rich and famous and at the same time was sincerely searching for the Truth. Then I came to a stage where I decided that Buddhism is all right and noble, but I was not ready to leave the world, I was too attached to the world and was not prepared to become a monk and isolate myself from society.

I tried Zen and Ching, numerology, tarot cards and astrology. I tried to look back into the Bible and could not find anything. At this time I did not know anything about Islam and then, what I regarded as a miracle occurred. My brother had visited the mosque in Jerusalem and was greatly impressed that while on the one hand it throbbed with life (unlike the churches and synagogus which were empty), on the other hand, an atmosphere of peace and tranquillity prevailed.

The Quran:

When he came London he brought back a translation of the Quran, which he gave to me. He did not become a Muslim, but he felt something in this religion, and thought I might find something in it also.

And when I received the book, (a guidance that would explain everything to me: Who was I? What was the purpose of life? What was the reality and what would be the reality and where I came from?) I realized that this was the true religion - religion not in the sense the West understands it, not the type for only your old age. In the West whoever wishes to embrace a religion and make it his only way of life is deemed a fanatic. I was not a fanatic, I was at first confused between the body and the soul. Then I realized that the body and soul are not apart and you don't have to go to the mountain to be religious; we must follow the will of God, then we can rise even higher than the angels. The first thing I wanted to do now was to be a Muslim.

I realized that everything belongs to God, that slumber does not overtake Him. He created everything. At this

point I began to lose the pride in me, because hereto I had thought the reason I was here was because of my own greatness. But I realized that I did not create myself, and the whole purpose of my being here was to submit to the teaching that had been perfected by the religion we know as Al-Islam. At this point I started discovering my faith, I felt that I was a Muslim, on reading the Quran. I now realized that all the Prophets sent by God brought the same message. Why then were the Jews and Christians different. I knew now how the Jews did not accept Jesus as the Messiah and that they had changed His Word. Even the Christians misunderstand God's Word and called Jesus the son of God. Everything made so much of sense. This is the beauty of the Quran; it asks you to reflect and reason, and not to worship the sun or moon but the One who has created everything. The Quran asks man to reflect upon the sun and moon and God's creation in general. Do you realized how different the sun is from the moon? They are at varying distances, from the earth, yet appear the same size to us; at times one seems to overlap the other.

Even when many of the astronauts go to space, they see the insignificant size of the earth and vastness of space, they become very religious, because they have seen the Signs of Allah.

When I read the Quran further, it talked about prayer, kindness and charity. I was not a Muslim yet, but I felt that the only answer for me was the Quran, and God sent it to me and I kept it a secret. But the Quran also speaks on different levels. I began to understand it on another level, where the Quran says: "Those who

believed don't take disbelievers for friends and the believers are brothers". Thus at this point I wished to meet my Muslim brothers.

Conversion:

Then I decided to journey to Jerusalem (as my brother had done). At Jerusalem, I went to the mosque and sat down. A man asked me what I wanted. I told him I was a Muslim. He asked what was my name; I told him "Stevens." He was confused. I then joined the prayer though not succesfully. Back in London, I met a sister called Nafisa. I told her I wanted to embrace Islam and she directed me to the New Regent Mosque. This was in 1977, about one year after I received the Quran. Now I realized that I must get rid of my pride, get rid of Iblis and face one direction. So on a Friday, after Jumma I went to the Imam and declared my faith(the Kalima) at his hands. You have before you someone who had achieved fame and fortune. But guidance was something that eluded me, no matter how hard I tried until I was shown the Quran. Now I realized, I can get in direct contact with God, unlike Christianity or and other religions. As one Hindu lady told me, "You don't understand the Hindus, we believe in one God, we use these objects (idols) to merely concentrate." What she was saying was that in order to reach God one has to create associates, that are idols for the purpose. But Islam removes all these barriers, the only thing that disbelievers is the salat. This is the purpose of purification.

Finally I wish to say that everything I do is for the pleasure of Allah and pray that you gain some inspiration from my experiences. Furthermore, I

would like to stress that I did not come into contact with any Muslim before I embrace Islam. I read the Quran first and realized that no person is perfect, Islam is perfect, and if we imitate the conduct of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). we will be succesful. May Allah give us guidance to follow the path of Ummah of Muhammad (PBUH). Ameen!

We must go back to history to appreciate how Muhammad saved the uncivilised and barbarics Arabs who buried their own daughters, married their own mothers, sisters and did anything that no other human would do. Through his own personality as a kind, loving, forgiving, honest and sincere man, Muhammad can be considered as a perfect example of a poor illiterate who lead the people. He changed the whole history of the Arabs from darkness to greatness with only his personality. But unfortunately after his death comes the politics of majority. The majority rule gradually developed into the kingdoms where The Sultan and the Al Maliks have the sovereignty where spiritual leadership is buried and men lived by their own laws. During this time the holy book is used when required by the oppressor to strenghten and maintain their power. This is where Islam is misunderstood. Islam became divided between spiritual and ritual believers who accept Islam according to the tradition but not the Islam brought by the sunnah of the Prophet.

This is how our most Muslims behave. They live with greed and allowing the devils to take control of their minds, bodies and souls. Instead of loving their brothers, they rob and kill them. Why is it so, because the ulama is afraid to speak the truth. Muawiyah, 'the so called' *sahabat* who crowned his son to be the crown prince seemed to be in command over Islam, and the Al-Saud of Saudi Arabia is the living proof.

What distinguish them with the Muawiyah are just the time, the place, the different kind of weapons they use to kill their Muslim brother who wished to practice Islam in accordance with the Quran. Let us try to think and ponder, what are the benefits and advantages the Quran would bring to humanity. For this, we look into an extract on the 'Lectures on the Surat Al-Fatihah' delivered by the late Imam Khomeini:

The Quran wishes to advance man from the defective state in which he finds himself to the highest state that befits him. This is the purpose for which the Quran has been revealed and all the prophets have been sent: to take man by the hand and deliver him from the deep pit into which he has fallen - the pit of egohood, the deepest of all pits - and to show him the manifestations of God, that he may forget all other-than-God.

The rests are all the same. And this world is one big theatrical stage. We, the humans are still the actors and the actresses of the same stage but only changing the players. So we have to change our players to imitate Muhammad, and not the devil. Allah will not change the life of those who does not want to change themselves.

May be the late Ali Shariati, the martyr will bring you back in his time machine what Muawiyah regime was like. From his book 'Shahadat (Martyrdom)' he wrote:

Who has the power to criticize the Bani Umayyid here? Who? It is the year 60AH. Everything is lost. All of the achievements and success of the movement which had begun a half a century ago have been disregarded. The Book brought by the Prophet was raised upon the spears of the Bani Umayyid, the

culture and ideas which Islam had developed in hearts and minds through efforts and jihads became a means for justification of the Umayyid rule. All of the mosques became bases for the multitheism and oppression, deceit and brain-washing the people. All of the swords of jihad are put to use by the executioners. All of the income gathered through the poor-rate (zakat) and acquisitions slide downwards towards the Green Palace. The official tongues who speak of the truth, unity, the Prophet, his customs, the Quran and revelations are at the disposal of Muawiyyah and Muawiyah regime.

Now if anybody at all want Islam, he or she must find it themselves.

It is not impossible for the Malays to forget that power and grandeur that are bestowed upon them by Allah. They are not theirs. And Allah could recall them at His will. The Malays will then become like the Portuguese in Malacca who now settle only in a small settlement of their own called the Portuguese Settlement. Whereas, the Portuguese at one time were the colonial masters in this country.

"History has proved that races like Babylonia, Assyria, Mecedonia and Carthagenia although once powerful and progressive, were wiped out of existence. Surely, a weak race like the Malays would be easily wiped out if they fail to understand the nature of power in their hands. It would be misused if they are influenced by lust".

The Challenge
Dr. Mahathir

Umar Ibnul Khatab said,

"If the knowledgeable among you falter, the whole universe and its inhabitants will be demolished".

"Umar Ibnu Khatab said, if you see a knowledgeable man adores the world, you must be suspicious of his religion. Because whoever adores something, it will cause him to be engrossed in things he adores".

Coming back to Mat Taib the appetiser and the ajinomoto to my writing, it seems good times ended abruptly but temporarily for Muhammad Taib, Menteri Besar meaning 'The Big Man' of the rich Malaysian state of Selangor who was in the midst of a family vacation on Dec. 22, 1996, when customs officials at Brisbane Airport found close to RM 2.4 million in his suitcase. But the legal significance of the incident paled in comparison with the moral implications for the prominent politician. As the long-time chief of Selangor, Muhammad, 51, earns an estimated RM8,000 a month, excluding perks, and is supposed to stay out of private business. Where then did the money come from? And why was he carrying it in cash? That's the kind of question many people may ask. But I think Mat Taib has also the right to ask the people this question. Why question him alone? Why not investigate other government officers? You think Mat Taib alone has been bringing in and out money from foreign country? Unfortunately he was caught and bad luck for him. It happened in Australia.

Don't you know that so many ordinary government officers drive Proton Sagas or Wira's? The upper class government officers also own more than one cars. Where did they get extra money to live like the '**rich and famous**' as compared

to their income? You think they dare to tell the truth to their children? Have they forgotten they are accountable for every cent they have, where and what they do with their money? How many cheat, rob, drink and eat the flesh of their own brothers and yet you see them praying in the mosque which is supposed to be the house of God. If you understand and believe in your shahadah '*laillahailallah*', you will not have the heart to eat your own flesh and blood. Where is the spirit of brotherhood in Islam that you have taken as your religion?

Now coming back to Mat Taib the appetiser, the *modal* of my book, after all may be thousand of Islamic leaders all over the world who is like him because there is no S.H. Alattas like me in their country, their story is burried.

What is RM 2.4 million to Mat Taib? He is the big man in the state. If an ordinary citizen can carry RM 20 or RM 30 thousand, surely RM 2.4 million is no big deal to the 'Big Man', the Chief Minister. Any big project to be approved must need the signature of the Big Man. I am now an investigative writer. I have proofs, I was offered million of dollars if I can get Mat Taib to approve the project. I think Mat Taib is smarter than me, he disaproved the project.

So can anybody question him or anybody who with a stroke of a pen can make a man a millionaire overnight or if he is a big spender? Where does he learn this from? You know how our sultan and his family spend tremendous amount of money during their oversea trips. The money seemed to be heaven sent. I think such a question is no longer relevant and appropriate when you consider the 'system', whether political system or otherwise that we all have to live with unless we all want a change.

The history of Malaysia also shows how Malaysian society has in the end becomes a plural society and non-homogeneous. It is the British who were responsible for the shaping of the Malaysian plural society via its "open door" policy. But unfortunately we heard no news of MCA or MIC leaders being caught by the anti corruption. What is the money made by the UMNO leader in comparison to other non-Malays political leaders and the most unscrupulous non-Malay businessmen who simply think of only making money. Everytime the government announce pay-rise for the civil servant, all the prices of good increase and everytime the government make a slightest increase, for example the price of the flour, the price of *roti canai* goes up like nobody's business. But when the price of flour goes down, the price of *roti canai* remains.

The British which has in the end changed the pattern of society and the demography of the people into what it is now i.e. a plural, heterogenous, society. Even so, the historical fact which cannot be denied is that the land originally belonged to the Malays i.e. the race which, through the Sultanate of Malacca, ruled the land; the land which was stolen by the European colonial masters. Lets stop talking about Mat Taib and look at the history of Malaysia. May be we need to look back into history, so we can correct our mistake.

The British policy of opening the doors of this country to foreigners has resulted in a terrible outcome for the Malays. The Malays, who were the sole heirs to the land had nearly become foreigners in their own land. It is this policy which has made the number of those who were not indigenous to the land nearly equal to those who were. May God bless the Malays who without the religion, they had became, and to certain extend still are foreigners in their own motherland.

When independence were pursued by the Malays, the British did not return the sovereignty of the land to the Malays in total. It was distributed amongst not only to the Malays but, amongst others, whilst giving some privileges to the Malays and the rest of the indigenous population, whereby Islam became the official religion and Malay language became the official language. What became of Islam and the Malay language? I leave it to the academicians and the ulama.

However most important of all I have to pinpoint the sultans and the Agung (the King), they are the rulers who are entrusted with the duty of guiding the Muslim, Islamic affairs, the Malays customs and cultures which are under their jurisdiction. But the department and jurisdiction that they exercise is no better than the Veterinary Department or the dog units of some local governments. If the enforcement officers from the Veterinary Department or these local governments can shoot stray dogs, the department under the king's jurisdiction could arrest any Muslim and put a tag of deviationist on his neck. And that's the end of the man just like the proverb says: "Give a dog a bad name and kill him". In doing this, they don't have to refer to the Quran. All they have to do is to add a new provision in the Enactments to suit what's on their minds. Surprising enough, the Quran now is like the Old Testament and the Enactments is the New Testaments. If you don't believe me it does not matter, you can ask anybody who has been the victims of Pusat Islam or the Religious Department.

Coming back to how the Malay was cheated by their colonial masters, the white god, in this context, the sacrifice made by the Malays is a great one indeed. The readiness and willingness of the Malays to grant part of their right to

political power to the others who have emigrated to Malaya, via citizenship through the simplest of conditions i.e. "Jussoli", is indeed a large sacrifice when compared to other nations or states. But, don't you think the comfortably numbed Malays are making a greater sacrifice to their leaders by giving their minds, souls and hearts to share the dreams and visions of their leaders, even though they knew that the visions and dreams are slowly transforming into a nightmare.

The leaders of UMNO, in their pursuit of independence, have been most tolerant, the value of which is great indeed. You think is wrong for them to enjoy the fruit now?

For some of the Malays, such tolerance has caused uneasiness since being the indigenous population, they fear that they simply would not have the future. Even so, the leaders of that time have stated with utmost confidence that the future of the Malays would remain secure in the spirit of independence, the existence of the "Perjanjian Kemerdekaan" and the special privileges of the Malays. In return and in tolerance, the non-Malays were given the political right via citizenship on the basis of "Jussoli".

And do you think it is wrong if the Malaysian leaders, the new Malays are taking advantage over the other citizens. After all Malaysia is practicing democracy by the people. And by the people meant for a few chosen ones only? You ask this question yourself and I hope you find your own answer.

Sendiri punya diri sendiri mau ingat, sendiri mau jawab. Sendiri bikin salah, sendiri mahu tanggunglah. Sendiri ada hutang, sendiri mahu bayarlah. How can Mat Taib create the problem and ask Dr. Mahathir to solve it? This is not fair. He gives problem, he answers his own problem.

The Chief Minister had already explained to the Prime Minister after returning to Malaysia. Muhammad explained that the money was given to him by his brothers for an Australian property transaction that was not completed. *"I didn't realize that I had to make a declaration for the cash before leaving Australia,"* he said. True or not, many felt the damage had already been done. *"The incident has been a disgrace to the country."* says Lim Guan Eng, deputy leader of the opposition Democratic Action Party (DAP). *"For a senior politician to be arrested in a foreign country does not say good things about the level of corruption control in Malaysia."*

What exactly it does say about corruption may not be known for some time, if ever. But it certainly doesn't look good. Just three months ago, Muhammad was one of three members of the dominant United Malays National Organization who had been chosen as party vice-president. The polls followed an emotive speech by Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, who heads UMNO, about the evils of money politics. Mahathir even wept, saying that if left unchecked, this **"cancer"** will eat into the very fabric of Malaysian society. Politicians, Mahathir added, must not only be clean, but must also be seen to be clean.

I think Mahathir would not mind if I ask him one question, how **clean** is **clean**? Can you make the difference between the *'lembru'* and the *'kerbau'* (water-buffalo). Which one is cleaner? When you talk about the meat, both are halal. It depends on who slaughter the cow. Is it a stolen or a given cow?

Anyway the word **clean** is according to whose definition?

And who is the best judge to say who is **clean** and who is not? I hope it is not the AG who set Rahim free, because Rahim Tamby Chik is clean according to AG. The court of justice in Malaysia has no case against him. And I am sorry if the Prime Minister has to go through the last decade of his life by just crying. But I don't think that Malaysians are happy if Dr. Mahathir makes crying as a habit. We hate to hear from the world that we have a crying Prime Minister. I would dedicate a song to my Prime Minister '**No Women No Cry**' by the late Bob Marley. May be this will stop his crying habit.

How clean is Muhammad? The one-time school teacher has certainly attracted foreign investment to the state, streamlined its bureaucracy and modernized its infrastructure. He has also made some controversial decisions. Last year, for instance, he infuriated many women by dropping the requirement that a man needs to get his wife's permission before entering a sub-subsequent marriage. There have been some questionable dealings in the past too. In early 1992, Muhammad had to deflect claims that he accepted RM4 million from a property developer. May be because he is not the only one who have received such money, the matter is swept under the carpet.

Now Muhammad faces his toughest challenge. There have already been conflicting explanations as to why he was carrying so much cash. A few days after the arrest, Selangor UMNO deputy liaison chief chairman Abu Hassan Omar said Muhammad had told him on the phone that "**the money was for shopping**". Soon after that, a spokesman from the Chief Minister's own office maintained that nothing of that nature was implied in the telephone conversation, and that Muhammad did not say the money belonged to him.

Muhammad will have to appear in an Australian court on

April 11 1997. He is to face charges that could lead to forfeiture of the money, a fine and up to five years in jail. Until then, it appears he will keep his posts as Selangor Chief and UMNO vice President. Just how Mahathir handles this case will be the key factors. But most of Malaysian have so much confident in Mahathir. May be Mahathir will have to send the Attorney General to Australia to teach them what is Malaysia law looks like. In an interview with the Chief Minister, 'The Big Man' has made his stand.

Shah Alam, Tues: Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Muhd Taib, who faces a currency violation charge in Australia, today vehemently denied rumours that he has handed in his resignation letter or is planning to resign.

"I will not do this as I plan to implement and carry out all the programmes lined up for Selangor until my term ends in 1999 or 2000."

Muhammad, who is Selangor UMNO Chief and Party Vice President, said he is busy attending to his duties like the launching of Taman Fikrah next month and the setting up an organisation to handle social problems in the state.

"Not only that, I will also ensure that projects like Putrajaya, Cybercity and the development of coastal areas are carried out before my term ends".

The internal plot to bring him down, the paper claimed, started after the incident where Muhammad was caught in Brisbane last December for carrying RM 2.4 million cash in Malaysia, Singapore and

New Zealand currencies without declaring it to the authorities there. He has since clarified that the money belonged to his brothers who wanted to buy a house in the Gold Coast for their children's education.

Muhammad denied making such statements to the reporter during the interview. "I never made such a statement during the interview as this issue does not arise at all." He added that as far as he is concerned, the Selangor UMNO, Barisan Nasional and state government members have pledged their full support to him.

"Maybe during the interview the reporter brought up the issue after hearing stories from other people. When the reporter asked me about such things, I told the reporter I do not know anything about it," he said.

Muhammad said if he plans to resign, he will definitely call for a press conference to inform the public about it.

Asked if he will request UMNO Selangor to take actions against the rumour-mongers as spreading rumours is an offence, he said there is an offence, he said there is no need for any action to be taken.

"Rumours are good. At least now I am famous. Now, I even make it into international news," he said in reference to the Nanyang article which was published in the Singapore Straits Times yesterday.

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Muhammad has already submitted a report on his arrest to the Prime Minister. People like you and me will only be able to guess what he has to say and what was Mahathir's answer. But I think Mahathir will say, 'Take it easy Mat, this is a small matter. No big deal. I know how to handle the Aussies like I handle the British. May be I will say lets buy Australian product first, after all what is a neighbour for. Australian are also human being, they are not perfect people. They also make mistakes sometimes. Any way this is the first time our leaders make mistake, why not forgive and forget. They can have the RM2.4 million and considered it burnt after all you know it is your fault to make a small signboard saying you cannot take money out of your country. You know many Malaysian are shortsighted these days especially the leaders. We have a lot of problems with smoke problems caused by air pollution or we can send Mat Taib's brother Reduan to settle the case'.

Kuala Lumpur, Tues. - Bridgecon Berhad executive chairman Datuk Raduan Muhammad Taib today said the money equivalent to RM2.37 million had been given to his brother, Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad, to purchase property on the Gold Coast, near Brisbane, and that it belonged to him and two other brothers.

Raduan said US\$1 million (RM1.7 million) and RM700,000 had been given to Muhammad after the brothers had entrusted him with matter to be over publicised because as it is subjudice.

"We have given our statements to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad via a letter (delivered by

Muhammad), " he said during Dr. Mahathir's visit to the Mines Resort City.

Raduan was asked to comment on the statement made by Muhammad after he was charged in Brisbane magistrate's court in Dec 23 for failing to declare the money at Brisbane airport where he was enroute to New Zealand.

Muhammad told a Press conference on Dec 30 that the money belonged to his three brothers - Raduan, Datuk Othman and Hassan - who wanted to buy property for their children who would be studying in Australia.

The Menteri Besar said the Sale and Purchase agreement could not be finalised because Raduan and Othman had not joined him on the trip as their children were getting married.

It was then decided to bring the money back to Malaysia, which led to Muhammad being stopped at the airport and charged in court.

Raduan said he and his brothers would co-operate with the Anti-Corruption Agency and other authorities in their investigations on Muhammad.

Asked whether Raduan and his two brothers had the financial means to purchase the property, Raduan said the Press could look into his corporate background.

"There is no need for me to disclose (this). I do not want to comment.

"I was with SAP Holdings Berhad (previously Shah Alam Properties Berhad). As the case is pending in Australia we are advised that it is subjudice.

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But I think, the most beautiful lesson to learn from this story is very simple. Next time anybody at all who has a brother, father, mother, sister who is a minister we should not ask him to carry money for us. What more to go and buy property. How could his brother treat Mat Taib like an office boy. He is our Chief Minister. How could his brother ask him to buy or to do anything at all especially to use his office, his chair to get something. You know so many downfall of our leaders is because of the people around them. Leaders having so much to think, to do for the people so they tend to neglect the family and when immediate member of the family ask for a favour, this is the time the leader find it difficult to say no.

Nobody dare to challenge Ghafar Baba when he obtained millions of ringgits to settle his huge debts. When he was the Deputy Prime Minister and UMNO's Deputy President, Ghafar borrowed a huge loans from various banks and financial institutions for his own consumption. It is considered a normal practice in this country or for that matter any other country that *power corrupts* and *absolute power corrupts absolutely*.

Since the second most powerful man can misused his position for his own benefits, therefore it is not surprising that the third and fourth most powerful men in this country are following the same trends. They are moving in the same path for the common direction, that is power and wealth.

Ghafar has to leave his post and position. It is because he is already had 'too much'. He had an affair and married someone's wife and furthermore UMNO wanted a change. Age is not the criteria as Ghafar claimed because he is almost at the same age category as Dr. Mahathir. Why Mahathir can maintain his post, why his deputy has to go? **What about Wan Mokhtar of Terengganu and Taib Mahmood of Sarawak? How long have they been laying eggs on those seats?** Don't you think that it is possible that Taib Mahmood send some eggs to the Freemason or is he hatching eggs of the Freemason while seating as the president of Perkim. Whatever it is, those egg must be golden eggs. And may be because of that reason he is afraid UMNO would branch out to Sarawak and start counting his eggs.

Not only the politician, even the 'ulama' is free to do what they like with God's money that is supposed to be given to the poor. The Religious Department of Selangor collected RM 37 million in 1995 and how much more they have collected in the previous years, nobody question them. As long as they are not caught and the court cannot prove them guilty, they are clean and innocent people.

May be the democracy we are practicing now is as good as giving sovereignty which was once in the hand of the sultan and king to the party leaders. What is sovereignty?

According to Lukman Thaib of the International Islamic University Malaysia in his article published in '*Islamic Herald*' (Vol.14 No 1):-

The attribute and characteristics of sovereignty are said to be permanence, exclusiveness, comprehensiveness, indivisibility and absoluteness.

These definitions explain to us that the "sovereign" has the undisputed right to impose its orders on all subjects of the state and the subjects are under an absolute obligation to obey them, be it willingly or unwillingly. No out agency, excepting its own will, imposes any limitations or restrictions on its power to rule. No subject has any absolute right against him or in contravention of its orders. Whatever rights anybody enjoys emanate from it and whatever rights it withdraws become extinct forthwith. It is a universal legal axiom that every right in law comes into existence only because the Law-Giver provides it, and disappears when He withdraws it, its very existence is obliterated and it cannot be demanded thereafter. Laws come into existence by dint of the will of the sovereign and place all subjects of the state under an obligation to obey them; but no law binds the sovereign himself. In other words, it is the absolute authority, which means that in relation to its orders, questions of good and evil and right and wrong cannot and should not arise at all. Whatever it does, is just and nobody can question its conduct or its orders and their enforcement. His behaviour is the creation of right and wrong and none can question it. It is thus inescapable that the "sovereign" should be accepted as being absolutely above all aberrations and errors, even though it may not actually be so. Such is the nature of the concept of "sovereignty" in term of juridical theory. Nothing short of this can be termed as "sovereignty".

Actually Dr. Mahathir is capable of marrying four wives or may be have forty concubines and be a playboy like the family of the Sauds and other Arab kings, who practise

"sovereignty". But his conscience most appropriately, would not allow him to do that because he is a nation builder and respectable statesman and spokesman for the third world countries. As far as this is concerned, the credit should go to the first lady, Datuk Dr. Siti Hasmah because behind the success of every man, there must be a woman. And may be to Mahathir a rose in his garden.

There is no gossip about him getting involve with married women, artists or secretaries like Bill Clinton or other American Presidents. Bill Clinton temporary swept his scandal under the carpet. It will be heard in court after he left his office. Do we have to follow the American politics in giving the sovereign power to the president? Do we have to be like the American as world police and change our country into a police state? Are we happy to see what we have built being distorted and destroyed because we failed to teach them the true value of life?

Are we happy to see to what is being practised by our leader? Can they be good example to the young Malaysian? They simply married and when they don't like they can abandoned their wives and children? Their own wives and children are seeking legal and moral protection and if their wives and children is left with mental anguish? What about the rest? You think what sort of leaders are fit to be the next Prime Minister? Most of the UMNO leaders talk about Islam. What kind of Islam? Is it the Islam practiced by the Saud and his family and leaders of some of the Arabs countries or the prophet of God?

The administration of Muslim states in this age is usually weak, backward and often chaotic and disorderly. There is no Muslim country which can be considered a major power

and respected by the world. That is what Dr. Mahathir has reminded us. We respect Mahathir as a messenger but at the same time we must also question him. Why? Why it is so?

All Muslim countries are categorized as developing states even though there are several wealthy ones. Is the main reason of the Muslim countries not respected by the world due to the fact of lacking in technology and sophistication or they don't practice Islam the way it should according to the sunnah of the Prophet? Or is it because they neglect the Quran and live according to the New Testaments which suit their taste.

What is the difference between Muslims in the centuries following the death of Prophet Muhammad and the Muslims who came later?

Islam during the days of our Prophet possessed a genuine Islamic spirit and faith. Islam during that period was a simple religion and one that did not burden its followers. The exact words of Mahathir. I think the Pusat Islam must have overlook this part of the speech.

Many of the best examples of tyrannical, uncompromising, single-minded leadership come from the so-called Muslim rulers of Muslim-majority populations whose leadership having sovereignty in their hands. They are just like the Pharaohs, the kings of Egypt who were cursed by God in the Holy Quran.

Where is the sense of accountability? Where is the belief that Allah sees all and, on the Day of Resurrection, will Judge? And if Allah can see, can hear as we believe in the 'shahadah' and Muhammad is the example of the messenger that we should follow, and all these are clearly pictured and framed

in our mind and soul searching is a must to every individual to attain perfection, the whole social problem of the world will not be a phenomena anymore. But because 'shahadah' and these are taken for granted as though it were a piece of property handed over from father to son or a piece of *roti canai* brought to us by one of the mamaks while we are having **teh tarik**, my favourite drink from one of the stall, therefore everybody live as an individual without the oneness of brotherhood in Islam where all for one and one for all means nothing at all.

Responsibility in a rapidly changing world seems to be an issue of great importance today. Indeed, responsibility is the central topic in Islam itself, after the main principle of Tawhid (Islamic monotheism, the Unity of Allah). And, as every Muslim knows, Islam is the guidance that mankind, and everyone who called himself or herself a Muslim must fight for freedom. It is their duty to fight for human right for Islam is the true independent body that will protect human right because the only submit to one and only God.

"O Messenger (Muhammad)! Let not those who hurry to fall into disbelief grieve you; of such who say 'We believe' with their mouths but their hearts have no faith. And of the Jews are men who listen much and eagerly to lies - listen to others who have not come to you. They change the words from their places. They say, "If you are given this, take it; but if you are not given this, then beware!"

"And whosoever Allah wants to put in Al-Fitnah (error), you can do nothing for him against Allah. Those are the ones whose hearts Allah does not want

to purify; for them is a disgrace in this world, and in the Hereafter a great torment".

Surat Al-Ma'idah 5:41

In writing of this book, my conscience is clear, that is to remind those in power to be more careful and responsible towards their posts and responsibilities.

Don't try to play God or act like a small god. Only God is the king, Al-Muluk with total sovereignty over the whole universe. Men is nothing but a creation of God from the sperm entering the mother's wombs, turn to a clot of blood and crying as a weaklings. And it is He who lends them the power. And God can take it away any time. And once again they become weaklings.

It is also hoped that UMNO leaders, who are all Muslims, would carry out their jobs and responsibilities well, and to uphold justice to all. They become noble and respected not because they were born from noble families but because they were brave enough to do the noble deeds to represent the people in their struggle for freedom in a true democratic country in accordance with Islamic principles and not according to their whims and fancies. They have to abide the laws of the country and the teachings of Islam. They are not supposed to suppress or victimise the weak and the poor alike.

It is funny that while these so-called learned group of Islamic laws and teaching are aware of these unwanted babies resulted from difficulty of getting married or deterioration of morals among the young generations of Malays, apparently nothing is being effectively done to rectify this serious problem. Ironically, the enforcements divisions of various

Islamic state departments are more concerned to apprehend married couples who did not carry along their marriage certificates when they stop for a night at the hotels. And the big boss of the Malaysian Islamic Centre is still busy with his coats and ties. May I remind them that if they do not submit to Allah and Allah alone, instead of making significant and meaningful contribution to the country, they would cause hell to the young generations. Do they fail to see the sign from the two air-crashed, the flood disaster in Sabah, and the death of thousands of people on our roads.

Ibnu Abbas commented that the Holy Prophet did say:"

"And if advice is put aside, failed to remember Allah, inclined to evil doing, it is the duty of every Muslim to severities and relationship with evil doers because of Allah. To love Allah, we are not supposed to keep quiet to evil doers, whether they are our friends or relatives.

The strongest faith is helping each other because of Allah, combating enemies because of Allah, love because of Allah and hate because of Allah also.

The wrong doings of top political leaders are numerous. They are still popular because of mass support. They don't nominated anybody, but the closest of their associates to become their proxies. When they resigned from the government posts they can concentrate fully in business. They could secure all big government tenders and contracts.

Actually, speaking about rich, there is nothing wrong for the Malays to make themselves rich. How rich also, nobody care's, as long as not at the expense of others, and as long as they

don't rob, cheat, and being scrupulous to the other Malays and non Malays. But today, retired men who had passed their prime, who made so much during their times are sitting on the boards of a dozen or more public listed companies. The same wealth is always grabbed by the same greedy old hands. They alone can own ten houses or more, twenty, thirty cars and show off to the public. Just one foreigner have ten wives and twenty eight children, the law put the man and his ten wives in jail. Which is more harmful to the people, a man who keep dozen concubines, GRO in karaoke, pubs, disco, dangdut, nightclub or have a few wives.

Daim Zainuddin, the former Finance Minister (he still holds the post of UMNO's treasurer), controlled every major projects and banking. And yet he is also the Economics Adviser of Malaysian Government and the Chairman of Langkawi and Labuan. That is why so many people call him the king or the President of Langkawi and Labuan. He is the small giant whose whisper is more powerful than the thunder of the hurricane.

Labuan is the off-shore financial centre and Langkawi is the duty-free tourist destination. Who knows he may be the richest man in Malaysia right now or even the richest man in the world.

Talking about being rich, what is there, to compare Tun Daim to Sultan of Brunei Hassanal Bolkiah is supposed to be the richest man in the world. Not only does he has so much money but he also has so many titles and posts attached to his name. He is the Sultan, the Prime Minister, the defense minister and now won over the post of finance minister from his brother Prince Jefry Bolkiah after a tussle over the control of Brunei Shell Petroleum. I think if God has not taken the life of Tan

Sri Yahya, may God bless him, a fellow Malaysian can be anytime richer than the Sultan of Brunei? Is money and power our ultimate aim?

From the book *The Richest Man In The World* by James Bartholomew, the author observed:

What does it mean to be the richest man in the world? You like the Dorchester Hotel in London, so you buy it. You like polo, so you buy the best polo ponies in the world. You want a room always available in Singapore, so you buy another hotel. You take a fancy to the Beverly Hills Hotel, so you buy it too. You want an Olympic-sized pool, so you build one, in each of your homes. You take up golf, so you build an eighteen-hole course in the jungle.

The question the richest man in the world has to ask himself every day is not 'what can I afford?' but 'what do I want?'

Ask Tun Daim, Tan Sri Mat Taib, Tan Sri Taib Mahmood and all these people in the 500 million dollarman club, do they think they will be happy to follow the footsteps of Hassanol Bolkihah who is now being sued by Shannon Marketic, a former Miss U.S.A. who claims she was a virtual prisoner and expected to engage in sexual activities while a guest of the sultan? Have you forgotten what has happened to Tan Sri Rahim Tambi Chik. Come on. For once, think of the embarrassment and the suffering Dr. Mahathir has to face.

But for the Sultan, he has nothing to worry because he has got Swami, a sometimes spritual adviser as his friend. Unless Datuk Samy Vellu is willing to share one of his spritual

adviser with the UMNO leaders, why not? Who knows the Indian leader will one day be elected as President of the five hundred million dollarman club? If you think it is O.K., you answer your own question*lah...*

Sendiri punya hal, sendiri mahu jawablah.

So is King Fahd of Saudi Arabia. People can't be bothered to question with the billion dollar a year he collected from the poor Muslim who is performing the Haj pilgrimage. If you ask you are only making the Muslims ashamed of themselves. Should the wealth of a nation be controlled by a few leaders and selected ones only. Wealth is something trusted upon men to be shared with their brothers. Without sharing them there is no love and prosperity.

Coming back to Daim, nobody question, from where he got so much money and what he did with UMNO money when the High Court declared that UMNO is an unlawful organisation? Who are his nominee or how much of UMNO wealth is divided among them and why only their group alone should control UMNO billion dollar asset? **Have the Malays granted or sold UMNO and the government to them?** I am not surprise if one day the nation would be owned by a few men only. What shall the fate of the people be? Will this country become like Saudi Arabia whose name come from the family of Ibnu Saud or like Brunei, whose entire wealth is controlled by one person only? Have we forgotten the history of Qarun during the time of Moses and how God punished the greedy man.

Why not call a tribunal to check what they did with the money entrusted upon them because members of UMNO is questionable for misappropriating the UMNO fund. They did

that to Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah when he was the UMNO treasure. That is how they managed to get him out of UMNO. They expose his wealth and expenses. You can refer this fact in my book **'The Last Five Kings'**.

All the public transport, let it be the airlines, the MRT, LRT, the buses, to name one, the Intrakota have robbed the livelihood of the poor, small business men who owned one or two mini buses and taxis and now are being owned by a few tycoon's, the new Malays. The Malaysian public have no choice but to accept the poor public transport owned by the few corporate Malays under the name of public listed company.

In 'An anatomy Of Leadership, Princes, Heroes And Superman'. E.E. Jennings wrote:

Leaders exist so that there may be better organization, better adaptation. They are viewed as essential in that they formulate theories, policies and ideals that give direction, and character to an age and their presence and character help to define the character of society. The quality of their contribution is such that history is substantially changed.

Apart from politicians like Daim and other former politicians who are supposed to be leaders of UMNO, there are corporate men like Tajuddin Ramli, Halim Saad, the late Tan Sri Yahaya Ahmad, Tan Sri Eric Cheah, Vincent Tan, Tan Sri Ting Peck Khing, General Hashim Ali, Azman Hashim, Datuk Shahrani, Ananda Krishnan, Mukhriz, Mokhzani Mahathir and others, being backed by Dr. Mahathir. It seems like as though they can do anything whatever they like with the money trusted upon them, making the rich richer and the poor poorer.

Leaders frequently are believed by their followers to have skills or qualities necessary to accomplish tasks or further goals important to them. Leaders are often perceived by their followers, to possess qualities regarded as admirable in their particular cultures, such as wisdom, foresight, firmness, benevolence, quile, strength of character of subtlety.

The above quotation extracted from the book, **'The Spellbinders Charismatic Political Leadership'**, by Ann Ruth Wilner would make you glance at what she said. It certainly will make us ponder and wonder what a leader we have in such a beautiful country like Malaysia who have produce so many RM 500 million dollarmen.

It seems that we the good Malaysian have to think so highly of Mahathir for his achivement in temporary material success while at the same time makes us forget it is we as the tax payers, the citizens who have to pay for all the debts incurred by Mahathir government. He can simply say shut up in the case against Tan Sri Eric Chia, the ex-CEO of Perwaja Malaysia with losses more than RM 2 billion. The case would be closed and we take it with a smile. Mahathir is not stupid, he knows what is best for the nation and are we not responsible as nation builders too? Or are we stupid by just keeping quiet. And according to Malay culture, silence is a consent. If I don't voice out this, then I am neglecting my fardhu kifayah. After all Daim in his own words said:

"Orang Melayu tidak berani menyoal lagi. Tidak berani bersuara lagi.

...(mereka) kini hanya pentingkan kekayaan sahaja..."

- (Mingguan Malaysia 10.3.96.)

May God bless my fellow countrymen and my beloved country.

If Mahathir don't put a stop on the characters of the oppressors against the oppressed, God will punish him and God will punish us to for not doing our responsibility. Have we forgotten that Muhamad is the last messenger of God and who else do you expect to carry the message of God if not every Muslim who believe in the shahadah? Islam does not allow you to simply follow the religion blindly.

The tendency to condemn as heretical anything that we disagree with must be resisted. We must have an open mind and whatever our status. We must be humble enough to remember that we are humans as were the old interpreters of Islam. Therefore, we and they could have been wrong. It is inconceivable that if we follow the injunctions of Islam correctly we should be so oppressed in this world which belongs to Muslims as much as to others: the fact that we are what must be because we have done wrong or we have misinterpreted Islam. Islam the religion perfected by Allah, cannot be wrong.

The above transcript is an extract of the Prime Minister's speech provided by RISEAP. So if you find me critical, if you find my writing a little too much for you, you should know as a writer I must have a pipe line with my Prime Minister. I'm only exercising his mind using my concept and style. So let's be sporting and try to enjoy this intellectual exercise which I think our intellect have missed for quite some-time.

Every Muslim society is under a moral obligation to know and understand its past, above all the unique past created by the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and the first Islamic community (Ummah). From the days of the Prophet, the preservation and transmission of the past in a variety of forms has been of utmost concern to Muslims, especially to their religious authorities. For a Muslim, history is the nation's mirror, reflecting its past events. It is also a microscope which enables a Muslim to look upon the nation's experience during various periods and to look toward the future through an understanding of historical events and a knowledge of the nation's traditions at all levels.

History tends to record such experiences in order to realize the points of strength and weakness so as to be able to overcome those obstacles and hindrances which may be encountered in the future. The better future that men seek, will not come about without a keen look into the past, a past which underlies the basic elements of the present and which is driving it towards the future while retaining many of these constituents. For all Muslims then, history means a recognition of the plan and the significance of what has already happened and the role that the past plays in helping us understand God's purposes for the present, as well as an active and creative involvement in shaping the present moment so that it can most clearly reflect God's divine purpose and plan for humanity. To be part of the historical process is to be aware and to be active, bearing fully the responsibility placed by God on His creation, that is man.

And if I were to bring you back to the day of Imam Hanafi (699-769AD) and as to why he refused when he was offered to be the Kadhi, the judge, then the present judgement in the Syariah court of Johore will bring you back to the days how

the ulamaks had to suffer because he is afraid if he fail to do justice.

The judge of Syariah Court in Johor Bahru passed judgement against Abu Talib with ten wives and put them all in jail, leaving their 28 childrens-from the age of two months to five months-without thinking of their welfare. Who would feed them, cloth them, shelter them when the parents were put in jail?

You think you can find justice here? Is the judgement passed according to the book of God and the sunnah of the Prophet?

Just because they were Singaporeans and preaching in different sect, they are treated worst than animals. Where has the ulama, the freedom fighter, the people who believe in human right gone to? Why are the academicians live in silence?

What is happening in our world today? Should we as a human being allow this unlawful thing even in the animal kingdom such judgement would not happen? How came we simply let it go unnoticed?

Do we allow the court to pass bias judgement against the weak because we let ourselves to love material world? Or is it because we forget God's commandments when we replaced them with capitalist ideology?

The kings, the sultans is the heads of the Islamic affairs. They are supposed to be the umbrella and the protector. Is their job only concerned on the tradition and marriage? In one judgement in a civil court in Johor, three dogs were sent to the Veterinary Department to be taken care of after they were found guilty for not having a license. What a shame?

Where is the brotherhood in Islam? Is it not the responsibility of the Ansar to look after the Muhajirin? Have we forgotten Hijiriah or the Muslim calender begins when the Muhajirin from Makkah imigrated to Madina. Islam teaches us to love the brotherhood of Islam not to say "to hell with those who are of different nationality". Should we be like the Saudi's who will treat our Muslim brothers like alien, worst than animals. The non-Saudi who are not from the white man's country is badly paid and allowed to live in poverty and called the Muslims who are of different nations as the Arab as Miskin, Goats and *Zobbool Hammar* by the wealthy 'Saudis'.

'Pakistanis, Syrians, Indonesians, Sudanese, and others want to be treated with a respect. Their belief is due to all Muslims'.

The very notion of using Muslims and Arabs as "foreign workers" who are denied the rights enjoyed by some Saudi citizens, introduces a discrimination based on nationality that runs counter to basic Islamic principles proclaimed by the regime as the foundation of its legitimacy. This contradiction leaves the regime vulnerable to devastating criticism by potential domestic opposition and hostile outside powers, and the workers themselves receptive to agitation on those grounds.

We are lucky, we never treat foreign worker like the Saudis. Only when some of them cannot behave themselves then comes small problems. Why do I mention a little on the Saudi so that you can see we Malaysian is still considered as the best of Muslim example to some of the Arab countries.

The Europeans, however cheap and degraded they may be, are not only the most highly paid of the foreigners, but enjoy the most generous perks, free housing, cars, free petrol and lavish expense accounts. They are the chosen race. Thanks to our leaders especially Dr Mahathir who has brought Malaysia as a respected state. We are not inferior anymore, though at one time the White used to be our colonial master. I think the Arabs has to learn from the Malays. They should not be arrogant just because the king of Saud is the richest man in the world.

In contrast the Saudis treat the hard working people of the Third World as beasts. Even highly qualified Indian and Pakistani surgeons, scientists, architects and engineers, are discriminated against, receiving smaller salaries than their white counterparts. Malaysia is heaven for foreign workers.

The Saudis have taken great pains to perpetuate the myth of the white man's superiority with South African style job reservation. Some whites are not only given the best jobs but these are reserved exclusively for them. Only when whites are shown to have a lower IQ than Asians, which is frequently the case, are some jobs offered to Indians and Pakistanis. Even then the Asians, though they prove to be clearly the superiors of whites, especially in computer science, are denied the white rate of pay. It is high time for the Malay leaders who think highly of the Saudi should learn to think not to submit to them just because they are rich and the Holy city of Mecca and Madina is control by them. Just remember how they treated the pilgrimage during their haj and umrah. The imigration, the police and the soldiers who are supposed to be the gurdians of the Holy city, but instead they behave like gangsters and barbarians. If you don't believe, you can ask the Malays who have been there. Mecca, that's supposed to

be a Holy city sometimes has become a scary city controlled by the Al-Saud police.

In recent years we have witness a renaissance in the perception of Islamic concept by the Ummah. We must ask ourself how and why this came about, to what extend it has been succesful and where it is leading.

One such concept is the Islamic State. It is nothing new. It existed for centuries with our prophet Muhammad (PBUH) been the first Head of the state. The prophet set guideline to show humanity how to live in peace and harmony.

"There is no differences between an Arab and a non Arab but in taqwa (piety)."

Here we clearly see the universality of the message of Islam, contradicting the nation of nationalist and racism. And again I would like to share with you on the subject of hipocrisy as written by the spiritual leader the late Imam Khomeni in his book 'Islam and Revolution'

Were it not for the self-love and arrogance, man would never find fault with others. When some of us do so, it is because in our love of self, we see ourselves as perfect and purified and others as full of defects and faults. You know of that poem - I do not wish to recite it - in which someone condemns certain woman and she replies: "I am indeed all that you say, but are you truly all that you seem?" We pretend to society that we have come to the madrasa to study shari'a for the sake of God, and that we are part of God's army. But are we really what our outward appearances proclaim us to be? All too often, our inner reality

does not confirm to our outer appearance but instead contradicts it.

What is this if not hypocrisy? It is not hypocrisy to proclaim one's religiosity without being religious, as Abu Sufyan did? It is also hypocrisy to pretend to possess certain qualities without in fact doing so. All of this are different forms of hypocrisy.

Allah in the Holy Quran warns:

"Let not the believers take this believers for their friends in preference to believers..." (3.28)

Unfortunately most of the Malays can only read but cannot understand the Quran. Even if they do, they have to refer to the hadiths or the sayings of the Prophet, and that too, according to what have been approved by the religious departments and sometimes Islamic Centre of Malaysia (Pusat Islam). So how could they understand the uncivilised and barbaric behaviour of the Saudi's rulers who live in the world of hypocrisy. And how could you blame them if they imitate the rowdiness of the Saudi's rulers and authorities when they return home from the Haj or Umrah.

The Saudis openly sneer at them as inferior peoples. While whites are invited to Saudi homes, even the most cultured and learned Indians and Pakistanis are treated as pariahs. I hope our Muslim brothers don't take them to be our teacher and treat the Indon and Bangla like the Saudi treat the foreign workers.

Like the late and unlamented Shah, who was also much loved by the American imperialist, albeit temporarily, Fahds spends

untold billions of dollars of the Holy Land's wealth on expensive aircraft, bombs, bullets, tanks and missiles, most of them produced by the omnipotent American arms industry which, as everybody except the Man in the Moon knows, is the invisible government of America. Like the Shah, too, Fahd believes that he can stay in power through continued violence and brutality against his people.

That is why his own security service modelled on the lines of the Gestapo and Savak is equipped with the most sophisticated spying and bugging gadgets and enjoys a limitless budget. The question that Fahd has not yet asked himself is what did all this megalomaniac extravagance and waste achieve for the occupant of the Peacock throne?

The bootlicking Fahds and Shahs of the world have their uses for western imperialism - as long as they do what they are told and bring in juicy orders missiles, tanks and other death-dealing instruments for their armaments industry, they will be most cordially received and patronised by their masters in the Whitehouse. When their own people give them the grand order of the boot, they will be treated like they were carriers of AIDS. Fahd should seek some advice from the ghost of the Shah.

But perhaps Fahd might be spared the Shah's humiliation. He may not have time to escape when the revolutionaries stormed his hated palace.

Fahd the so-called King of the Holy Land of the Muslims, stolen from our people by his brigandish family, and now, illegally occupied by him and his family, concubines and murderers and torturers, and other contemptible hangers-on, is one of the most loathesome tyrants in the world. So we should not make them to be our example.

Why I simply bring the story of Fahd and the Saudi family because the westerners only talked about Muslim extremists, fundamentalists and assaulted the Muslims as hijackers but they never show the true picture of the real devil, the Muslim king who happen to be their puppet.

The Saudi royal family is the agent who is happier to see the Muslims brotherhood being ruined by the American as long as they are safe. If you want to know more about them you must read the book **THE THIEVES OF RIYADH**, *Lives and Crimes of the Al Sauds and the Al Nahyan* edited by Haroon M. Jadharhan, a collection of essays from the Muslim Chronicle.

Ali Shariati in his book 'Awaiting the Religion of Protest' summed up the whole situation as follows:

A question naturally presents itself: Was the faith revealed to liberate mankind and establish universal justice defeated? Was it destroyed? In other words, can it be said that God sent His messenger, gave him a Book which the loftiest and most perfect book of revelation gave him the mission of saving humanity, and the Prophet(PBUH) determined his successors to lead the people after him, but in the middle of it all, God changed His mind? Did he changed his fundamental aim, which was to guide mankind, justice, saving humanity, destroying the devil and evil in the world, and the victory of the divine spirit in man and justice in history? Or could it be that God did not change His mind, and that His Prophet(PBUH) and other upholders of His religion did what they could, but their enemies were just too powerful, and so they were

all destroyed, and the whole thing came to nothing? Or may be this religion, this Book and this Messenger are not genuine. Otherwise, how is it possible that those sent by God to save the people could ever be defeated?

*A Muslim cannot give an affirmative answer to any of these questions. Islam is God's religion and was revealed in order to liberate man, while we see that it has not so far done so. So the only alternative for those who believe in a religion that claims to have come to destroy unrighteousness and establish justice, equality and humanity, is to maintain the believe although this faith has not accomplished these goals during the 1400 years of its history, it will eventually and certainly do so in the future. And that in spite of the evil system ruling human societies and history today, and the sufferings humanity has been subject to and the escalating hegemony of power over truth, truth will inevitably overcome in the end in spite of satanic and anti-human forces mushrooming everyday, we are faithfully awaiting such a day. And since the Quran has explicitly stated: "**That the meek shall inherit the earth**", we believe that it shall be so even if all present social, political and economic indicators show the power and hegemony of the forces of evil and unrighteousness, and ever-increasing witness of the forces of righteousness.*

It is quite possible that this book will be more controversial than **MUSA TRAITOR, CHALLENGER 'SIAPA LAWAN SIAPA'** or it will be banned not only by the Malaysian authority, Brunei Darul Salam, Saudi Arabia and all the Arab Emirates countries. Who knows they will treat me like the way they treat Salman Rushdie.

I know there are people who know all the wrong doings of the present leadership but they fear what will happen to them if they are caught and be detained under the ISA. They are scared to be taken to court for libel or defamation suit in order to safeguard the well-being of their children. They forget that, by allowing injustice and corrupt practices, the whole nation will live in disaster. Finally, it is the end of Malaysians.

If I am going to write more on scandals of top Malay political leaders, the book will be more popular than the scandals of US Presidents J.F. Kennedy and Bill Clinton, the scandal of Profumo with Christene Killer in England or the scandals of Sukarno and Napoleon Bonaparte. But we all must learn from history. So I remind the Muslim leaders that we must always remember that Allah is Seeing and He is Hearing. The downfall of mankind is due to their weaknesses and wrong-doings. As leaders, we should emulate good character and well-behaved manners. As citizens, we should vote the right choice of candidates as our leaders.

As for Dr. Mahathir, he ought to remember that the people of Malaysia elected him to be the Prime Minister of Malaysia in order to run this country. So therefore he must at once stop acting to be the Prime Minister of the world.

At the moment, when you are still at the height of popularity, I wish you would ponder on this matter again and again. According to Newton's Law, "*what goes up must come down*". The faster it goes up; the faster it falls. I pray that you will use the only opportunity still available to ponder a while before Newton's Law falls upon you.

You have done a lot of good deeds but remember about a saying, "*Bumi mana yang tak ditimpa hujan*" (Literally means, *which land that rain does not drop and which sea that have no wave*). All politicians cannot escape committing insidious political sins. You have led this country for 15 years. As such, you are no exception. There are many who honour and respect you but there are also who dislike and dispise you because of the people around you. The parasite making full use of the oppoturnity to block the true picture of what is happening around you. I know of your dreams, I share them with you but unfortunately your dreams are distorted into the people's nightmare.

Nobody can become a perfect Prime Minister. Nobody can become a perfect leader. No country can become a perfect nation. Unless of course, you want to become the happiest Prime Minister in the world like our first Prime Minister, the late Tunku. You know how they ruined his beautiful dream. May God Bless you. We all love you, you are great but you have already come to a climax.

You had created and painted a beautiful cage for this country, but the time has come now for the next leader to look after the sick bird. Remember, my dear Prime Minister, that the cage is merely the body and the make-up of the material world but the bird is the souls and the hearts of the people.

I am not in the least concern for the fate of this book. I am not even concern for myself although the man I am criticising of is the Home Minister and also the Prime Minister. I have always regarded you as my friend, my big brother. You can do anything to me, I will not hate you. If I am imprisoned, it is only fated because that is the price every matyr has to pay for.

In 7th century Mecca, the powerful leaders are in bitter conflict with one man "Mohammed". Strong in character and determined in spirit, he speaks out against the injustice of the society in which they live, slavery, cruelty, drunkenness. But more threatening to the leaders of Mecca is Mohammed's revelation that he has seen a vision of the Angel Gabriel, and his call to the people to worship not the 300 idols of the Kaaba, the Holy Shrine, but one God... a God they cannot see or hear. All of humanity is of one race, one source, one nature and has one God, to declare equality for all and also, with philosophical explanations and with an economically powerful regime, he developed a social, class and ideological equity in the model society of Madinah, in a society where bilal, a scorned stranger and slave, was formally recognized in that society by all and was felt to be more noble and of greater value and was treated with more respect than the greater aristocrats of Arab society, suddenly the people of Madinah, the Arabs, Jews and Quraysh see that Salim, a youth who was the son of a slave of Hudhayifah who, at one time, had walked about in the narrow streets as a debased and deprived slave, now stands, leading the congregational ritual prayer in the Quba Mosque, before the most noble of the Quraysh emigrants, and behind him are the dearest, most radiant figures of society and the most distinguished personalities of the pre-Islamic and the Islamic era.

Muhammad never had a dream, he is only doing his job. Only Muawiyah possessed a dream to be a king and make use of Islam as his tool to achieve his dream. And his unending dream prevailed by the Al-Saud as a legacy with a new interpreter of Islam, the Wahabbi.

Speaking about dreams, I quoted for the first time in my book, which incidentally I first wrote about Dr. Mahathir when he was newly appointed Deputy Prime Minister though at that instant the man concealed his secret dream. This is what I quoted in my book *'Perang Di Kuala Linggi 1978'* from the book of Khalil Gibran entitled *The Prophet*.

*They tell me
If you see a slave
Sleeping do not wake
him lest he be
dreaming of freedom
I tell them
If you see a slave
Sleeping, wake
him and explain to
him freedom.*

May I repeat your (The Prime Minister's) dream one more time like I used to include it in my previous books, perhaps, this time, for the last time. Here is the dream:

"I dream of a country where no one is poor - everyone has enough to eat and drink, well clothed, while enjoying a healthy long life. - A country where every child enjoys adequate education so that, when the time arrives, they will be able to take over the responsibilities from their parents. - More than that, I dream of a country that will be respected and be a model to all the other countries of the world."

April 5, 1982.

I'm a writer who believes in human rights. A man has every

right to hold to whatever ideological and religious believe as stated in "Article 19 in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights":

"Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression, right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and import information and ideas through media and regardless of frontiers".

"A world in which human beings should enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and what as been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people".

I conclude this book with the following food for thoughts.

*I take charge of my life today; it has meaning and
purpose*

*I am a living cause; I create my circumstance
I am a powerful, responsible, determined, successful
person*

*I am a leader, I demonstrate what I advocate to
others*

*I have confidence in myself, nothing can stop me
I am enthusiastic about my life*

*I love living and the spirit that created me
I love people; I love myself and I share myself with
others*

*I am a thinking being, my time is useful and valuable
I am creating new possibilities in my life; the
universe is my playground*

*I have a choice; my decision is made
I choose to live out of a commitment to be on purpose
with my life*

*I choose to grow and expand in knowledge
and understanding
I choose to be healthy, happy and prosperous
I choose to effortlessly flow in the rhythm of life
....and...today
I declare my freedom; I am free.*

Eugene Feathersone.

My conviction is both you and me owe our servitude to Allah. My belief is, he who is prosperous fears destitute and he who has not regarded himself dead fears death. On the other hand, he who has buried the fear of being imprisoned is not scared of the prison, he who is poor does not fear hardship and he who knows his servitude is only for Allah, fears no man. A golden beautiful cage serves no purpose to a constantly sick bird.

And my stand is firm and simple to criticize is not a sign of resistance. To commend is not an indication of support. To comment is not a sign of hatred. Differences of opinion is the best companion for the inquisitive mind.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'u' followed by a horizontal line and a diagonal line extending upwards and to the right.

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