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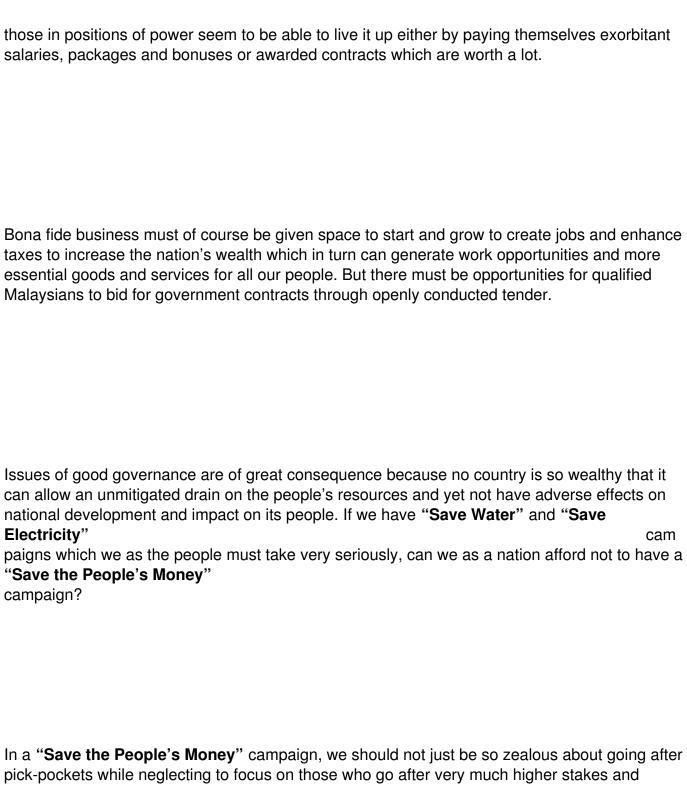
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I. SAVE THE PEOPLE'S MONEY CAMPAIGN

When I get to the polling booth this coming general elections, the question among others that I will ask myself will be:

Which of the two contesting political party coalitions will be more likely to move against those who have allegedly committed crime against the country by misusing the people's financial resources?

This issue concerns me because, despite the fact that I myself may no longer be poor, it is unconscionable that so many Malaysian families are today still deprived of so much essential goods and services in their daily lives while some in positions of power or have connections with



pick-pockets while neglecting to focus on those who go after very much higher stakes and whose targets are the country's resources no less. Call it "gra vy train"

or any other name, this is sinful by God's value and poor families are our constant reminder that we cannot allow this practice to continue.

But there must be guarantee that crimes against the people will face just retribution so that such

crimes against the people will be stymied.

II. PROMOTING HARMONY AMONG ALL

When I get to the polling booth this coming general elections, the question among others that I will ask myself will be:

Which of the two contesting political party coalitions will be more likely to truly promote harmony among all Malaysians and show themselves willing to move against those who have incited hatred and fear against the multi-ethnic, multi-religious fabric of Malaysian society?

It is dangerously unhealthy that in our multi-cultural context we are now being subjected to news about non-halal (non-kosher) and therefore offensive items, animate or inanimate, being provocatively placed in places of worship or practised and served in public functions. This issue is not just about any one animal, colour (of gift packets) or religious sentiments or customs of any one religious faith or culture. At stake here is the very basis of our national integration. And no amount of semantics or cleverly-couched slogans will heal the fracture we are now being subjected to.

To be, in a political sense, anti-Muslim, anti-Christian, or anti any other person's religion is unbecoming of any one individual or group especially when the perpetrators claim to be representing or defending their respective religion and culture. Nor should we be anti-Eurasian, Aborigine, Kadazan, Iban, Malay, Indian, Chinese, or for that matter anti-Semite or Arab or Palestinian. The Bible teaches that all human beings have been made in the image of God and therefore endowed with dignity to whom respect is due.

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In this respect, the proper numerical for effective use in promoting real harmony is not "one" but all"