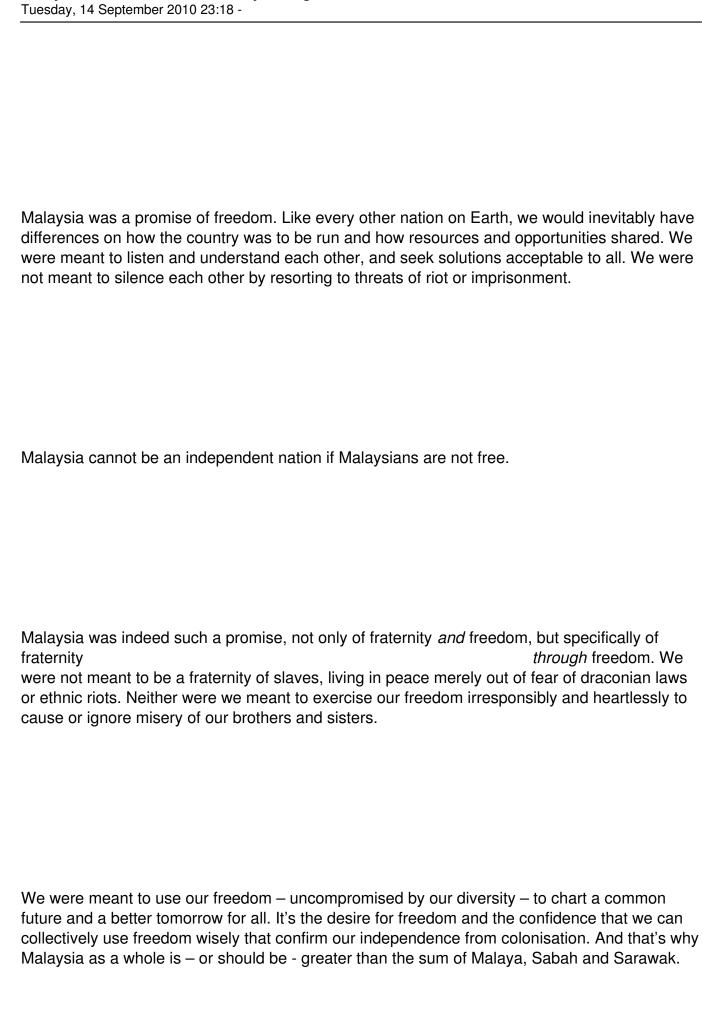


Civil Society Joint Statement on Malaysia Day 2010

WHEN the peoples of Malaya, Sabah, Sarawak and Singapore came together in 1963, Malaysia was a promise of freedom and fraternity, that all the children of this land would love and support each other to develop and progress.

A Promise of Fraternity through Freedom Malaysia was a promise of fraternity.

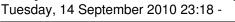
For none of Malaysia's children were meant to be asked to leave their country for some foreign land. And no one was meant to be insulted and marginalised because of his or her ethnicity, faith, birthplace, lifestyle or any other group attributes.

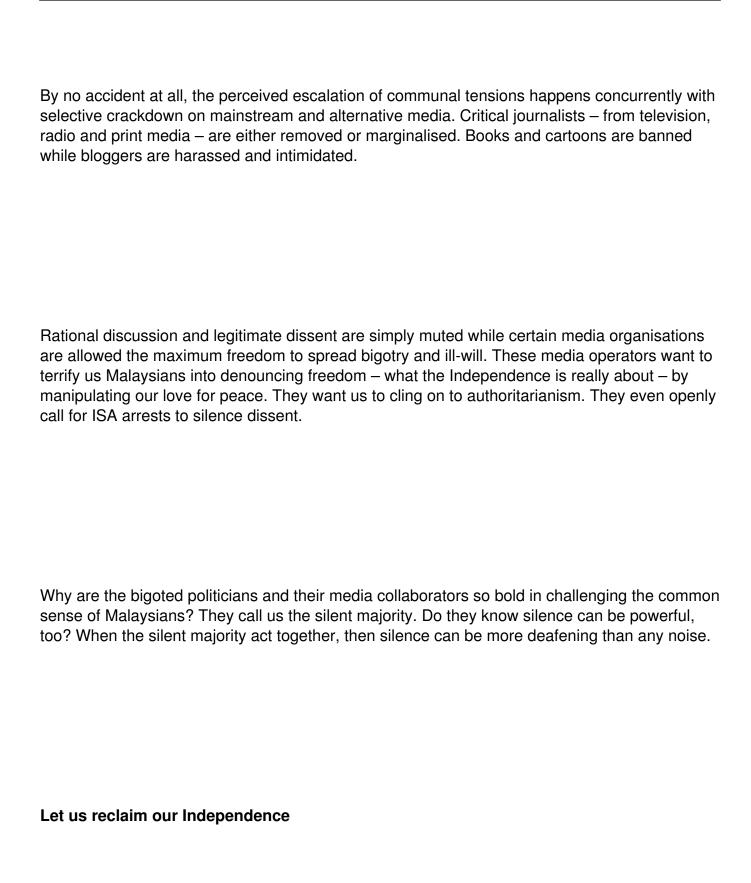


What has happened to this great promise of fraternity and freedom? Where are our civil and political liberties after 47 years of independence? How is our social harmony after 47 years of co-existence?

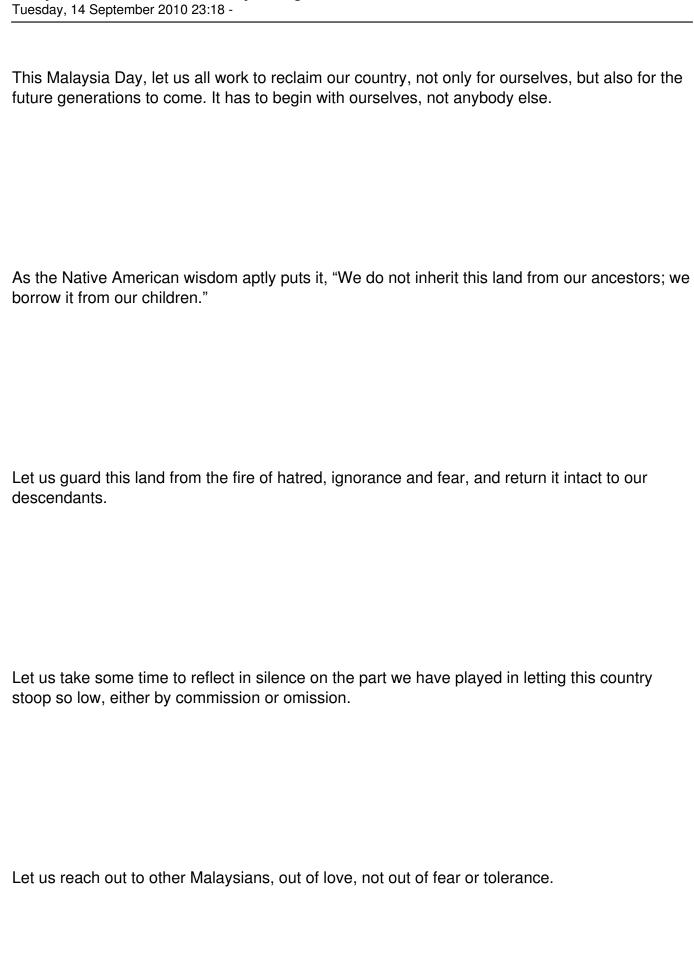
We have educationists openly calling for ethnic minorities to leave the country. We have politicians demonising gestures of good wills between different religious communities. We have self-appointed communal heroes mongering fear and hatred, lodging police reports against opinions disapproved by them. Subsequently, we have vulgar expressions of counter-attacks.

Every society has fringe individuals and groups going all out to offend others. The only way to stop them is to expose their slurs shunned by the mainstream opinion, the very people they claim to champion, not by imprisoning them and making them martyrs. However, for common sense to prevail, we need freedom of expression and freedom of information.





Malaysia – A Promise of Fraternity through Freedom



3. Child Development Initiative

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Let us listen to each other and seek understanding even if we disagree. Let us reaffirm our Independence and defeat any attempt of mental colonisation.
Let us live the promise of fraternity through freedom that Malaysia was born for 47 years ago.
The endorsing civil society groups:
1. Aliran Kesedaran Negara (ALIRAN)
2. Borneo Research Institute Sarawak (BRIMAS)

4. Civil Rights Committee, Kuala Lumpur and Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall (CRC-KLSCAH)
5. Community Development Centre (CDC)
6. Council of Temples Malaysia
7. Educational, Welfare and Research Foundation Malaysia
8. Federation of Indian Non-Governmental Organisations
9. Friends in Conversation (FIC)
10. Frinjan Collective
11. Group of Concerned Citizens (GCC)
12. Hartal MSM
13. Indian Malaysian Active Generation (IMAGE)
14. Institute for Development of Alternative Living (IDEAL)
15. Islamic Renaissance Front (IRF)

16. Jaringan Orang Asal Semalaysia -JOAS (indigenous peoples network of Malaysia)
17. Jaringan Rakyat Tertindas (JERIT)
18. Klang Consumer Association
19. Kuala Lumpur And Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall Youth Section
20. LLG Cultural Development Centre
21. Majlis Kelab Bell Belia Tamil Malaysia
22. Malacca Chinese Assembly Hall Youth Section
23. Malaysian Association of Indian University Graduates
24. Malaysian Dravidian Association
25. Malaysian Hindu Youth Council
26. Malaysian Indian Development & Unity Association

27. Malaysian Indian Historical Association
28. Malaysian Tamil Forum
29. Malaysians for Beng Hock
30. Muslim Professionals Forum (MPF)
31. Negeri Sembilan Chinese Assembly Hall Youth Section
32. Oriental Hearts & Mind Study Institute (OHMSI)
33. Pahlawan Volunteers
34. PeBT MPSJ Zon 23
35. PERMAS (Persatuan Masyarakat Selangor Dan Wilayah Persekutuan)
36. Persahabatan Semparuthi
37. Persatuan Alumni PBTUSM Selangor & Kuala Lumpur
38. Persatuan Kebangsaan Hak Asasi Manusia (HAKAM)

39. Persatuan Komuniti Prihatin Kuala Lumpur, Selangor & Perak (PRIHATIN)
40. Persatuan Penduduk Taman Muhibbah
41. PT Foundation
42. PUSAT KOMAS
43. Research for Social Advancement (REFSA)
44. Sarawak Dayak Iban Association (SADIA)
45. Sarawak Native Land Rights Owners (TAHABAS)
46. Sarawakians Access (SACCESS)
47. Saya Anak Bangsa Malaysia (SABM)
48. Tamil Foundation
49. The Micah Mandate (TMM)

50. The Penang Independent Schools Education Society
51. Women Institute for Research Development and Advancement (WIRDA)
52. Writer Alliance for Media Independence (WAMI)
53. Youth for Change (Y4C)
The endorsing party organisation:
1. Wanita Parti Keadilan Rakyat