

COMMENT | Why Muda going solo may be a win-win

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Let me start with my conclusion: Muda going solo is inevitable and it may benefit both the Madani government and Muda if it is planned and carried out with sobriety and restraints.

This differs from most commentaries you have read, whether pro-Pakatan Harapan or pro-Muda, which are largely trapped in the Two-Coalition or Third Force paradigm. The problems and challenges are to be fleshed out in the following questions.

1. ***Why can't Harapan accommodate Muda?***
2. ***Is Muda going solo now suicidal?***
3. ***Can't inter-ally contestation be avoided to deny PN easy victory?***
4. ***Whose votes will Muda draw from?***

5. Can Muda's running benefit the Madani government?

As far as the Madani government's survival is concerned, stopping PN is the top priority. Any votes that Muda can attract from going PN's way helps Harapan-BN. If Muda's participation can excite voters and raise turnout, Harapan-BN may gain too, especially if there is spillover in constituencies not contested by Muda.

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