

Teresa Kok's Ramblings and Infantile Wonders - Cheap Shot for Political Publicity!

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Yesterday, I received from a friend an article purportedly written by DAP's Teresa Kok, **but he did not verify the authenticity of the article**. I would have thought that he would have verified the same before sending to me (in spite my several warnings to him to verify, before sending articles to me). It was very irresponsible and down-right lazy of him to leave to others to verify because of the "tidak apa" attitude. He did not even bother to comment on the article whether he agreed or disagreed. Just blindly forwarding article to me and his friends. Too freaking lazy, is the least that I can say of my friend's attitude.

If it was a fake article, it would have been unfair to Teresa Kok and utterly irresponsible for my friend to be the purveyor of fake news.

Time was wasted. I had to verify for myself.

And so, I wrote to Teresa Kok for confirmation to be made within 24 hours. She had the courtesy and the decency to reply that she was the one who had written the article concerning the Malaysian Rubber Board. I replied that I would give my comments in due course.

Let me say from the outset, that I have no personal animosity towards Teresa Kok as she had always been a decent MP for her constituency and a dedicated politician.

That said, I will now comment **on the erroneous aspects** of her article.

Firstly my verification:

Dear Teresa,

Please confirm within 24 hours that you wrote the below article which I just received. If there is no answer from you, I will have to assume that you wrote it but do not have the courage to admit it. I reserve the right to comment on the article. Matthias

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[5/27, 16:21] Teresa Kok: Yes

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[5/27, 16:29] matthias Chang: Good you confirm. Wait for my comments.

My Comments in Red

Rubber Board RM100 million splurge on new tech centre signals: Return to dark days of GLCs run by political appointees

1. Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has rightly drawn much flak from Malaysians over his move to 'buy' the loyalty of MPs by rewarding them with top positions in GLCs, with their numbers now at record levels, along with his bloated Cabinet of 70 ministers and deputy ministers. As such, I will not comment further on the matter.

I have not made any changes to the article.

Teresa must adduce evidence that our PM “buy” the loyalty of MPs. What is the basis for her allegations? In like manner of the entire PH leadership attacking seditiously the appointment of our new PM by the Agong under our constitution (as a “backdoor government”) for which, the Agong correctly rebuked the PH political harlots during the Opening of Parliament on 18.5. 2020. It was despicable that Tun Mahathir (Tun) led the onslaught against the Agong.

It is the universal practice of all new governments to make “political appointments” on taking power to ensure that civil servants implement the policies of the new government. When PH came to power, one of the first decisions was to remove the alleged 17,000 political appointees of the former BN government, regardless of the merits or qualifications of the appointees. PH, in turn made their political appointees. I challenged Teresa Kok to deny this fact. The Khazanah Board of Directors resigned en mass because Tun indicated that he wanted to remove the top management of Khazanah and replaced with Tun’s appointees. Teresa Kok did not object.

Obviously, such appointments were numerically less, because PH just came to power and PH did not have and will never have a larger pool of people to appoint as they were in Opposition for over 50 years.

2. However, as the former Minister of Primary Industries, I must voice my strongest objection to Malaysian Rubber Board (MRB) chairman, Datuk Ahmad Nazlan Idris' announcement that a RM100 million ringgit Rubber Technology Centre (RTC) will be built in Jerantut Pahang – where he is a two term Member of Parliament from UMNO.

3. Ahmad Nazlan was only appointed as MRB chairman about a month ago but appeared to have worked at warp speed to obtain the necessarily approvals to spend RM100 million of public funds for a mega project in his parliamentary constituency.

4. As the saying goes 'history repeats itself', because another previous MRB Chairman, an UMNO MP for Jasin Datuk Wira Ahmad Hamzah did the same by ordering an unnecessary 44 million ringgit project in his constituency in 2010 in Jasin Melaka which has turned out to be an unsalvageable white elephant and has been and still is bleeding millions of Ringgit exceeding the original cost. This project still remains uncompleted.

PH wanted one year “Honeymoon” to show how good they were but was graded 5/10 by Tun on the anniversary of the PH regime taking power. So, why Teresa Kok did not grant the new Chairman of MRB the same honeymoon of one year to be evaluated? But, there are no evidence of corruption and abuse of power to cast aspersions on the new chairman. To condemn a person based on another person’s alleged misdeeds is

wrong and unethical. If paragraph 4 above as alleged is correct, why did Teresa Kok, with all her power as a member of Tun's Cabinet, not lodge a police report or a MACC report as part of PH's "Reformasi Agenda"? Did she raise the issue in almost two useless years of the PH regime and as a PH MP in parliament? If not, why not?

5. There are similar bad examples of unwarranted and wasteful projects sanctioned by the previous BN govt appointed Boards years ago, under the guise of so called model rubber technology and processing schemes such as Rubber Research Institute of Malaysia Mini Stations (Rriminis) all over Malaysia and rubber integrated processing complex (IPC) a few years ago at Kota Tinggi Johor, which has swallowed up to RM 130 over million of federal govt funds and MRB reserve funds.

Till date, they are still bleeding and leaking public funds and the biggest of the white elephant the IPC in Kota Tinggi is still fraught with endless construction delays and etc. These are clearly unnecessary and a wasteful projects in the first place. It is still swallowing up public funds as the construction is not completed. It is still a drain on public resources, and public funds are still being channelled to it.

I repeat my above comments here, and demand from Teresa Kok to explain, as the then minister, what did she do with regard to paragraph 5 allegations? Did she advise the PH regime to stop the funding, set up a task force to investigate and submit a report to the cabinet? Did she make any reports to the MACC? If not, why not? Why the noise now, if the allegations have been proven when she was the minister in charged? I would have supported her 1000% in her efforts to eradicate corruption. So, typical of DAP, "All thunder and no rain" and just as hypocritical when her colleague in the PH coalition, Latheefa Koya, the former Head of MACC agreed to the DNAA of Riza Aziz of the Money-Laundering charges and refused to explain to her idiotic "Boss" Anwar Ibrahim when called upon to do so. All Wayang Kulit! And Anwar screams about his discredited "Reformasi" and was focused on his obsession and lust to be the prime minister! Freaking political arsehole!

6. No cost benefit analysis, as prudence requires, appears to have been done and if done, the justifications were not based on sound socio economic basis. The politician chairmen and their political appointees on the boards then have been known to blatantly ignore the views of management.

7. Despite the country's economy moving into deep crisis and heading into recession and Malaysia remaining in partial lock down struggling to grapple with Covid-19 infections, Ahmad Nazlan appeared to have Muhyiddin's ear in approving a non essential multi-million ringgit project in his parliament constituency, when clearly the Perikatan's government priorities should be elsewhere.

8. As such, I strongly urge Muhyiddin to explain if he is aware about this mammoth RTC project which is to be built in the parliamentary constituency of the MRB chairman he endorsed.

Please submit evidence and names of the members of MRB who have been accused of misconduct. Teresa cannot be allowed to make sweeping and reckless accusations without evidence and documents. If she

demands accountability and transparency, she must show examples first, by following the SOP in exposing corruption and wrongdoing. If she has no documentary evidence, then she lacks the courage of her conviction to do the right thing. She is making noise only to gain publicity. Her conduct is hypocritical and disgraceful. PH's silence on Covid 19 before and after March 18, exposes her hypocrisy. They were rightly rebuked by the Agong as more concerned with grabbing political cover. Her "political Daddy boss", Lim Kit Siang (LKS) has already been exposed. Good try by Teresa Kok, but she cannot succeed when LKS is a dud, and a stupid one at that.

9. As the former minister in charge of MRB, I must categorically state that the proposed RTC in Jerantut is entirely a new project under the Perikatan government and poses serious questions on why it is needed altogether, especially at a time when public funds must be prudently utilised. I ordered an immediate moratorium during my time when I was briefed by the previous board of the colossal mismanagement of funds and assets of the MRB by the previous BN government appointed Board. **As such, my appointed Board** managed to plug much of the leakage and practised prudent management, and as a result saved about RM50 million in the 20 months in the annual operating budget.

So, she confessed of making "political appointees" to the MRB Board. Declare who are these people and what was the basis for their appointments. Be transparent lah!

10. The speed in which the project was announced raises many questions. There are many layers of proposals and studies that must be done at even at the MRB level before a project of this size can be approved by the board. The previous PH govt. through MOF and my Ministry have reset and imposed much stricter procedures before any big projects are given approvals. This will take more than 1 year at least. I am sure the Board could not have done all the necessary studies to justify spending RM100 million for the RTC in such a short time. Clearly, all fiduciary and Mof procedures have been violated in this case.

Teresa Kok, in her over-zealous enthusiasm, has shot herself in the leg, She had jumped the gun in trying to show how good a minister she has been. She threw caution to the wind in making the above allegations. Why? A short answer from her own statement in paragraph 2 of her Article:

"2. However, as the former Minister of Primary Industries, I must voice my strongest objection to Malaysian Rubber Board (MRB) chairman, Datuk Ahmad Nazlan Idris' announcement that a RM100 million ringgit Rubber Technology Centre (RTC) will be built in Jerantut Pahang – where he is a two term Member of Parliament from UMNO. "

Teresa Kok, stop talking bullshit lah. Read your own underlined words. It was an announcement of the future.... WILL BE BUILT.... Simple English!

11. I must point out that Malaysia already has several full operational rubber technology and research centres in Sg Buluh (formerly Rubber Research Institute of Malaysia (RRIM)), the Tun Abdul Razak Research Centre in England and in Kota Tinggi, Johor Baru.

This is the dishonesty and deviousness of Teresa Kok. All the above in para 11 was achieved under the Alliance and BN governments. She

inherited a world class legacy. She contributed zilch but tried and failed to suggest that the excellence was the result of her work. Had she honestly and objectively attributed BN's contribution, I would not whacked her in my comments herein on this statement. Typical of DAP. Even their Manifesto was a scam of "impossible promises".

12. All these centres are turning in top quality work and they are operating at optimal levels and have some levels of excess capacity now, as such there is no pressing need whatsoever for another research centre for now, at least given the present economic conditions, especially when public funds are urgently needed to cater for the immediate and pressing needs of the rakyat, including rubber smallholders.

An entirely subjective opinion! In any event, I demand to know what were the long term vision of Teresa Kok, as Minister for Primary Industries and supervising MRB and could she published the same for all of us to read and study. Or was she following the previous development blueprint by the Board?

13. In my 18 months at the ministry, I came to greatly admire the team of agricultural scientists in MRB led by Director-General Dato Zairossani Mohd Nor. Together they have made many world-class innovations to boost the rubber industry as a whole, as well as improving the livelihood of our smallholders. Our downstream industry is also very successful and we are top exporters of rubber gloves and certain rubber-based products including medical equipment.

OMG! The dishonesty and false claims again! Malaysia became the top exporters of gloves years before the PH moribund regime took power. All the experts in MRB and other agencies were already in place. They were all career experts of the Civil Service! Again, no attribution to the BN government at all. Teresa Kok seems to suggest that all these excellent work happened during her tenure.

14. As such, MRB funds should not be ploughed into the construction of another research facility when clearly the country has enough such centres. Simply put, there is no need to build a RTC in Jerantut or anywhere for now, unless there is a clear political reason for its location and there is little or no basis to justify its actual need.

I repeat my previous comments. This a policy issue. The government will decide based on recommendations by the new minister etc. Is Teresa Kok suggesting that only her short term policy must be adhered to? She has till today not revealed her Vision for the Rubber Industry and for that matter her vision for her then Ministry. Zilch! It's about time she shut up.

15. Instead, it will be better for Ahmad Nazlan to look into the need to upgrade the existing research facilities in Sg Buloh and boost their manpower and expertise to advance new innovations. The MRB owns huge tracts of land in Sg Buluh and other parts of the Klang Valley to achieve this. While Ahmad Nazlan may be seeking to woo voters by having a new RTC built in his constituency, using the rakyat funds, national interest must take priority his own political interests.

Did Teresa Kok “looked into the need” to upgrade the existing research facilities? If there was such a need as observed by Teresa, why did she not upgrade the facilities when she was the Minister? Arsehole, making cheap comments for cheap political points!

16. By using public funds for a mega project in his constituency, Ahmad Nazlan has shown why Malaysians are against unbridled political appointments for GLCs and other public entities. There are many examples to justify public fear that these politicians will use the GLCs to further their political agenda in one way or another.

Please explain how you arrived at the conclusion that there were public fears and the basis for your conclusions. What and where are the unbridled political appointments? Stop making sweeping statements. Justify your allegations, if not shut the F...Up! Are you saying PH did not further its political agendas? Your Anwar Ibrahim and your slavish support have shown how PH politicians are doing everything for a power grab and to make one man's obsession to be PM as the only agenda for the entire country. Did you stop Anwar from diverting the country's focus for personal power and to focus on the country's needs? I dare you to show me the minutes of meetings of PH and or DAP where PH political harlots were concerned by the spread of the Covid 19 infection from December, 2019 till your collapse in February, 2020.

17. This is the reason why the Pakatan Harapan government had kept the appointments of politicians in GLCs to the minimum, at numbers that are certainly much lower than what we are seeing now.

Your political appointments were much lower (but you have admitted making political appointments) because the PH goons could not find and did not find anyone willing to serve under the PH regime. The PH regime was scrapping at the bottom of the barrel.

18. Prior to the power grab by Perikatan, I was fortunate to work with a dedicated set of officers at the MRB. We spent the last 18 months improving MRB operations, cutting excessive expenditure and spending funds judiciously. As a result MRB became self sufficient and did not require funding from Putrajaya. Under Pakatan, the MRB could operate efficiently, mainly by using interest generated from the RM1.5 billion it had in fixed deposits.

19 We operated efficiently but comfortably. The MRB did not bleed nor was it dependent on federal funds. We were independent and were moving in the right fiscal direction.

The freaking surplus of RM1.5 Billion was accumulated under the BN government, without which you would not have the funds to operate. Nothing to do with your cutting costs. You are so dishonest, once again trying to claim credit for something you did not do. How much did you save during the 18 months? Did you enquire how did the surplus of RM1.5 Billion came about during the time when MRB was under the BN government? MRB never bled at all during its entire existence. You, as Minister inherited a jackpot! You did not create the jackpot.

20. From Ahmad Nazlan's statement, I fear that 'vultures' are now back to drain the MRB's FD reserves. Drawing down RM100 million for a needless project could be the start of treating MRB and other GLCs as cash cows for them to milk for their narrow political agenda which is far removed from the interests of the rakyat.

21. This is exactly what we and the rakyat feared when Muhyiddin 'surrendered' lucrative GLCs to politicians, especially MPs to keep his hold on power. However little does he realise that this will eventually lead to the destruction of the nation's economy while a few are enriched.

22. Sometimes I wonder if these appointments are to siphon off funds in this manner to build the war chests by the respective parties to be ready to buy power in GE15. All right thinking Malaysians must stand up and stop these kind of abuses. The PM and Finance Minister owe the people an explanation on the speed at which such huge projects seem to be taking off at this inopportune time.

If in fact, there are so many cash cows, and MRB had RM 1.5 Billion, how is it that the monies are still in the coffers of MRB and not wasted as she alleged were spent on political agendas by the new PN government? She has no evidence at all. Zilch, because that silly woman says "Sometimes I wonder" in para 22. We, the rakyat don't give a shit about your wonders, fantasies and dreams. Wonders are not evidence and or concrete basis to allege corruption.

Now, I hope all of you, recipients of my messages, have learned how to dissect political trash from the DAP and PH. Before she came to power, I had some respect for her, but after this infantile tirade of an article, I have lost all respects for this woman. Hence, being the "elder sister" to her female colleagues in DAP, I am not surprised by the same kind of trash which Yeo Bee Hin, Hannah Yeoh etc are mouthing to get cheap publicity. And Tun rightly graded the whole bunch of PH arseholes in the Cabinet 5/10. And none resign in shame but hung on for power!