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## UFO spotted in Kelantan

A large object emitting rays of light was reported to have landed on a piece of marshland in Tanah Merah, Kelantan, stunning some 1,000 on-lookers. Local villagers said the object descended from the sky at about 3 a.m., leaving a 15m x 3m crater at the landing site. While engineers from the Drainage and Irrigation Department said the formation of the crater was "not unusual", reports have recently emerged claiming that locals have already been abducted by aliens.

*Ku Li supporters may have been abducted by aliens*



Suspicion grew when it was later revealed that all the abductees were, coincidentally, UMNO members who intended to nominate Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah for top posts in the upcoming UMNO elections.

One terror-stricken victim who escaped his alien captors said the UFO was piloted by frog-like creatures

wearing songkoks and strange red and white uniforms. "They performed unspeakable medical experiments on me, while chanting repeatedly 'Don't nominate Ku Li, don't nominate Ku Li....'"

Another victim who managed to evade his kidnappers said the aliens

promised to release him "just as soon as the elections in May are over."

Skeptical FBI investigator Dana Scully dismissed the claims that supporters of Tengku Razaleigh were abducted by aliens. "These people aren't missing at all - they're just too scared to leave their homes to nominate him."

## Melaka sacks opposition supporters

The Melaka Chief Minister Mohamed Ali Rustam has issued a directive to the State administration to terminate the contracts of doctors and lawyers who are known to be supporters of Opposition parties. A leading official of the civil servants' union, CUEPACS,



*Government expects nothing less than blind loyalty*

Mr Siva Kotetonggi welcomed the move. "Civil servants must swear their blind, unswerving loyalty to the government," he declared, as he removed his nose from the anus of Mohamed Ali at a press conference in Melaka this month.

Kotetonggi said the move was not a spiteful vendetta against the Opposition but merely an attempt to be fair to doctors and lawyers who supported the government. "It is only right that Opposition supporters are replaced with people who will sink and swim with the government - no matter how stupid, incompetent or corrupt they are," he said, as he crawled slowly on all fours while kissing the feet of the Chief Minister.

"The civil service should expect only the best - the best arse-lickers, I mean," he added, demonstrating his loyalty by applying his tongue to the

Chief Minister's bottom.

"The government has every right to punish employees who voted for the Opposition," Kotetonggi said as he attempted to gently carry the Minister's scrotum. "If the Chief Minister doesn't like your political beliefs or your religious beliefs or the colour of your skin or that squint in your eye, it is his democratic right to get rid of you for someone with the right 'qualifications'"

Kotetonggi encouraged the government to take sterner action against all Malaysians who did not pledge their undying love and loyalty to the Nazional Front and its glorious leaders. "Don't just stop at transfers and sackings. Opposition supporters should be deported, hanged, shot! Send them to the concentration camps! Sieg heil! Sieg heil! Sieg heil!"

# Anwar assault trial postponed

The trial of former police chief Rahim Noor was postponed this month after defence lawyers said he was unwell. Rahim, who is charged with assaulting Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim while the former deputy premier was in police custody, did not appear in court and was said to be "medically unfit" to attend his trial.

A defence lawyer who refused to be named produced a medical certificate issued by retired doctor Dr M Mohamad for his client. Dr Mohamad said Rahim was clearly unfit to stand trial as he exhibited signs of profound hearing loss during a medical examination. "When I repeatedly asked him a simple question, 'Did you beat Anwar?', he did not hear a word and simply cleared his throat with an 'Ehemmm!'"

Dr Mohamad added that the former police chief's eyesight also appeared to be deteriorating rapidly. "When shown pictures of Anwar's black eye and other injuries, he actually thought the man looked 'safe and sound'"

"These are clear indications that he is quite unwell," Dr Mohamad concluded. "Either that, or he was just rehearsing his testimony for the trial."

Dr Mohamad also noted that Rahim may also be suffering from severe memory loss. "After all, it took him nearly half a year to actually remember that he beat Anwar to a pulp and finally admit it."

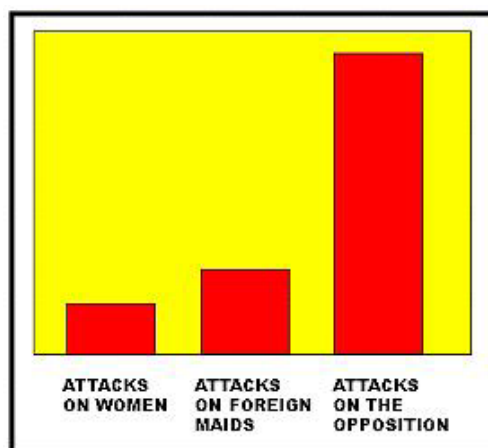
Rahim is accused of assaulting Anwar when he was arrested under the Internal Security Act in September 1998. Rahim only admitted to the attack during the hearing of a Royal Commission of Inquiry in February the next year, claiming that he was provoked when Anwar allegedly called him a "father of dogs".

When asked for details of Rahim's illness, Dr Mohamad said it could be rabies.



*Rahim demonstrating how he punched Anwar*

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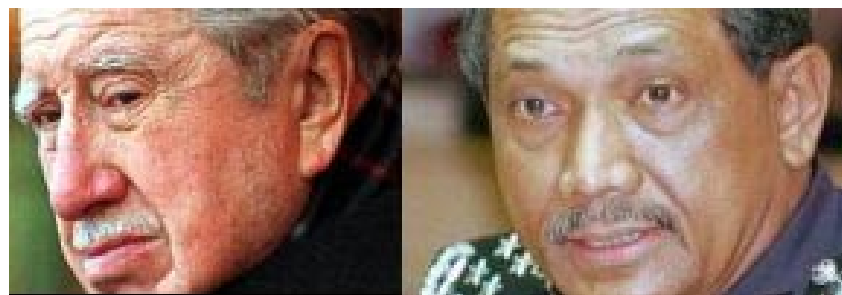


# Pinochet sends greetings

Former Chilean dictator, torturer and mass murderer General Augusto Pinochet this month sent a congratulatory message to former police chief Rahim Noor on the successful postponement of his assault hearing due to his being "medically unfit to stand trial".

Pinochet, who was in exile in the UK, is back in Chile after successfully fighting an extradition order from Spain to stand trial for torture, murder, massacres and assorted atrocities. His defence team claimed Pinochet too was "medically unfit to stand trial"

"If I can get a medical chit to excuse



*Homocidal torturer and violent brute ... spot the difference*

me for all those tortures, murders, massacres and assorted atrocities, you can surely get off easily for that little punch-up in the detention cell, *amigo*," Pinochet's message said.

Pinochet also invited Rahim to Chile where, he said, " you can beat up all the dissidents you like, *no problema, amigo*. And feel free to bring along that other tin-pot dictator with you".

## Ministry: RMAF pilots are crap

Deputy Finance Minister Shafie Mohamad Salleh told parliament this month that the government spent RM40.37 million on an executive jet for its leaders because of the Royal Malaysian Air Force's (RMAF) poor safety record. He said the purchase was made following the frequent accidents involving air force planes previously used for official trips, adding that the airforce had lost 29 pilots in the last 10 years through accidents.

When asked to confirm the statement, a Ministry official who refused to be named clarified his Minister's position. "Basically, our pilots are crap! Their planes are falling down the sky like rain! These guys couldn't fly a kite!"

A leading political leader who refused to be named supported the Ministry's move. "You know, they don't even serve caviar or champagne on those RMAF flights! How are we expected to enjoy our junkets, oops, I mean,



*An F-14 Hornet pilot expresses his disagreement with the government's evaluation of the RMAF's flying skills*

execute our governmental duties abroad under such miserable, unsafe conditions?"

In a related development, an RMAF pilot who refused to be named was detained by police when he threatened to take off on his F-14 Hornet and bomb the Putrajaya government administration complex

with air-to-surface missiles. "So these guys think we can't fly?! So they think we have too many accidents, eh?!" he shouted as he was led away to a nearby mental institution. "Well, put me on an F14 loaded with Exocet missiles and I'll show them what a *real* accident is!"

## Chinese soaps 'a bad influence'

Satellite television station Astro came under fire this month for broadcasting foreign programmes, especially Cantonese-language soap operas, that cultural experts and moral guardians regard as "undermining the nation-building process" and "a bad foreign influence".

A moral guardian who refused to be named said that television stations must only broadcast "the dull, stupid, puerile crap" that we produce locally. "Otherwise, Malaysians will never fully appreciate the traditional hallmarks of the local TV scene - abysmal quality, terrible acting, weak storylines and lame dialogue. We must safeguard these noble local values."

He added that he would not be surprised if foreign Chinese and Indian dramas were merely "foreign tools to re-colonise our country."

A TV3 official who refused to be



*Foreign films: Tools of foreigners out to re-colonise us?*

named agreed with statements that Malaysian Chinese watching foreign Cantonese programmes would not want to master the national language. "These foreign programmes will have a detrimental effect on patriotism and are a bad influence on our local

culture," he said. He added that TV3 will now replace all its Cantonese programmes with more patriotic American soap operas, American sitcoms, American game shows and additional re-runs of 'Baywatch'.

The move has raised some concern from local Chinese drama fans. "We can accept the government needs to detain people without trial under the ISA. We can accept people sometimes need to be beaten up in prison while under police detention. We can accept that demonstrators must always be violently dispersed with batons and water cannon. We can accept that politicians sometimes need to steal public funds to save their ailing companies."

"But taking away our soaps?! That is an oppressive abuse of human rights, a grave travesty of justice and a mockery of our democracy."

# Mahathir wants 'brain gain'

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad this month announced that Malaysia intended to attract over 5,000 skilled foreign workers a year as part of Strategic Initiative One, a new knowledge economy master plan. "We must reach out to the four corners of the world to ensure a massive 'brain gain'" he added. "We must take them from wherever they are from."

UMNO leaders unanimously welcomed the move. "Bringing in these foreign workers will help UMNO's struggle to defeat foreigners out to re-colonise us," said an UMNO leader who refused to be named.

A government official who refused to be named hoped that the 'brain gain' would help address a crucial problem facing the government. "This problem is particularly acute in our leadership. It is the 'brain drain' - their brains are draining away."

The move was also welcomed by

NGOs, such as the Malaysian Sarong Party Girls' Association (SARONG). "Thank you Dr M! Those kwai-los all so cute one lah!" chirped SARONG president Tammy Weh, as she was sipping a martini in a slinky black dress somewhere in a bar in Bangsar waiting for fat, balding Mat Salleh knowledge workers.

In a related development, Malaysia set another world record-breaking feat today when Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi announced that musicians were among the 138 categories of foreign workers who would not be allowed to work in the country. The move effectively reduces the size of the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra to just five

people. 100 of the 105 musicians in the Orchestra are foreigners.

"We now have the world's smallest Philharmonic Orchestra! Malaysia boleh!" said a spokesperson for the



orchestra who refused to be named.

He added that the orchestra is now looking at ways to address the dramatic lack of musicians. "We're training the five remaining

Malaysians on how to play twenty instruments at a time. Until then, though, our repertoire may have to be restricted to nothing bigger than quartet pieces."

# National media system mooted

In line with the country's Strategic Initiative One to promote information technology and the knowledge economy, Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad called for the setting up of "a first rate national media system where the Internet and IT innovations

must be a large and critical part of this national media system." "This country must most seriously enhance the production and supply of information, knowledge and wisdom and assure their accessibility to all our people in every area of work."

As a first step in this direction, the government has restricted the publication of Opposition newspaper 'Harakah' from twice weekly to twice monthly, and suspended the publishing licenses of other alternative publications such as 'Detik'. Harakah was also taken off the news stands as part of this move to ensure 'supply of information, knowledge and wisdom and assure their accessibility to all our people'.

The government is also promoting the sharing of information over the Internet by threatening to use the country's Communications and



*'Unfounded criticism' on the Net can set you back RM 50,000 and land you in jail*

Multimedia Act to punish people who, according to Deputy Multimedia Minister Tan Chai Ho, "do not exercise self-discipline and publish unfounded criticism.". The maximum penalty for 'unfounded criticism' is RM 50,000 and a year's jail sentence.



*Harakah: Circulation restricted*

## Eliminate 'secrecy syndrome', says PM

Malaysia is preparing for a "quantum leap" into the information age with the drafting of the knowledge-economy master plan, Strategic Initiative One. "Knowledge content and knowledge contribution will see a quantum leap in every area - the Malaysian economy and Malaysian society will not be quite the same again," said Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad. He added that, under the master plan, reforms must be instituted in the private and public sector and "habits such as hoarding information and the 'secrecy syndrome' done away with" He added that this would need new

rules of transparency and governance.

A government official who refused to be named said that Malaysia has already gone a long way in eliminating the 'secrecy syndrome'. "We already have the Official Secrets Act - so we don't need a 'secrecy syndrome'. That is a major quantum leap."

He stressed that the government also does not hoard information. "If we get information such as a politician amassing millions from bribes or massive public funds being channeled to crony companies or family members, we do not hoard it - we make sure we shred it as quickly as we can."

He added that this even applied to sectors such as environmental protection. "For example, the government's daily air pollution readings are now government secrets. But once people start dropping dead in the streets as a result of pollution from the Sumatran forest fires, we'll make sure the pollution indexes are publicly available again. No point keeping secrets then."

When asked about the Prime



**Keadilan Youth leader Ezam Mohd Noor: Charged under the Official Secrets Act as part of government efforts to eliminate the 'secrecy syndrome'**

Minister's 'new rules of transparency and governance', the official cited the recent crackdown on Opposition leaders and newspapers as an indication of greater transparency and governance. "It is greatly transparent we wanted these people out of the way so the Barisan Nasional can practice its governance in perpetuity," he explained.



## Minister makes quantum leap into IT

As part of its knowledge economy master plan, Malaysia made another quantum leap into the information technology age when a minister forbade the Internet version of Opposition newspaper 'Harakah' to be updated regularly. Deputy Home Minister Chor Chee Heung said the new publishing permit issued to Harakah can be suspended or revoked if the Internet version of the newspaper is published more than twice a month. He added that further action could be taken against them and they could also be fined.

A local IT expert who refused to be named welcomed the move, saying that there were too many websites on the Internet that were updated daily,



hourly, even providing up-to-the-minute information. "Why do we have to ape the West and other foreigners out to re-colonise us by allowing websites to be updated so rapidly? Relaxlah! We must show the world that Malaysia can take the lead and break the boundaries yet again by having the least frequently updated websites in the world."

He cited as an example the Prime Minister's own home page which, in October 1998, still featured glowing tributes to Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim even weeks after the deputy premier was unceremoniously sacked and arrested.

Chor, however, later made a hasty denial of his earlier statement, saying that he was incorrectly quoted by the press and the government's policy was not to censor publications and materials on the Internet. Another official who refused to be named confirmed this statement. "We have no intention of controlling the Internet - we'll just jail or sue your ass off if you write something we don't like," he added.