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Lima bulan setelah kekalahan Pilihanraya Umum terbesar dalam sejarah kita, UMNO kini mengalami kekalahan yang besar pula di Permatang Pauh. Kekalahan ini dirasai walaupun dengan mengerahkan kepimpinan dan menggunakan sumber-sumber parti yang telah menerajui kerajaan selama lima puluh tahun. Kekalahan ini dirasai walaupun melaksanakan kempen yang menghina dan memecah-belahkan Negara kita. Sudah tiba masanya kita menerima hakikat sebenar: kitalah yang telah dikuburkan:

- Kepimpinan Negara ditolak oleh rakyat dan juga ditolak oleh ahli-ahli kita sendiri. Kiraan undi Barisan Nasional kurang daripada jumlah ahli UMNO di Permatang Pauh.
- Di kalangan parti-parti komponen kita sendiri, kempen kita bukan sahaja tidak bermaya, bahkan tidak diselaraskan dengan baik.
- Rasa kebolehpercayaan terhadap Perdana Menteri dan Timbalannya yang setidak-tidaknya ada selepas 8 Mac kini hapus sama sekali.

Kad laporan hari ini yang dihantar kepada Perdana Menteri selaku Ketua Perhubungan UMNO Pulau Pinang dan Pengerusi BN, tidak boleh disembunyikan: beliau tidak mempunyai kredibiliti yang diperlukan untuk menguruskan Negara kita, apatah lagi mengemudinya ke arah baru dalam dunia yang begitu rumit dan kompleks. Beliau mungkin tidak mempunyai kredibiliti yang diperlukan untuk menyatukan Negara kita. Keadaan ini amat merbahaya dan tidak boleh berterusan: ianya tidak akan berterusan.

Saya merayu kepada ahli-ahli UMNO dan parti-parti komponen BN supaya terus bersama UMNO dalam menghadapi krisis ini. Rakyat Malaysia dan juga ahli-ahli biasa UMNO sudah melaungkan suara kemerdekaan mereka. Mereka menuntut kepimpinan yang boleh dipercayai dan akan menyatukan mereka, yang akan mengembalikan kepercayaan terhadap

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institusi-institusi dan akan mara dengan wawasan yang jelas. Hari ini membuktikan yang arah aliran ini tidak boleh dihalang. UMNO mesti berubah. Kita mulakan dengan memulihkan kepimpinan Parti. Saya yakin, pada bulan Disember, kita akan berbuat demikian.

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Statement on the Results of the Permatang Pauh By-Election

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Today, five months after we met with the biggest General Election loss in our history, UMNO has suffered a landslide loss at Permatang Pauh. This despite the mobilization of the entire leadership and resources of a party that has held the machinery of government without pause for fifty years. This despite a campaign that embarrassed and divided the nation with its ugliness. It is time to face the music: it is we who have been buried:

- Our leadership is rejected by the rakyat and, moreover, is rejected by our own members. BN's vote count was less than the number of UMNO members in the constituency.
- Within and among our component parties we ran a poorly coordinated and listless campaign against a motivated Opposition.

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- What scraps of credibility the Prime Minister and his Deputy had left after March 8 are gone.

Today's report card, delivered to a Prime Minister who is accountable also as Liaison Chief of UMNO Penang and Chairman of BN, is impossible to hide: he does not have the minimal credibility needed to run the country day by day, let alone to take it in the new directions we need to go in a complex world. He may not have the credibility needed to keep the country together. This dangerous situation cannot continue, and it will not.

I appeal to the members of UMNO and of BN's component parties to stand by UMNO in our hour of crisis, and to take a sober historical perspective. The people of Malaysia and along with them, Umno's ordinary members, have found their democratic voice. They demand leadership that can be trusted to unite our people, to restore confidence in our institutions, and forge a clear national direction. Today is proof that this wave cannot be held back. UMNO must change. We must begin by renewing our Party leadership. I am confident that by December, we shall.

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