

Part 2:

Comparison of local Sabah sentiment with issues raised by Opposition political parties

<p>Category</p> <p><i>Source / Reference:</i></p>	<p>Local Sentiment</p> <p><i>Opinion by Philip Golingai & Joceline Tan, Columnists 2016-2017, The Star</i> <i>National Public Opinion Survey: Perception towards Malaysia Agreement 1963 & Autonomy, Merdeka Center Survey, 23 July – 3 August 2016</i></p>	<p>Opposition messaging</p> <p><i>Compilation from Harakah, Suara Keadilan & The Rocket</i></p>
<p>a) State autonomy</p> <p>b) State economy & economic growth</p> <p>c) Protecting NCR (Native Customary Rights) land</p> <p>d) Religious freedom</p> <p>e) Quality education</p> <p>f) Job opportunities</p>	<p>Sabah indigenous rights have been eroded by the politics of UMNO and Barisan Nasional (BN). After years of Federal Government influencing state policies, administration and state resources, Sabahan wants Sabahan Government similar to the Tan Sri Adenan Satem’s inspired state nationalism and restoration of Sabahan’s right to the 20-point memorandum.</p>	<p>i. Sabah PAS has expressed its stand and targets that PAS will contesting between 40 and 50 DUN seats in Seferi and other 15 parliamentary seats in Sabah on the upcoming GE 14.</p> <p>ii. Awang Laima Ikin, Sabah PAS Deputy Commissioner III claimed that the Federal government or BN failed to keep its promise such as clean water supply, paddy granary and NCR during the campaign in GE-13.</p> <p>iii. Sandakan MP of DAP planned to table a Private Member’s Bill to gain equal partner status of Sabah and Sarawak or equivalent status as Malaysia member.</p> <p>iv. Party Keadilan Keadilan criticized that Malaysia Agreement 1963 is just rhetoric to deceive the people of Sabah and Sarawak.</p> <p>v. Only 10.9% of the total Budget 2016 for Sabah and Sarawak</p> <p>vi. Students in Sabah's rural areas still faced difficulties to attend school and school’s facilities to Sabah still not lacking behind.</p>

<p>g) Corruption in public sector</p>	<p>i. “RM3.3 billion Sabah Watergate” MACC seized RM114 million worth of assets – RM53.7 million in cash stashed in houses and office – from two senior Sabah Water Department officials on Oct 4.</p> <p>ii. Sabahan are heartbroken over the scandal as they have been asking for piped waters and basic amenities yet their calls have been rejected with various reasons or ignored while money that could be used to help them was siphoned off by corruptions.</p>	<p>In protest to corruption issues, nearly 3,500 members of Tenom Umno division left the party and claimed that the people of Sabah Umno had lost confidence in UMNO.</p>
<p>h) Basic amenities</p> <p>i) Rural infrastructure development (road, bridge, communication, healthcare)</p> <p>j) Reliable and quality public transport</p>	<p>i. Lack of development and basic necessity in Sabah. June 2016, Sabah’s Pulau Bangi, Malaysia’s largest island (the size of Singapore) suffered without piped water during the prolonged El Nino-induced dry spell since the end of January.</p> <p>ii. This is one of many areas in Sabah which do not have access to piped water and this does not reflect well after 61 years of independence and the recent Sabah Watergate scandal.</p>	<p>i. Mega dam project in Sabah such as Kaiduan Dam in Kota Ulu Papar, Penampang raised the question of exploitation by the government to improve water and electricity supply but violates native rights on ancestral land, forest and river. Government should address the water supply issues by allocate more money to resolve non-revenue water where old leaking pipes should be replaced.</p> <p>ii. In October 2016, the Department of Health stopped the Flying Doctor Service (FDS) which has been operating in the rural areas of Sabah 41 years.</p>
<p>k) Crime level and ensure public safety</p>	<p>i. Sabah Security and Kidnapping. There have been 9 kidnapping cases on the east coast of Sabah in 2016 alone and it has been going on non-stop since 2013. The gunmen and kidnapers has been managed to evade Malaysian security</p>	<p>Kidnapping in Sabah become the major concern to Sabahan because the failure of authorities to tackle the matters, ESSCOM capabilities that is weak and also affect Sabahan economy.</p>

	<p>forces from time to time despite the implementation of ESSCOM and curfews.</p> <p>ii. Secret involvement of Malaysian leaders in kidnap-for -ransom. This is following news after Malaysian kidnap victims' families paid ransom to which kidnappers said part of which are taken by Malaysian and Philippine politicians.</p>	
l) Cross border & immigration issues	<p>i. PATI (Pendatang Asing Tanpa Izin) has been ongoing for 30 years and it is still a current issue. Refugee influx started in 1970s and it escalated into illegal immigrant issues which drag on until now.</p> <p>ii. Project IC/ Project Mahathir as illegal Muslim immigrants were given identity cards and citizenship in 1990s with numbers varied in thousands to millions.</p> <p>iii. A Royal Commission of Inquiry was set up to look into it but the outcome has not quelled the unhappiness.</p>	Federal government should reform immigration policy to solve Sabah stateless children issues.
m) Territorial dispute	<p>Philippines claims to Sabah. Sabahan are worried on the vow by the aggressive Philippine President Duterte to pursue his country's claim to Sabah. The large presence of PATI in the state further fuelled local Sabahans concerns that Philippines will one day reclaim Sabah.</p>	

Opposition ground work

Media	Project	Month	Activities
Suara Keadilan	Program Mesra Rakyat	Jan 2017	DAP & Trust Sepanggar and AUNF Inanam visited the market areas in Pekan, Tamu and Inanam.
	Sambutan Pesta Kaamatan di Inanam	May 2016	Celebrated the "Pesta Keaamatan" with villagers in Kg. Pinches, Kg.Bongkud and Kg.Mawaras.
	Majlis Kunjungan Kehormat KEADILAN Sabah		Briefing on "Pesta Kaamatan" by P180 Keningau Branch Committee
Harakah	"Free Petrol"	Jan 2017	The event was held to provide free petrol to motorcyclists around Batu Sapi, Sabah.
	Program penyerahan borang keahlian PAS	Jan 2016	Event of handover PAS PAS Commissioner of Sabah recruitment more people to join PAS party.
The Rocket	Impian Sabah	Aug 2016	First Medical Campaign at Sook, Keningau, Sabah.
		Mar 2016	Launch of the Impian Truck to go on a roadshow around Peninsular Malaysia. Raise awareness about the marginalised communities and to alleviate the hardships faced by Sabah and Sarawak villagers.
		Jan 2016	Water project at Kg. Dowokon, Pitas by DAP had further enhanced the government existing gravity-fed water system. Water from Sg Iran, Song district had channelled to Rumah Timban and claimed that government had side-lined Rumah Timban due to different political leanings for faced the dry season.
		Dec 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Build underground water pipe at Kg Dowokon, Sabah ii. Build road at Pitas, Sabah iii. Build small hydroelectric power at Kampung Samparita Laut, Sabah
	Borneo Bazaar in Seri Kembangan, Selangor.	May 2016	To sell and promote the products from Sabah and Sarawak on every Saturday morning.