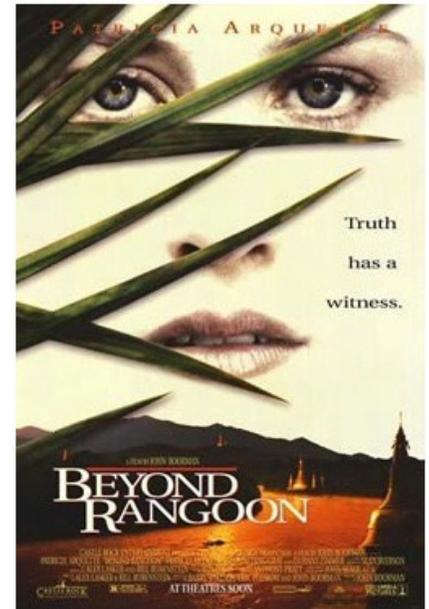


BEYOND RANGOON - MALAYS BEYOND REASON THEN, BEYOND REASON NOW

BEYOND RANGOON (1995) was the first major movie to address the authoritative, brutal military dictatorship in Burma. The Director, John Boorman, couldn't film it in Burma for obvious reasons, and chose to do it in Malaysia for a number of reasons. The British colonial architecture of Rangoon was similar to the Malaysian city of Penang (Georgetown in colonial days), the Malay people, who would be needed in crowd scenes, etc, looked similar enough to portray Burmese people. And, since the film was exposing the brutal regime of Burma, Boorman believed that Malaysia, as a Muslim country, would still be resentful of Burmas' conflict with the Bengali Muslims in Arakan, and therefore be cooperative and supportive of this movie project. (We will come back to this last point later).



The land looked like Burma, but without Buddhist statues, temples, and monasteries, so huge sets, including a large reclining Buddha, were made to make the scenes realistic.

But, many Malay Muslims became irate and agitated. Surrounding the temporary Buddhist imagery they demanded it all be dismantled and destroyed or removed. Riot-police had to guard against attacks while filming was going on, and at night.

Director John Boorman commented, "*We had to get people to shave their heads to be Buddhist monks. No one would do it because their Islamic imams said it would be against Islam to dress up as a Buddhist monk. We then increased the price that we were prepared to pay and suddenly vast numbers were ready to defy the Islamic law. There's a terrible hypocrisy there. The laws are so rigid. There's a huge quantity of alcohol consumed there, even though it's illegal. There are whore-houses everywhere. The police make spot fines which get more frequent just before holiday time, since they need the pocket-money*".



Boorman added, "*Malaysia is a country totally without any kind of spirit.*"

Malaysia, at that time was held up as a 'model modern Muslim country' along with Indonesia and Turkey. But, those kinds of reactions to the making of a movie that involves making temporary Buddhist imagery is hardly moderate.

A LOOK AT MALAYSIA - WARTS AND ALL Engrained racism, intolerance and supremacy of the 'Bumiputra'

Back to the belief of Boorman, that Malaysia, as a Muslim country, would still be resentful of Burmas' conflict with the Bengali Muslims in Arakan, and therefore be cooperative and supportive of this movie project.

Both he and the Malays are ignorant of the real situation, its history, and its consequences.

That hostility that Malaysia and its Malay Muslim population would have towards Burma was based on the constant propaganda and supremacist ideology in the Muslim world that Muslims are never the aggressor, BUT they are always the victim. In Malaysia there was probably not a single word about the Bengali Muslims of Arakan (also known by the fictitious name of 'Rohingya') fighting, killing, and destroying Buddhist people, monks, temples and villages, and certainly no mention of Mujahid insurgents, and terrorist training for Jihad, and plots with Libya, Bangladesh, and Pakistan. There was no concept that a deeply Buddhist land with its ancient ruins, history, and culture was being overrun with intolerant Muslims who intended to eliminate the Buddhists and other non-Muslims and establish a Muslim-only Islamic State.



Remember, (or learn, if you don't know) that Malaysia is a country that is portrayed as Islamic to the outside world, and defined by its constitution as an 'Islamic State', but the percentage of Muslims is 61%, and therefore 39% of the population is non-Muslim. The Muslims are nearly all ethnic Malays, and the constitution even states that **by law, all ethnic Malays** are Muslim. The non-Muslims are mostly Hindu, Buddhist, and Christian, and smaller numbers of Sufis, Bahai, and Taoists.



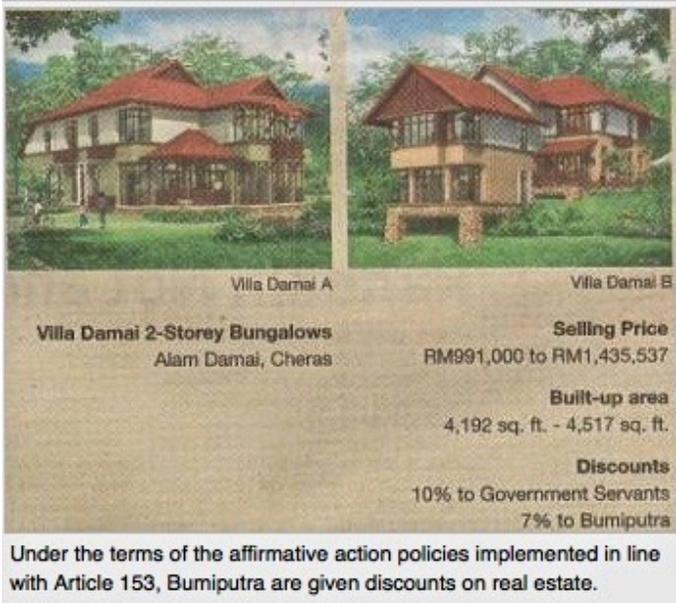
In 1971, the government created a 'National Cultural Policy (NCP) - better known as 'Bumiputra Policies' - defining Malaysian people and culture. (Bumiputra is a term that Malaysians use to describe the Malay race). Bumiputra policies give Malays - who are, and by law, must be Muslim - preference and privilege over the non-Muslims of Malaysia. Ironically, the term comes from the Sanskrit word *bhumiputra*, which can be translated literally as "son of the land" or "son of the soil" (*bhumi* = earth or land, *putra* = son). And, to mis-use that word even further the Malays do not let the indigenous ethnic tribes - who are actually the people of the land - be Bumiputra, nor benefit from Bumiputra policies. Bumiputra = apartheid.

BUMIPUTRA = APARTHEID, DISCRIMINATION, RACISM, SUPREMACY

Examples of Bumiputra policies include:

- Companies listed on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange (*Bursa Saham Kuala Lumpur*) must have 30% bumiputra ownership of equity to satisfy listing requirements. Foreign companies that operate in Malaysia also must adhere to this requirement. That means that all companies must have 30% Muslim ownership - even if the company is run by Chinese Buddhists making incense or Indians making Hindu prayer books!

- For a limited period, a certain percentage of new housing in any development has to be sold first to bumiputra owners. Housing developers are required to provide a minimum 7% discount to bumiputra buyers of these lots. This is required regardless of the income level of the potential buyer. Remaining unsold houses after a given time period are allowed to be sold to non-bumiputra if the developer proves attempts have been made to fulfill the requirement. There is no bumiputra discount on existing housing.



Villa Damai A

Villa Damai B

Villa Damai 2-Storey Bungalows
Alam Damai, Cheras

Selling Price
RM991,000 to RM1,435,537

Built-up area
4,192 sq. ft. - 4,517 sq. ft.

Discounts
10% to Government Servants
7% to Bumiputra

Under the terms of the affirmative action policies implemented in line with Article 153, Bumiputra are given discounts on real estate.

- Many government-tendered projects require that companies submitting tenders be bumiputra owned. This requirement has led to non-bumiputras teaming up with bumiputra companies to obtain projects, in a practice known as 'Ali Baba'. Ali, the bumiputra, is included solely to satisfy this requirement, and Baba (the non-bumiputra) pays Ali a certain sum in exchange.
- Article 160, clause 2, of the Constitution of Malaysia states that by law, all ethnic Malays are Muslim.
- Malay citizens who convert out of Islam are no longer considered Malay under the law, and they would lose the Bumiputra privileges afforded to Malays under Article 153 of the Constitution.
- A non-Malay who converts to Islam can claim Bumiputra privileges, provided he or she meets the other basic conditions.

ALL OF THIS AND MORE CREATES THE MALIGNANCY OF MALAYSIA

All of this, and more, creates the supremacy, the arrogance, and the intolerance that is so imbedded in the Muslim psyche, and the Islamic faith. (and I will say again, not all Muslims are this way, there are many good Muslims who choose to ignore much of the Qur'an, and the rantings of the fanatics, but there are, also, very many who are willing to kill, bomb, and destroy.)

All of this and more is why the Feb 5 assassination attempt of Rakhine leaders visiting Malaysia could happen.

All of this and more is why a Burmese / Rakhine man, Aung Gyi, was brutally killed Feb 4, and why over a dozen Burmese / Rakhine Buddhists were horribly killed in Malaysia last year.

Realize that no Malays have been singled out, beaten or killed in Burma.

But, to be a Buddhist in Malaysia, especially a Burmese or Rakhine Buddhist, is dangerous, and deadly at times.

by Rick Heizman, San Francisco, February 9, 2014

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