

Malaysia: More to Anwar Ibrahim Than Meets the Eye

By [Tony Cartalucci](#)

Global Research, March 14, 2015

[New Eastern Outlook](#)

Region: [Asia](#)

The most recent chapter in Malaysian opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim's legal troubles has been framed by the Western media as everything from a politically motivated witch hunt, to discrimination against homosexuality and a violation of "human rights."

CNN would report in their article, "[Malaysia court upholds sodomy conviction against opposition leader](#)," that:

Malaysia's top court on Tuesday upheld the conviction of opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim on the charge of sodomizing a former political aide, prompting criticism from human rights activists.

The decision appeared likely to be the final chapter in a lengthy and politically contentious legal battle, taking Anwar out of contention for elections for the foreseeable future.

CNN also added:

After the court decision Tuesday, Anwar said he "will not be silenced," vowing to continue to "fight for freedom and justice."

"I will never surrender," Anwar told CNN by phone, although he conceded that his task will be made a lot harder by the confines of a prison cell.

And Ibrahim's vow to "fight for freedom and justice" was made with the confidence that this "fight" will be subsidized and fully backed by the US State Department, thus revealing the true motivations behind the Malaysian state's lengthy attempts to remove him from the nation's political landscape.

Enduring Treason, and Malaysia's "Soft" Counterstroke

In reality, Ibrahim's sodomy conviction is probably the most indirect approach Malaysia can use in handling a politician who is essentially guilty of immense and enduring treason against the nation's sovereignty and national interests.

Also, in reality, the West's feigned outrage over the violation of Ibrahim's "human rights" is yet another example of foreign interests using nobler principles to couch their hegemonic, meddling agenda behind.

Malaysia has only been independent from British colonial rule for about a generation. It gained independence from the UK in 1957 but still remains part of its Commonwealth of Nations. Anglo-American interests, however, have remained entwined with Malaysia's fate, unabated, as have attempts to steer Malaysia's current course socially, politically, and economically.

As the West has done elsewhere, it has cultivated an opposition front in Malaysia to represent its interests. It has also spend immense amounts of resources, time, and energy to groom and install into power a client regime headed by Anwar Ibrahim himself.

This has manifested itself most recently as the so-called "Bersih" "clean and fair elections" street movement, which had initially claimed to be independent of any political party, but has since been revealed to be openly led by Ibrahim and his political party.

Bersih itself is also a construct of Western interests. Before it began widespread street protests, monkeying Western-backed "color revolutions" taking place elsewhere around the world, the US State Department's National Democratic Institute (NDI) – a subsidiary of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) – openly documented its financial and political support for the group on its official website. In efforts to obfuscate this fact in fear that it would undermine Bersih's legitimacy, US funding now goes undisclosed – ironically only garnering further suspicion amongst the more well informed in Malaysia and around the world.

Ibrahim himself has maintained close ties to Washington and Wall Street. Not only has his Bersih movement been fully backed by NED and its subsidiaries, but he himself was literally in Washington D.C. in person, attending various NED functions. This includes serving as a panelist for NED's "[Democracy Award](#)" and a panelist [at a NED donation ceremony](#) – the very same US organization funding and supporting his Bersih street movement – casting irrefutable doubt on their official agenda for "clean and fair elections."

Clearly, Ibrahim, his political party, and its street front are in actuality a singular US-backed political front seeking power in exchange for Malaysia's sovereignty.

Despite his enthusiastic vow to "fight" back, Ibrahim, it is suspected, will melt away politically and take with him his political front. Malaysia, in turn, must ensure that not only is Ibrahim fully and permanently removed from politics, but it must also expose and neutralize the tentacles of Western meddling reaching into Malaysia with which other political opposition members might attempt to interface.

In neighboring Thailand, the realization that its political problems are owed largely to Western meddling is becoming a more accepted mainstream talking point.

Likewise, Malaysia suffers from such meddling. Likewise, this reality must become a mainstream talking point and that opposition parties, no matter how much they may oppose the current government, are obliged to put Malaysia's sovereignty first.

Trading one unfavorable government for another, particularly one that answers to interests abroad, is leaping from the frying pan and into the fire.

Tony Cartalucci, Bangkok-based geopolitical researcher and writer, especially for the online magazine "[New Eastern Outlook](#)".

[Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page](#)

[Become a Member of Global Research](#)

Articles by: [Tony Cartalucci](#)

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca

www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca