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# APPENDICES



**APPENDIX A**

**The List of Politeness Strategies Used by Syed Saddiq in HardTalk BBC**

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**PP** : Positive Politeness **NP** : Negative Politeness

**BoR** : Bald on Record **OR** : Off Record

<b>UTTERANCES</b>	<b>POLITENESS STRATEGIES (PP, NP, BoR,OR)</b>
I believe what we do in the next term will determine what is to come for the next 20 years. I am very hopeful and optimistic, especially when we have more and more young people shaping the future of our beloved of Malaysia.	PP
Yes, Normal it will tabled in parliament most likely in March.	PP
We need a two tech majority and a constitutional amendment, but as soon as we discussed this in cabinet, I brought this up, and there is a consensus on that, I have been engaging with all opposition parties, I am no PBB and all the opposition parties, and there seems to be a consensus on this issue..	PP
Reason being is the last election about 41% of youth voters to the determine the outcome the election.	PP
...n issue, that is why the first thing want to do...	PP
...s about 10.8%	NP



yes,it's okay	PP
Exactly	PP
But I believe in the next few years we will resolve the structural issues...	PP
I believe as long as we update the subjects, try our best to shorten the time to ensure that the subjects which we teach continuously get updated	PP
Yes, so, the good thing is teh ministry of education and the doctor madly is looking to face out unnecessary subjects and to always update the curriculum.	PP
exactly. So, each university have their compulsory subjects, so there are different university for different subjects release up to history or religious education. The point is to ensure that we are industry driven an industry led while we should not forget the humanities, there must be a balance.	PP
But we need to looking the occasion the education we are skilling or not skilling government subduedizes a significant amount and put strong young graduates true a skill based internship...	PP
I have a strong feeling that if you are able to invest enough, they will stay in 1. There is new hope and great 1.	PP



Yes, I always joke around that one of the reasons I was brought in to average the age of the cabinet, 93-year old and a 25 year old	PP
I disagree.the unique part is, when 25 26th , there is a great form of idealism. At the sametime,I speak my mind. in the cabinet allows me to speak my mind on these issue.	BoR
Yeah, but I mean he is always adaptive to changes.	PP
I mean, he has mentioned and signalled many, many times, even though there were some portions of the community who said, “ please stay on, please stay on,” he has said time have the times against the most recent one in our party general assembly, you would expect that’s a time you’re going to go “ I will stay on as long as possible”, he said that he will step down before the next election.	NP
Yeah	PP
I know I was one of the persons who signed the the agreement between all coalition partners.	PP
Yes, because the one who said it’s actually not datuk Mahatir, if you look at other people who are part of the presidential none of them fit there’s two years	PP



<p>Yes, but knowing him he is very focused on performing the country. Yes, nothing else to lose.</p>	<p>PP</p>
<p>I mean during a Turkey prime news back then you'll never criticize the government, and now almost everyday...</p>	<p>NP</p>
<p>Today it has changed significantly. The media is free to report. The Malaysian anti-corruption commission reports directly to the parliament , no longer under his purview. We have decentralized power put a to term limit on the prime minister many institutional reforms which goes beyond the personal.. personality of the leader, that is the future of Malaysia.</p>	<p>PP</p>
<p>The reason we were able to do so is because these leaders were able to put their differences aside and unite for a common cause and purpose.</p>	<p>PP</p>
<p>.. I think that's the most important</p>	<p>NP</p>
<p>Exactly, not in 2014, but i 2018 that he would be the prime minister and than would come the talks rerun why Sri Anwar and post- election I've been working very closely for and another meeting closely, almost weekly, so I believe..that the change would be happen</p>	<p>PP</p>
<p>I think what matters is the demand in the e people and when we entered coalition a difficult coalition but</p>	<p>NP</p>





we were be able to put a side of differences it is an agreement which was made by the all of us	
So easily to them exactly.	PP
Of course so I think in the end once we do that	PP
Because I believe whet'is most important is that the coalition which govenrt all Malaysians are inherently multiracial by a very intelligent.	PP
Let's look at Malaysian history in 1957 when we seek for independence the indegenious community only helped about 2 to 3 percent of the total economic equity of the nation.	PP
20 pounds, right? 90 percent of them came from the Bumiputera indigenious community on top of that those who start that businesses.	PP
Exactly	PP
Exactly	PP
So my suggestion if you want to ask about Numan, you can ask him himself because	PP
Sure. He made the decision to leave the team when the time came. He was instrumental the return.	PP
Let's be fair. In my Ministry know about 2,000 employess. If I have a policy of each and every one of their . It become almost impossible for	PP



me to do so.	
I think that's what matters the most when we move forward	PP
My suggestion, if you really think that he's a victim of regressive treatment. I've actually written his full number here, you can call him now or after a web edition.	PP
I give in	PP
Of course	PP
Yes, I accepted	PP
Of Course	PP
Let's be fair. In my Ministry know about 2.000 employess. If I have a policy of assessing each and every one of their sexuality. It become almost impossible for me to do so. The point is the work.	PP
I think that's what matters the most when we move forward	NP
My suggestion, if you really think that he's a victim of regressive treatment. I've actually written his full number here, you can call him now or after a web edition.	PP
We care not boutthat area	PP
We will	PP
Our Deputy Prime Minister for the first time in history	PP
So we have made progress yet even	PP
here some imperfection	
what matters to most in this new	
's that everyone should be given	NP



the right to voice on	
This part, I disagree.	BoR
No,of course not because we weren't to inch the problem if the Sedition is that it doesn't look into the value of intention and therefore someone we see something.	PP
I think what matters is the Malaysian government stance on this issue.	NP
Malaysia is not like other country	PP
I mean Donald Trump cut two hundred million dollars more for development it which could be save five million Palestinians just because the international	NP
My stance is I'm against the atrocities committed especially by the Netenyahu government. It is the actions which I stand firmly against, not the risk of that person but your actions during Catholic protective H pillars of defense tens of thousands of innocent Palestinians their live murdered family stick in a week,plently of conversations.	BoR
The state is the focus of our collective moral actions while it's not the fault of all Israeli	PP
I hope you understand where he is coming from,to me what matters the mostgoing to	NP
...well I believe we are going is a country ...ll speak up against the gruesome rights violations.	PP



<p><b>It is progressive. We stand the rule of law, we are against human rights violations, we are against war crimes and crimes of aggression that is the new Malaysia.</b></p>	<p><b>PP</b></p>
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## APPENDIX B

### The Transcript of the Utterance of the Youthful Malaysian Minister Syed Saddiq in HardTalk BBC

**U1 Shaun Ley** : Hello, and welcome to hardtalk. I'm **Shaun Ley**. Malaysia has had its first change of government in 60 years took a huge corruption scandal to topple the previous one, yet the same two names dominate the country's political debate, which have done for the last 20 years. Mahatir, a retired prime minister who returned to power at the age of 92, and Anwar, the man who was jailed, then pardoned, and now is Mahatir's chosen successor, Syed Saddiq is the youngest cabinet minister in Asia, in a country where the average age in the mid- 20s. He says Malaysia is a country of reform and modernization. No country for old men, who is Malaysia still trapped by the attitudes shaped in its colonial past. Syed Sadiq, welcome to hardtalk.

**U2 Syed Saddiq** : Thank you very much

**U3 Shaun Ley** : Last year's general election resulted in the first change in government since independence in the mid- 1950s. I mean, it's a hugely significant moment in Malaysia's history. How important do you think that election will be for the country's future?

**U4 Syed Saddiq** : To me, the fact that this is the first change in government for Malaysia will allow for the youth to shape the future of Malaysia for the next 20 to 30 years. We have never had a change in government, and now we do. I believe what we do in the next term will determine what is to come for the next 20 years. I am very hopeful and optimistic, especially when we have more and more young people shaping the future of our beloved of Malaysia.



**U5 Shaun Ley** : And you have given them an opportunity to do that by lowering the voting age from 21 to 18, why?

**U6 Syed Saddiq** :Yes, Normal it will tabled in parliament most likely in March.

**U7 Shaun Ley** : And this is something that all the parties of the governing coalition support, so it should become law?

**U8 Syed Saddiq** : We need a two tech majority and a constitutional amendment, but as soon as we discussed this in cabinet, I brought this up, and there is a consensus on that, I have been engaging with all opposition parties, I am no PBB and all the opposition parties, and there seems to be a consensus on this issue. So, hopefully, we will get a unanimous decision through parliament to reduce voting age to 18 years old.

**U9 Shaun Ley** : So, from 21 to 18, what would that mean in terms of the numbers of legislative electorate?

**U10 Syed Syadiq** : To me, that means truly cementing of power for the next future kids. Reason being is the last election about 41% of youth voters to determine the outcome of the election. If you reduce voting age to 18 years old that means to be an additional of about 5 million new voters from 18 to 21 not about 2.6, but let's not forget, election will come in about 2022, that means those who are 15 today will be allowed to vote, which means that about 50% of those on the electoral roll will come from young people of Malaysia. That means any party, whether it's my party or the opposition, cannot mess with the youth of Malaysia.

**U11 Shaun Ley** :So they can vote, but many of them at the moment can't find a job?

**Syed Saddiq** : That is an issue, that is why the first thing which I want to  
D...



**U13 Shaun Ley** : it is a big issue, what is it 10.8%?

**U14 Syed Saddiq** : I think it's about 10.7%.

**U15 Shaun Ley** : Okay

**U16 Syed Saddiq** : the plan of the government is to reduce the rate of unemployment youth unemployment to single digit. It is still significantly lower than than the global average of 18 percent but we can't fall behind Thailand, Singapore...

**U17 Shaun Ley** :Is the same region it's

**U18 Syed Saddiq** : yes,it's okay

**U19 Shaun Ley** : it's rare isn't it I mean Singapore is 4%, Thailand 6%, Vietnam 7%, i mean , you know the statistics yeah better than I do. China is the country that has the same level of youth our employment but it's it's not so much the numbers which is a story for every single one of those young people of NZ job and can't find one, it is about how that matches the economy and the ambitions you have.

**U20 Syed Saddiq** : Exactly.

**U21 Shaun Ley** : 204,000 graduates without a job at the last statistics your government released, 40.5% of Malaysia's unemployed,

**U22 Syed Saddiq** : (hmm)

**U23 Shaun Ley** :And yet only 4% of their vacancies are for graduates or professionals

**U24 Syed Saddiq** :( hmm )

**Shaun Ley** :That's quite a mismatch.

**Syed Saddiq** : But I believe in the next few years we will resolve the structural issues. One is, we need to start looking into the gate economy,



we need to start looking to the fourth industrial revolution, where jobs will slowly be replaced with automation, but I believe the future lies in vocational education and I'm under my ministry there are 22 vocational institutions, and the rate of employment for the graduates at 94% much higher than graduates of universities.

**U27 Shaun Ley** :So, Malaysia's universities, what are they quality, or are they just teaching the wrong subjects?

**U28 Syed Saddiq** :I believe as long as we update the subjects, try our best to shorten the time to ensure that the subjects which we teach continuously get updated

**U29 Shaun Ley** : So, some of them are out of date?

**U30 Syed Saddiq** : Yes, so, the good thing is the ministry of education and the doctor madly is looking to face out unnecessary subjects and to always update the curriculum.

**U31 Shaun Ley** : Can you give me some examples of what you mean by unnecessary subjects, or things that no longer serve the purpose of the economy ?

**U32 Syed Saddiq** : exactly. So, each university will have their compulsory subjects, so there are different university for different subjects release up to history or religious education. The point is to ensure that we are industry driven an industry led while we should not forget the humanities, there must be a balance.

**U33 Shaun Ley** : and ..the IDF research, which analyses the economy for manufacturers, wrote at the time the national important figures came out, “

view the rising youth unemployment rate is possibly due to skills match. For example out of all vacancies 76% were for elementary occupations the next biggest catechol was 20% are operators and emblers, which are semiskilled. “so, I mean, thereis a huge problem





here. I accept what you're saying about change and evolution and all the rest of it, but it doesn't help someone in their early- to-mid-20s who has trained and tried to become qualified and then is told by their own country, sorry, we don't yet have work for you of your school base if they just gonna abroad.

**U34 Syed Saddiq** : This is where it is critical for us to update the curriculum and also pivots...

**U35 Shaun Ley** : it doesn't help those people who have ready graduated.

**U36 Syed Saddiq** : but we need to looking the occasion the education we are skilling or not skilling government subduedizes a significant amount and put strong young graduates true a skill based internship so that process and even though they might start up with a phased out job but in the end they can be rescaled further , government invest in them past them out with the industry players, and in the end they get better jobs for the future.

**U37 Shaun Ley** : Are they going to hang around for that, or are they just going to go abroad?

**U38 Syed Saddiq** : I have a strong feeling that if you are able to invest enough, they will stay in Malaysia. There is new hope and great optimism. We do plan to bring those who are abroad back and keep those who are brought back and keep those who are in the country in the country. No more brain drain.

**U39 Shaun Ley** : Malaysia is a young country .The average age is about 28. You are just slightly younger at 26. Yet you're a minister in a cabinet which is led by the oldest head of government in the world.

**Syed Saddiq** : Yes, I always joke around that one of the reasons I was thought in to average the age of the cabinet, 93-year old and a 25 year old, I think this shows a new future for Malaysia. It is not just about me. I am going there's also you'll be in the Minister of Environment is 35 years old.



There are in what two or three deputy ministers who are below 4 years old. The point is youth representation in cabinet has increased, and not about youth representation there's none.

**U41 Shaun Ley** : But you're still a minority. A big you are long way behind. I'm sure they listen to you, and they should listen to you with respect, but in the end your views are gonna count far less and all those men and women in their 50s and 60s and 70s and 90s.

**U42 Syed Saddiq** : I disagree.the unique part is, when 25 26th , there is a great form of idealism. At the sametime,I speak my mind. in the cabinet allows me to speak my mind on these issue. And the listen that's why recieve an example from reducing voting age to 18th yers old to reducing the definition of youth for 40 to 30 which was passed into cabinet listen it. on education reform where the youth ministries taken into the count. and many many landmark changes we have taken place fact in the voices of the Youth ministry.

**U43 Shaun Ley** : and the terms of what this will mean in the government you serve. I suppose it's .. I mean you said I think late last year who coaches sang of Mahatir meticulous his hard-working tireless I got tired following him during the campaign. He was receptive to using new ideas like using social media or live streaming speeches and I think some people watching and listening to the since you might might think it's hard to imagine that he knows much about instagram and facebook when he grew up in the generation that had to rely on shortwave the radio and the telegraph?

**U44 Syed Saddiq** : Yeah, but I mean he is always adaptive to changes. I remember during the times of the election when we didn't have control of the media, it was monopolized by the government then, we don have elopment of resources like the ruling government than we had to think of onventional methods to reach out the community. That's where he really d facebook live. Every week we had policy thoughts which which



reaches out to hundreds of thousands people. And during the final day of election his facebook live had more than 270,000 live viewers, a record high in Asean. We do find unique ways to reach out and send a message to the malaysian populace.

**U45 Shaun Ley** : For man who still in touch. In the way you describe and is still engaged and, as you say, is willing to listen to young people and take on board your concerns and at that policy accordingly, i mean, it doesn't sound like a man who is ready for retirement.

**U46 Syed Saddiq** : I mean, he has mentioned and signalled many, many times, even though there were some portions of the community who said, "please stay on, please stay on," he has said time have the times against the most recent one in our party general assembly, you would expect that's a time you're going to go "I will stay on as long as possible", he said that he will step down before the next election.

**U47 Shaun Ley** : He switches in 2022?

**U48 Syed Saddiq** : Yeah.

**U49 Shaun Ley** : But so the suggestions he will go next year, there is no guarantee of that?

**U50 Syed Saddiq** : I know I was one of the persons who signed the the agreement between all coalition partners. I am a member of the presidential Pakatan Harapan. There is no agreement it should be two years.

**U51 Shaun Ley** : Right.

**U52 Syed Saddiq** : I wanna mentioned

**Shaun Ley** : That's very interesting because it has been said quite a lot people in public.



**U54 Syed Saddiq** : Yes, because the one who said it's actually not datuk Mahatir, if you look at other people who are part of the presidential Council, none of them fit there's two years

**U55 Shaun Ley** :So, doctor Mahatir has said two years, but no-one gonna hold him to it if he says actually , "I am quite enjoying this, I'm refreshing. I was prime minister more than 20 years ago, I'm back now I am back I don't fell like retiring."

**U56 Syed Saddiq** : Knowing him,he is very focus on.

**U57 Shaun Ley** : It could go on and on and on.

**U58 Syed Saddiq** : Yes, but knowing him he is very focused on performing the country. Yes, nothing else to lose. He already has a legacy. He brought disfunctional opposition to win a landmark election. He has nothing else to lose. He just wants to ensure that Malaysia's name will be in the eyes of the world.

**U59 Shaun Ley** : What do like that was I certainly that mean you understand that some people would say well that's suggestive to use the expression old wine in a new bottles. He reinvented himself. But he is the same old politician from 20 or 30 years ago who some of whose methods were very heavily internationally criticized , not least what he did to the man who he now says will be a successor Anwar who 20 years ago was dismissed from the cabinet over allegations of homosexuality.

**U60 Syed Saddiq** : Judge him on his policies today. He has freed up the media.I mean during a Turkey prime news back then you'll never criticize the government, and now almost everyday...

**Shaun Ley** : It doesn't matter where the media know who his today

**Syed Saddiq** : Today it has changed significantly. The media is free to report. The Malaysian anti-corruption commission reports directly to the



parliament , no longer under his purview. We have decentralized power put a to term limit on the prime minister many institutional reforms which goes beyond the personal.. personality of the leader, that is the future of Malaysia.

**U63 Shaun Ley** : I, I , I'll tell you a point, but that's the future you got to get to at some point right now he is in charge and..

**U64 Syed Saddiq** : I.. I..I believe

**U65 Shaun Ley** :Let's let's leave aside aside what he said about a when he's dismissed them when he said I was quite to say I cannot have a sodomize when my cabinets a gay prime minister nobody would be safe and while sued him for defamation..

**U66 Syed Saddiq** : Never allow us

**U67 Shaun Ley** : He wish

**U68 Syed Saddiq** : Never allow the past to lock us an imprison us from moving forward

**U69 Shaun Ley** : This is very good argument you're making and it is the question of whether somebody who has been so prominent as behaving in particular in the past can change whether they can be a catalyst for change or not and you can understand, can't you, and well maybe just a little bit cautious about believing that he will really get power from a man who not only did that to him, whose regime played such a part in his imprisonment and all of the rest of it that happened to him, even though he was eventually pardoned by the king, was described by Amnesty International during his time in prison as a prisoner of conscience and for any was there not for any

me he committed but because of his being politically inconvenient to the ng government led by my interior isn't it hard to imagine Mahatir ding over power to a man who just five years ago said he wasn't even



qualified to be a chief minister of one of the Malay States, never mind the Prime Minister?

**U70 Syed Saddiq** : If this coalition is governed beef on caution, we would never be able to win the election. The reason we were able to do so is because these leaders were able to put their differences aside and unite for a common cause and purpose.

**U71 Shaun Ley** : Power?

**U72 Syed Saddiq** : When we I know,it's not for power, to bring down the biggest global kleptocracy. Currently.. I think that's the most important.

**U73 Shaun Ley** : Let me interrupt you. You say it wasn't about power. Listen...listen to what Mahatir said about Anwar in February 2014, just under five years ago. He formed a party purely to ensure he becomes a prime minister, not to fight for race, religion and nation. Everywhere he struggled is it only to become prime minister and are we to believe that Mahatir has now completely changed his view of anwar was now saying, "I was wrong about anwar, he's a really good guy not for political convenience, because I can trust him to take the reins of power?"

**U74 Syed Saddiq** :In 2018, we find an agreement the members of predisential Pakatan Harapan signed agreement where

**U75 Shaun Ley** : This is the governing coalition.

**U76 Syed Saddiq** : Exactly, not in 2014, but i 2018 that he would be the prime minister and than would come the talks rerun why Sri Anwar and post- election I've been working very closely for and another meeting closely, almost weekly, so I believe..that the change would be happen.

**Shaun Ley** : almost very impressive. Some people might meet every  
ple of days at that level of government.

**d Saddiq** : (Laugh)



**U79 Shaun Ley** : I believe that and perhaps I'm being mischievous more serious point is this, Mahatir is 94 next year and you've just said he might go on until 95, you have given him that flexibility

**U80 Syed Saddiq** : It's not me.

**U81 Shaun Ley** : We will be 72, 73. You and your colleagues are gonna have that flexibility in the country with a median age is half a century lower than anwar's age, why don't you skip a generation, let the young people and no literally saying you're not gonna embarrass you by yeah, but maybe that's somebody who is merely 40 technical charge.

**U82 Syed Saddiq** : I think what matters is the demand in the will of the people and when we entered into the coalition a difficult coalition but we were be able to put a side of differences it is an agreement which was made by the all of us... I believe what is Datuk Sri Anwar te youth leadership of the coalition that always be respected and your voices is heard. As I mention before my goals in this new Malaysia is not to govens for the next 50 or 100 years's, we will be voted out at one point in time, but what matters is institutional reforms, what matters is empowering the youth today. Even when there is a charge in govenrment, the voices of young people...

**U83 Shaun Ley** : And own communities ?

**U84 Syed Saddiq** : So easily to them exactly.

**U85 Shaun Ley** : Is the communities

**U86 Syed Saddiq** : All from usable

**U87 Shaun Ley** : Would need to have an equal voice

**Syed Saddiq** : Of course so I think in the end once we do that

**Shaun Ley** : You always enjoy the party which only permits people in indenogenous communities to stand for election?



**U90 Syed Saddiq** :Because I believe what's most important is that the coalition which governs all Malaysians are inherently multiracial by a very intelligent

**U91 Shaun Ley** : The parties aren't I mean surely that's a really concrete example this is a country that had race rights at the end of the 1960's. It introduced affirmative action policies, if it still has political parties that are based on race then doesn't and actually not just that they are not traditionally based on race but actually prevents you from being a candidate. If you come from I don't know the 24%

**U92 Syed Saddiq** : Next..

**U93 Shaun Ley** : The population is Chinese or the 7% is inland or the other non indigenous community sure that that's the kind of thing that will prove what you mean not the not just the warm words and they are very warm and very I'm sure very sincerely held words but they don't matter how a lot unless you change the things that determine people's opportunities.

**U94 Syed Saddiq** : Let's look at Malaysian history in 1957 when we seek for independence the indigenous community only helped about 2 to 3 percent of the total economic equity of the nation. 90% of Malaysians who earn below 100 Ringgit which is not 20 pounds.

**U95 Shaun Ley** :British for in charge

**U96 Syed Saddiq** :20 pounds, right? 90 percent of them came from the Bumiputera indigenous community on top of that those who start that businesses. There out of 8.000 businesses in in the 1970s only 9% will help by the indigenous committee.

**Shaun Ley** :Now in 2019

**Syed Saddiq** : Exactly

**Shaun Ley** : You thought telling me don't be present by the past





**U100 Syed Saddiq** : Exactly

**U101 Shaun Ley** : Why is your party still prison?

**U102 Syed Saddiq** : So, the point is to ensure that while we expand Malaysians economic pipe we persue for policy of equitable economic redistribution to see that Malaysia is a country which no longer considers consider race nd religious lines is wrong. The point is social economic inequity is also fact into account racial and religipus inequities. We want to ensure that all races and religions will get their fair share of League.

**U103 Shaun Ley** : What about other minority communities? May you took some affirmative action of your own because you had a prominent campaigner for gay rights Numan Afifi as a nature in the campaign but he never made it into government. Why not?

**U104 Syed Saddiq** : So my suggestion if you want to ask about Norman, you can ask him himself because

**U105 Shaun Ley** : Why don't ask you?

**U106 Syed Saddiq** : The one you

**U107 Shaun Ley** : your a he's not?

**U108 Syed Saddiq** : Sure. He made the decision to leave the team when the time came. He was instrumental the return.

**U109 Shaun Ley** : and when the time came

**U110 Syed Saddiq** : It was him.

**U111 Shaun Ley** : Okay

**Syed Saddiq** : I give him the option

**Shaun Ley** : Iyou can give the option



**U114 Syed Saddiq** : I give in

**U115 Shaun Ley** : To a ministry?

**U116 Syed Saddiq** : Of course

**U117 Shaun Ley** : You offered him a job?

**U118 Syed Saddiq** : Yes, I accepted.

**U119 Shaun Ley** : You would have him in the Ministry?

**U120 Syed Saddiq** : Of course

**U121 Shaun Ley** : Even someday somebody above you'd said we don't like this guy, we don't like gay, rights?

**U122 Syed Saddiq** : Let's

**U123 Shaun Ley** : Campaigners in our government.

**U124 Syed Saddiq** : Let's be fair. In my Ministry know about 2.000 employess. If I have a policy of assessing each and every one of their sexuality. It become almost impossible for me to do so. The point is the work

**U125 Shaun Ley** :which you put..

**U126 Syed Saddiq** : In any marriage you have. I think that's what matters the most when we move forward

**U127 Shaun Ley** : Charles Santiago who is an MP who supports a government the Alliance of hope as it translates Pakatan Harapan. He said that Noman Afifi, he was the victim of regressive treatment.

**Syed Saddiq** : My suggestion, if you really think that he's a victim of regressive treatment. I've actually written his full number here, you can call him now or after a web edition.



**U129 Shaun Ley** : Where again because we might be lose a tine

**U130 Syed Saddiq** : Of course

**U131 Shaun Ley** :But I know, I can show we can't ask.

**U132 Syed Saddiq** : It may remove what we think

**U133 Shaun Ley** : What do you make Charles Santiago's comments?

**U134 Syed Saddiq** : Is it allow this particular individuals

**U135 Shaun Ley** : Was it regressive treatment

**U136 Syed Saddiq** : This part, I disagree.

**U137 Shaun Ley** : Ok.

**U138 Syed Saddiq** : I think what matters to most in this new Malaysia's that everyone should be given the right to voice on

**U139 Shaun Ley** : On you and you may promises on a part of this concept of a new Malaysia of every quality will leave aside the question of women in cabinet which supposed to be 30% only 18% at the moment but it's less than a year in so let's if changes or woman cabinet

**U140 Syed Saddiq** : We care not about that area

**U141 Shaun Ley** : What will you do?

**U142 Syed Saddiq** : In that direction you have two key changes Malaysia. One is you look at women on corporate boards.

**U143 Shaun Ley** : Yes

**U144 Syed Saddiq** : On those about twelves

**Shaun Ley** : Yes.

**Syed Saddiq** : No we're free



**U147 Shaun Ley** : You may then get even kernels you might have made a pledge to this and you have

**U148 Syed Saddiq** : We will

**U149 Shaun Ley** : Two Meisel and

**U150 Syed Saddiq** : Our Deputy Prime Minister for the first time in history

**U151 Shaun Ley** : Is along as a woman

**U152 Syed Saddiq** : So we've made progress yet even though there some imperfections

**U153 Shaun Ley** : Let's

**U154 Syed Saddiq** : all strife in their direct

**U155 Shaun Ley** : Good. Let's in our in our last few minutes take another. Example lost edition during the elected and Alliance promised its repeal. Yet when King Mohammed who will be who is going to be succeeded shortly after we record this interview his success will be chosen announced his resignation as a head of state three people who criticized him were arrested for sedition.

**U156 Syed Saddiq** : Malaysia is a constitutional monarchy. A part of our identity is linked to the kings which we respect tearfully. At the same time, we want to ensure that sedition still repeal while they are sufficient enactments to protect the interest of the rulers.

**U157 Shaun Ley** : So when..

**U158 Syed Saddiq** : That's what we are looking at it.



**Shaun Ley** : So when minister said last year the law is suspended

**Syed Saddiq** : Hmm

**U161 Shaun Ley** : Pending abolition

**U162 Syed Saddiq** : Hmm

**U163 Shaun Ley** : There's been a change of heart about that because you've decided there aren't enough alternative mechanisms where you can prosecute. What you regard is unacceptable?

**U164 Shaun Ley** : Currently, you are trying to find a way in which one thing is clear is we will fulfill part of a manifesto which is to repeal the Sedition Act.

**U165 Shaun Ley** : So, you might just question bring it back under there's...

**U166 Syed Saddiq** : No, of course not because we weren't to inch the problem if the Sedition act is that it doesn't look into the value of intention and therefore someone we see something. We fight despite not intending to do so can still be imprisoned capriciously the new law was to protect the interest of the Kings while at the same time will never again allow for political dissidents to be jailed for arbitrary reason. We want to ensure this airtight so the abuses no longer happen.

**U167 Shaun Ley** : As a Minister for sport you're promoting Malaysia's hosting of the world parent Swimming Championships. Why are you denying your swimmers the opportunity to prove themselves against some of the world's best.

**U168 Syed Saddiq** : I think what matters is the Malaysian government stance on this issue. If hosting an international event is more important than safeguarding the interests of our Palestinian brothers and sisters may be mutilated, times after times again.

**Shaun Ley** : Why..

**Syed Saddiq** : That is more important that means we lost our moral conscience brave and moral conserve



**U171 Shaun Ley** : All the other countries who permit Israel to participate in international sporting events have lost their moral conscience.

**U172 Syed Saddiq** : Malaysia is not like other country

**U173 Shaun Ley** : Ahh

**U174 Syed Saddiq** : We will

**U175 Shaun Ley** : The UK the US Australia, all the other countries and countries

**U176 Syed Saddiq** : And countries criticize Israel and censure them in the United Nations. One is US will veto it more than 47 times on top that. When we century Israel, US and the Western world would actually punish the small countries for having a sponsor. I mean Donald Trump cut two hundred million dollars more for development it which could be save five million Palestinians just because the international

**U177 Shaun Ley** : Some power

**U178 Syed Saddiq** : Must be fine

**U179 Shaun Ley** : I'm sure that sincere but I wonder if you then share Prime Ministers Mahatirs view of Jews. He said " I'm glad to be like we're anti-semitic. He said this in May last year how can I be always crazy Minister. How can I be otherwise when the Jews who so often talk of horrors they suffered during the Holocaust show the same Nazi cruelty.

**U180 Syed Saddiq** : My stance is I'm against the atrocities committed especially by the Netanyahu government. It is the actions which I stand firmly against, not the risk of that person but your actions during Catholic protective H pillars of defense tens of thousands of innocent Palestinians and their live murdered family stick in a week, plenty of conversations.

**Shaun Ley** : Condemn that take action against



**U182 Syed Saddiq** : Must them think

**U183 Shaun Ley** : don't stand against the opportunity for people of all the communities countries to come together. It is not member of the Israeli government to a committee in the Paralympic tweet team as a swimmers its young men and women the future generations. It's all for the Malaysians to meet each other on common terms insporting competition. If equal each other and share the concern.

**U184 Syed Saddiq** : The state is the focus of our collective moral actions while it's not the fault of all Israeli. Similarly in the context of Palestine, it's not teh fault of all Plaetinians for that for the agression of some.

**U185 Shaun Ley** : I just wonder what though and this goes back to what we talked about the very satrt if this program. Siddiq and that is whether we have a country that is still determined by the attitudes of the past your Prime Minister in a book he published back in 1970 the Malay dilemma said the Jews are not merely hook-nosed as if that was some kind of source of criticism but understand money instinctively high-minded condemnation of the human rights of a government is one thing but when you fall back on stereotypes of phisical appearance he used it again in this studio when he was interviewd hard till recently and instinct are you in the gutter of politics?

**U186 Syed Saddiq** : I hope you understand where he is coming from,to me what matters the most going to

**U187 Shaun Ley** : Is a concern..

**U188 Syed Saddiq** : so well I believe we are going is a country which will speak up against the gruesome human rights violations. The actions and e propensity for violence these are the things which we will oppose and e will never stand for. I think in the end what methods are the aggression



and government like Malaysia having the guts to speak up despite the fact that there might be consequences

**U189 Shaun Ley** : Is that the new progressive Malaysia you want promote?

**U190 Syed Saddiq** : It is progressive. We stand the rule of law, we are against human rights violations, we are against war crimes and crimes of aggression that is the new Malaysia.

**U191 Shaun Ley** : Syed Siddiq Minister Youth and Sport in Malaysia's government, thank you very much for being with us

**U192 Syed Saddiq** : Thank you very much, pleasure.

