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AT every turn, it seems, there are attempts to continue to obliterate our history. At one time, they even wanted to demolish Stadium Negara and Stadium Merdeka. Now, we hear of plans to move Parliament House to Putrajaya and Pudu Jail is being demolished.

We have no regard for history, and whatever historical buildings we have left we replace with concrete monstrosities.

With these monstrosities, we try to attract and romance the tourists when we can do as well or even better with our historical sites.

Never have I seen such a bad example of a country and people that have absolute disregard for history and historical sites. And this country happens to be my own country, Malaysia.

As usual, only a hue and cry, with the intervention of the powers that be, will stop it from happening.

It does not matter if it is the history of colonialism; it is history that makes Malaysia what it is today.

If we continue to erase whatever history we have, what do we hand over to future generations and what values are we teaching our children and grandchildren?

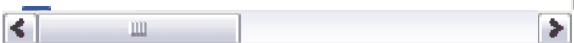

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