

## 【刘哲伟专栏】需要给政客VIP提供警察护送服务吗？



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作者认为，堵车的问题不应该有“普罗大众”和“天堂”级别区分。（档案照：透视大马）

日前，护送服务导致了死伤意外，根据《星报》报道，护送服务是为“环浮罗交怡脚车赛”而设的。然而，我今天的讨论是政治人物是否需要交通护送服务。

根据我的亲身经历，我亲眼目睹了两起不同的事件。首先，一辆车被一名警察摩哆护送拦下。警察拦车的地点是在一个下坡的斜坡上，这是一条高速公路，第二辆车撞上了第一辆车的后部。然而，警察护送直接离开了事发地点，继续执行他的任务。当然，这不是一件严重的事故。第二起事件，类似的情况，但涉及一辆车被拦

下，而一辆摩托撞上了停下的车子。同样，这也不是一起严重的事故。请记住，当时不是严重的事故，并不意味着每次都只会造成财产损失。昨天的事件导致了多人死亡和受伤。

所以现在的问题是，政治人物是否需要护送服务。根据一位部长的说法，护送服务仅适用于首相、副首相、内政部长、国防部长和外交部长。我知道，这涉及到与安全有关的重要部门。但坦白说，其中有多少他们出席的活动是紧急，需要立即到达？如果你在谈论救护车、消防车或警车，我可以理解。每一秒都很重要。但对于政治人物来说，晚一点出席活动真的那么可怕吗？除非他们能告诉我们，他们的时间比我们更有价值，或者说他们是高级政治人物，应该享有特权。那我无话可说。

此外，为何他们需要护送服务呢？因为交通拥堵。那么，又为什么交通拥堵如此严重？这是政府还是人民的错呢？当政治人物执政时，解决这个问题完全是他们的责任。如果问题确实无法解决，那就与人民一起面对交通拥堵问题。既然没能力解决，也不应该享有无需堵车的特权。不要忘记，这其实就是人民每天都要面对的问题。所以，堵车的问题不应该有“普罗大众”和“天堂”级别区分。在民主面前，所有人都是平等的。这也是美国总统林肯称之为“人民的政府，由人民和为人民”的政府。简单来说，在民主社会中，人民即选民基本上是老板，即使高级官员也是我们的下属。



护送服务给民众带来了不便，且人们是无能为力。（档案照：透视大马）

我的第一项建议，除了与安全或安全有关的及时紧急事宜，不再为任何政治人物提供警察护送服务。通过这样做，将推动政府更加警觉地解决交通拥堵问题。

以上建议当然是理想主义的，可以实行最好。不能的话，那么，我的第二个建议是，允许高级政治人物“购买”便利。我想说的是，如果政治人物觉得他们的时间非常宝贵，那没问题，他们可以“购买”便利。这就像若我们平民想方便，那就付费使用大道。否则，就使用较堵车的路。

我所说的购买便利意味着使用护送服务的政治人物可以向一个基金支付一笔钱，该基金将退还给其他道路使用者以补偿不便。当然，必须确保这笔钱来自政治家的个人资金，而不是机构或部门的资金。否则，这将毫无意义。

我可以预见到人们会反问我，如果所有政治人物都愿意支付怎么办？如果富人愿意支付怎么办？例如，如果您由于政治人物的护送服务而被困在交通拥堵中，但您将因不便得到5令吉的补偿，您会同意吗？如果不行，10令吉或100令吉的延误费怎么样？让我坦诚而实际地说，只要钱到位，我没问题。这个答案间接回答了关于富人的第二个问题。当然，是否应该只分配给特定人或对任何人开放，又是另一个值得讨论的问题。关键在于，由A执行的行动导致B不便，A是不对的，所以没道理要B承受不便。但如果B愿意忍受不便呢？例如，救护车、消防车或警察，我们完全没有问题，因为我们的不便可以换取另一个人的生命。如果政治人物的方便建立在你的不方便上，如果我们按照资本主义经济的做法，必须补偿直到B愿意。当然，所谓的B指的是大多数的大众。请不要以字眼游戏直接否定这个建议。

## 结论

以上讨论只是原则层面的，如果原则性的建议能够被接受，那么可以进一步研究机制。如果人们认为平等比金钱或任何形式的补偿更重要，那么可以考虑第一项建议，限制政治人物的大部分护送服务。如果第一个建议过于理想化，没有给政治人物提供便利的空间，那么可以考虑第二个建议。这些建议肯定比现在要好，因为现在的护送服务，确实给民众带来了不便，且我们是无能为力。

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# [Liu Zhewei Column] Is it necessary to provide police escort services to politicians and VIPs?



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*The author believes that traffic jams should not be divided into "general public" and "heaven" levels. (File photo: Malaysian Perspective)*

A few days ago, an escort service caused a fatality. According to The Star, the escort service was for the "Tour of Langkawi Cycling Race". However, my discussion today is whether politicians need transport escort services.

From my personal experience, I witnessed two different incidents. First, a car was stopped by a police motorcycle escort. The location of the police stop was on a downhill slope, which was a highway, and the second car hit the back of the first car. However, the police escort left the incident directly and continued his duties. Of course, this was not a serious accident. The second incident, similar circumstances, but involved a car being stopped and a motorcycle hitting the stopped car. Again, this was not a serious accident. Remember, not being a serious accident does not mean that there will only be property damage every time. Yesterday's incident resulted in multiple deaths and injuries.

So the question now is whether politicians need escort services. According to a minister, escort services are only available to the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, Minister of Defence and Minister of Foreign Affairs. I know that this involves important departments related to security. But frankly, how many of the events they attend are urgent and need to arrive immediately? If you are talking about ambulances, fire trucks or police cars, I can understand. Every second counts. But is it really so terrible for politicians to arrive at events a little late? Unless they can tell us that their time is more valuable than ours, or that they are senior politicians and should be given special privileges. Then I have nothing to say.

Besides, why do they need an escort service? Because of traffic congestion. So, why is traffic congestion so severe? Is it the government's fault or the people's fault? When politicians are in power, it is entirely their responsibility to solve this problem. If the problem is truly unsolvable, then face the traffic congestion problem together with the people. If you can't solve it, you shouldn't have the privilege of not having to be stuck in traffic. Don't forget that this is actually a problem that people have to face every day. Therefore, the problem of traffic congestion should not be divided into "common people" and "heaven" levels. In the face of democracy, everyone is equal. This is also what American President Lincoln called "government of the people, by the people and for the people." Simply put, in a democratic society, the people, the voters, are basically the bosses, and even senior officials are our subordinates.



*The escort service has caused inconvenience to the public and people are powerless to do anything about it. (File photo: Malaysian Insight)*

My first recommendation is to no longer provide police escorts to any politicians except for immediate emergencies related to safety or security. By doing so, it will push the government to be more vigilant in addressing traffic congestion.

The above suggestions are of course idealistic, and it would be best if they can be implemented. If not, then my second suggestion is to allow senior politicians to "buy" convenience. What I mean is that if politicians feel that their

time is very valuable, then no problem, they can "buy" convenience. It's like if we ordinary people want to use the convenience, we pay to use the highway. Otherwise, we use the road with more traffic.

What I mean by buying convenience is that politicians who use escort services can pay a sum of money into a fund which will be returned to other road users to compensate for the inconvenience. Of course, one must ensure that the money comes from the politician's personal funds and not from an agency or department. Otherwise, it will be meaningless.

I can foresee people asking me back, what if all politicians are willing to pay? What if the rich are willing to pay? For example, if you are stuck in a traffic jam due to a politician's escort service, but you will be compensated RM5 for the inconvenience, will you agree? If not, how about RM10 or RM100 for the delay fee? Let me be honest and practical and say that as long as the money is in place, I have no problem. This answer indirectly answers the second question about the rich. Of course, whether it should be allocated only to specific people or open to anyone is another question worth discussing. The key point is that the action performed by A causes B to be inconvenienced, A is wrong, so there is no reason for B to be inconvenienced. But what if B is willing to endure the inconvenience? For example, ambulances, fire trucks or policemen, we have no problem at all because our inconvenience can be exchanged for the life of another person. If the convenience of politicians is based on your inconvenience, if we follow the practice of capitalist economy, compensation must be made until B is willing. Of course, the so-called B refers to the majority of the public. Please don't directly deny this suggestion with word games.

## **in conclusion**

The above discussion is only at the principle level. If the principled suggestions are acceptable, then the mechanism can be further studied. If people think that equality is more important than money or any form of compensation, then the first suggestion can be considered to restrict most of the escort services of politicians. If the first suggestion is too idealistic and does not provide convenient space for politicians, then the second suggestion can be considered. These suggestions are definitely better than the current ones, because the current escort services do bring inconvenience to the people, and we are powerless to do anything about it.



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