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THE Kuala Lumpur High Court's ruling on Monday that declared Datuk Seri Mohammad Nizar Jamaluddin as the rightful mentri besar of Perak, and the subsequent hullabaloo with the appeals is but the latest in a wave of political rigmarole that seems never-ending.

So, it's not surprising that issues of political awareness and nationalism were the dominant themes in the questions that prominent personalities posed to youngsters in RAGE's Questions for You(th) project (RAGE, May 6).

We had asked almost 50 movers and shakers to pose their one question to those below 29, and youths have been replying to the questions, posted on our website

rage.com.my. The responses have been insightful, honest and sometimes even impertinent. But what has emerged is a generation that is certainly not apolitical, but deeply concerned about how politics is shaping up in this country.

"I no longer feel as disconnected as I used to feel, seeing that we have much faster updates regarding the political situation when something happens, and that when people gather to do something there is an effect rather than just empty words. I value my right to vote very much and will do so when I am of legal age," wrote Samantha Chow, 18, from Kajang.

Politics aside, we'd also like to know your thoughts on other subjects.

Cartoonist Ujang wants to know if you think it's important to love the rivers and the environment.

Writer Hishamuddin Rais asks: "Should the young know who is Tun Sri Lanang. A. Samad

Ismail, Usman Awang, Victor Hugo, Tagore, Lu Xun or Tolstoy?"

Many of them also wanted to know how you guys are doing as individuals.

Theatre personality Jo Kukathas wants you to share your dreams. Cartoonist C.W. Kee asks what drives you crazy.

Football commentator Shebby Singh is interested in what motivates you and singer Camelia asks when do you think is the right time to leave home.

Some of the best responses have been to entrepreneur Anas Zubedy's question: "What do you think about yourself?"

Chairman of the PT Foundation (a community-based group that provides support services related to HIV/AIDS) Hisham Hussein asks to whom and where do you go to if you are confused about sexuality issues.

We also have questions touching on issues closest to you, such as the way you are being educated - what would you change about

school and how are your lecturers doing as educators? They are also curious about how you view the older generation. Former Miss Malaysia and artiste Datuk Yasmin Yusoff wonders if only the young could speak to the young, while writer/activist Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir wants your no-holds barred opinions of your parents.

There are also questions on music, books, your aspirations, your vision ... so log on to rage.com.my and share your (ahem) wisdom and give everyone some ideas of what Malaysia's youths are all about.

We have uploaded some of the responses we received, so just log in to read what your peers' thoughts are on all these diverse topics.

Anyone curious about our youths will certainly gain some insights from the replies.

The replies are coming in real quick, but we want more! Have you responded? The full list of questions is at rage.com.my. You can email your answers to: alltherage@thestar.com.my or by snail mail to R.AGE, Menara Star, 15 Jalan 18/11, Section 18, 46350 Petaling Jaya. You are also welcome to reply in Bahasa Malaysia.