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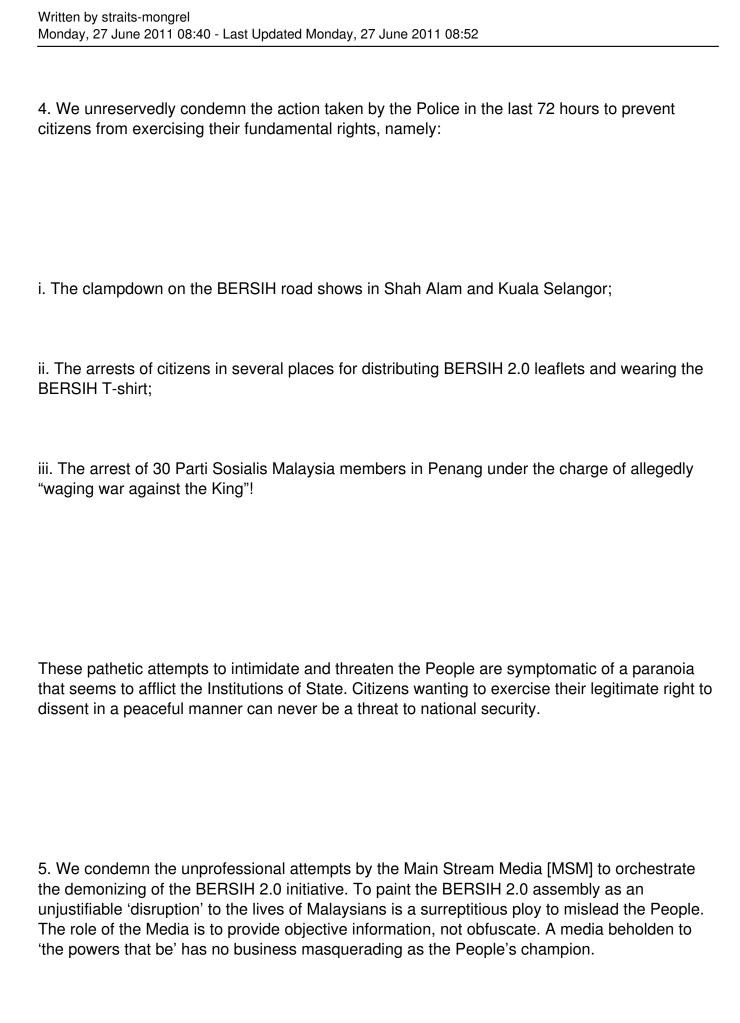


1. Saya Anak Bangsa Malaysia [SABM] unreservedly supports the initiative by BERSIH 2.0, the Coalition for Free and Fair Elections, to hold a peaceful assembly on 9th July 2011. The "Walk for Democracy" to ensure the integrity and transparency of the electoral system is fully consistent with the rights enshrined in our Constitution.

2. BERSIH's demands in essence encapsulate the People's desire for greater accountability and transparency. The 8-Point demands unequivocally reaffirm the Rukunegara's commitment "to maintaining a democratic way of life" and the immutable principle of "Upholding the Constitution".

3. In this regard, we are alarmed by the response of the Institutions of State that seem clearly bent on demonizing the BERSIH 2.0 initiative. The response of the PDRM – an institution that is supposed to uphold the principles of impartiality and neutrality - is at best pathetic and at worst dictatorial. It is not the business of the IGP or the City Police Chief to issue warnings to the People not to assemble. Their duty is to provide protection for the People to exercise their rights guaranteed by the Constitution, not to intimidate and threaten the People.

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