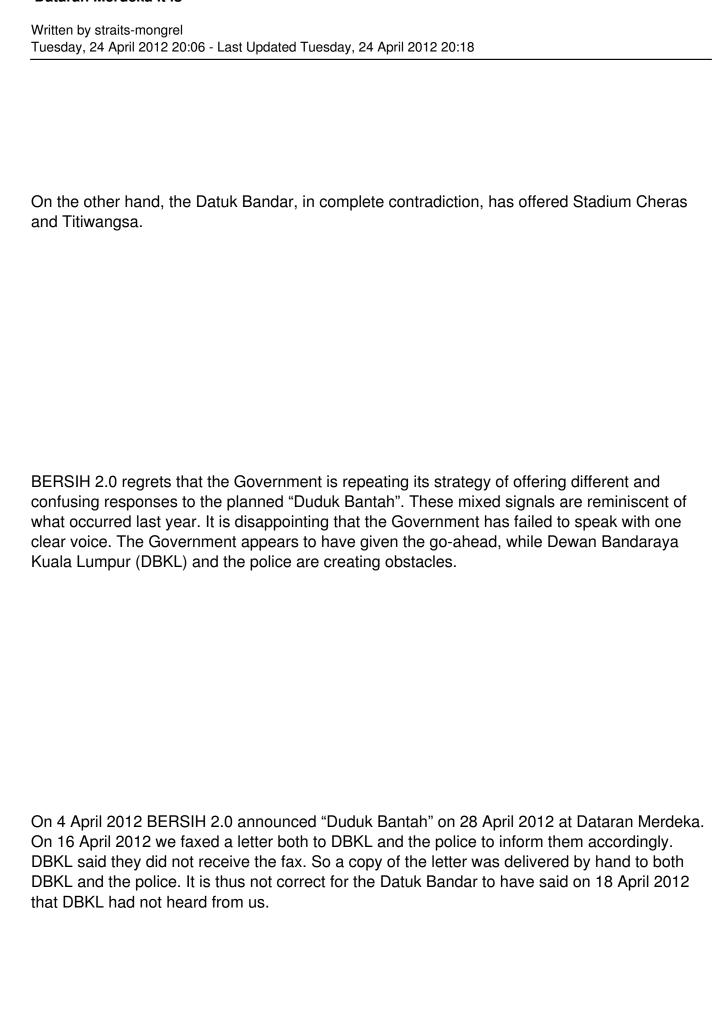
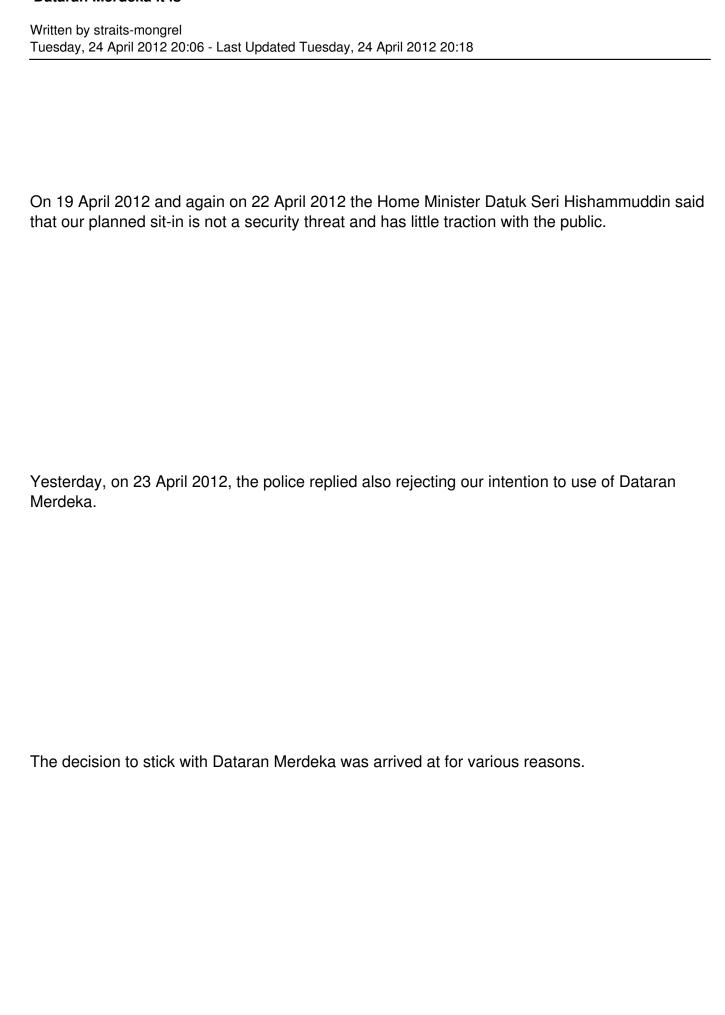


PRESS STATEMENT: BERSIH 2.0'S RESPONSE TO DBKL AND PDRM

YESTERDAY, endorsing NGOs of the Coalition for Clean and Fair Elections 2.0 (BERSIH 2.0) had an emergency meeting and unanimously decided to proceed with the BERSIH 3.0 "Duduk Bantah" in Dataran Merdeka.

The emergency meeting was called to consider the statement made by the Home Minister on Sunday 22 April 2012 that we may be offered Stadium Merdeka or Stadium Bukit Jalil as possible alternate venues for "Duduk Bantah".





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Firstly, Dataran Merdeka is accessible by various means of public transportation with high capacity, such as LRT (Masjid Jamek, Pasar Seni), Komuter (KTM station), Monorail (Maharajalela) and public buses (Puduraya, Bangkok Bank and Pasar Seni). No other venue located outside of central Kuala Lumpur can offer similar convenience.

Secondly, Dataran Merdeka signifies nationhood and freedom. It is therefore the most appropriate place to express our patriotic demand for electoral reform.

Thirdly, it is our constitutional right to gather at a public space like Dataran Merdeka. This right should not be compromised on spurious grounds as "Duduk Bantah" is a people-based and

We believe the police can ensure the safety of "Duduk Bantah". As proven in the 26 February 2012 Himpunan Hijau 2.0 and 18 March 2012 Wanita Suara Perubahan events, public rallies can take place peacefully and smoothly if both the police and local authorities work together with the organisers.

peaceful national and global movement, and does not pose a security threat.

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