For 16 consecutive years, Labour Day celebrations had been held at the Dataran Merdeka. This year, the police decided no more . Three ghoulish letters G-S-T must have freaked them out. But as always, there's a valid reason from the authorities.

From The Star Online :

“We cannot allow them to gather here because they had no permit. It was a wrongful gathering,” he (Dang Wangi OCPD Asst Comm Zulkarnain Abdul Rahman) said.

Yeah right.

For 16 consecutive years, hundreds would show up in solidarity over some form of labour oppression, say their piece, and go home. Peace out. They would cross the same streets, wear coordinated T-shirts, carry banners, and it would be fine. This year, it's no longer fine. There's something to be said about this whole 'Performance Now' thingie.



[illegible] GST, [illegible] minimum wage and more humane maternity



Loud and clear.

And she and her friends will tell you this: BANTAH GST .



Tell it like it is. Say what you're thinking about the GST. Saturday that it's okay to gather and throw slippers at how many you're talking about the GST.



And the GST respond with this



Talk to Malaysians who are angry about the GST and they will tell you that they are willing to bear the pain if the money is used to provide better services and infrastructure. Instead, they see their taxes being squandered on white elephants and wasteful projects.


GUSAL
AKTA
GAJI
MINIMA



Bantuan Selamat Cairkan Assembly Hall. They stand in solidarity on Dataran Merdeka



They came in all shapes and sizes.
Everyone sweated buckets.



And when it came time to replenish fluids and calories, there was goodwill and sharing.



The cheapest pedicab ride I was 15 minutes away in an air-conditioned SUV; heaven to



Together they said: Finally, Barisan Alternatif is ready to form the government. On Saturday, May Day.