

Press Statement from Global Bersih  
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## **GLOBAL BERSIH URGES POLITICIANS TO QUIT POLITICKING AND WORK FOR THE INTEREST OF MALAYSIANS**

Global Bersih is deeply concerned by the current political developments in Malaysia and roundly condemns the recent political machinations, and their instigators, which have left the country in an unprecedented crisis. The attempts to circumvent the democratic electoral process have betrayed the confidence that the Malaysian electorate – including overseas Malaysians - put in those whom they voted into power. The current political turmoil has been caused by irresponsible politicians from all political divides who have put their own self-interest ahead of that of the nation, and has severely eroded trust in the political system. The lack of transparency and unpredictable nature of the ongoing political turmoil has also led to widespread confusion, frustration and anxiety.

Global Bersih calls for the following:

- Lawmakers from all parties must assume their responsibilities as elected representatives of the rakyat and put aside self-interest and internal power struggles to act in the best interest of the nation.
- The appointment of the Prime Minister and the Cabinet must be made in full accordance with the Federal Constitution and relevant rules and processes.
- All parties involved should make best efforts to resolve the situation as soon as possible, so that a new government can focus its energies on tackling the many challenges facing the country today rather than spending time on internal political power play.
- Regardless of how the current impasse is resolved, the resulting government must continue with the implementation of the reforms necessary to ensure good governance, minimize the risk of corruption and abuse of power, and create the conditions for social and economic progress for all. These include reforms in the GE14 manifesto on the basis of which Pakatan Harapan was elected, and reforms proposed by Global Bersih and Bersih 2.0. to enable free and fair elections. These institutional reforms are essential to empower Malaysians and to provide the checks and balances necessary to develop our country into a truly mature democracy.

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