

Press Statement from Global Bersih
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GLOBAL BERSIH CALLS FOR TRANSPARENT PROCESS TO CLEARLY ESTABLISH PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY

The previous ten days have been a period of political chaos and great uncertainty for all Malaysians due to the changing party and coalition allegiances of a number of Members of Parliament. This has included a great deal of negotiations which have not been transparent to the public. The Yang di-Pertuan Agong has appointed as Perdana Menteri (Prime Minister) a member of the Dewan Rakyat who in his judgment is likely to command the confidence of the majority of the members of the Dewan, as set out under the Constitution.

Global Bersih believes that it is essential to establish as soon as possible whether the appointed Prime Minister does in fact, enjoy the confidence of the majority of the members of the Dewan Rakyat. Establishing this promptly is critical for the country to move forward due to the contradictory claims of majority support by the appointed Prime Minister and a rival claimant. This should be done transparently and in accordance with all relevant rules and procedures so that the public is aware of the positions declared by MPs and can hold them accountable. Global Bersih recommends that a session of the Dewan Rakyat be held as soon as possible to determine the majority position through an open vote and that, given its importance, this session be broadcast publicly.

In the meantime, until the leadership question is clearly and legally resolved, we urge the Prime Minister not to make any changes that would have a major impact on the nation. We also urge the Prime Minister to ensure that any individuals appointed to the Cabinet or key positions are of unimpeachable integrity and are not subject to ongoing investigations for corruption or other allegations of abuse of power.

Global Bersih also reiterates its call to lawmakers from all parties to 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.

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