

**Perkasa says no to Teoh royal commission**  
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Malay rights pressure group Perkasa has urged the federal government not to proceed with its plan to establish a Royal Commission of Inquiry into political aide Teoh Beng Hock's death.

At a press conference today, Perkasa chief Ibrahim Ali (right) said there was no need for the commission because the inquest had already declared an open verdict on his cause of death.

"We should all just leave it to the police to handle the matter and take action against the guilty party," said Ibrahim.

Given that the courts had already decided on the matter, having the commission to probe the matter was tantamount to disrespecting the courts and a waste of public funds.

"(What) if this commission does work? What else will we establish next?" Ibrahim asked.

**Ibrahim salutes PM**

He explained that the inquest will serve no purpose because the matter had already been presented in an open court.

"Of course, we are saddened about his passing but this should not be the way," he said.

Ibrahim adds that the establishment of the commission would also serve as fodder for the opposition.

Despite his criticisms on the commission, Ibrahim commended Najib for attempting to show that his administration was transparent.

"For that I salute him," said Ibrahim.

On Wednesday, Coroner Azmil Muntapha Abas declared an open verdict on Teoh's cause of death after an 18-month inquest.

Following this, Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak today announced that a Royal Commission of Inquiry would be established to determine if Teoh's human rights were violated during the investigation process at the hands of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

**Dr M to officiate second Perkasa rally**

Meanwhile, Ibrahim announced that Perkasa's second national gathering will take place on Feb 26 at Pasir Salak, Perak which is the site of JWW Birch's slaying by Maharajalela and his assistant Sepuntum in 1874.

Former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad will officiate the event that is themed 'Bersatu teguh,

becerai roboh (together we stand, divided we fall)'.

Ibrahim expects about 15,000 people at the event several speakers would be talking about the Malay and bumiputera economic agenda.

"This will bring awareness for the Malays and the bumiputera. It is about Malay rights. It is not racist but (an attempt) to bring the nation together and (ensure) everyone gets a fair share," he said.

The event will be the second major Perkasa rally organised since September last year.

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