

Himpunan Hijau to organise green-yellow protest next
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One day after Himpunan Hijau 2.0, and without a positive response from Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak, the Himpunan Hijau 2.0 steering committee today announced "Himpunan Hijau 3.0 is on!"

Himpunan Hijau 2.0 steering committee chairperson Wong Tack (middle in photo) said in a statement that Najib's statement yesterday was not what they were expecting.

"Therefore, we hereby confirm that Himpunan Hijau 3.0 is on!"

Bolstered by a good turnout, Wong Tack have yesterday issued a 24-hour ultimatum for the federal government to shut down the Lamp processing plant.

Wong Tack today also said that it will work together with Bersih 2.0, to organise a 'green and yellow Himpunan Hijau 3.0'.

"We realise and strongly believe that in order to have a clean environment, we need a clean government.

"Thus, looking at the positive partnership of Himpunan Hijau and Bersih 2.0, we will discuss with Bersih's steering committee on the possibility of organising a joint green and yellow Himpunan Hijau 3.0."

Wong told Malaysiakini that the future gathering will be held before the next general election, or once Lynas starts to ship in rare earth materials from Australia.

"We will make sure that there will be a (political) tsunami to send it back," said Wong, adding that the gathering will be held nationwide and even abroad.

In his statement, Wong welcome "the first response from our prime minister" on the Lynas Advanced Materials Plant (Lamp) project.

"We feel encouraged but unfortunately, the answer was not what we are expecting."

"Himpunan Hijau is extremely shocked that until today, our leaders are still very much ill-informed of the actual scientific facts and danger of the Lynas project."

Wong criticized Najib's suggestion to dump the massive amount of radioactive waste far away from habitated area as being "totally senseless and unacceptable!"

"This remark from the top leadership in this country is of grave concern to the people because it reflects a shallow understanding of the ecological system and blatant disrespect of the natural environment."

"Every inch of our motherland is a precious natural asset to our nation. The landscape of the countryside is an ecologically sensitive system of forests, rivers and food production farmlands."

Wong urges Najib to resist "pressure from certain groups" and make the right decision in protecting our future generation from risks of widespread contamination and pollution.

"We hope this decision will come before Himpunan Hijau 3.0. The action or inaction of the prime minister will be remembered for generations to come."

