

## **Wan Ahmad accuses Bersih of creating hatred**

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The onslaught against Bersih and its co-chairperson Ambiga Sreenevasan continued with the Election Commission (EC) deputy chairperson Wan Ahmad Wan Omar accusing the coalition for clean and fair elections of whipping up hatred against the EC to win votes for the opposition.

"Bersih's struggle is in line with the opposition's agenda. They have no sincerity at all. The EC gave explanations, but they were not sincere. They insisted on taking to the streets.

"When we invited them to meet, they didn't even show their noses. They have never come to the EC office. Bersih formed various taskforces, but none approached the EC," he said during a luncheon talk at a Kuala Lumpur hotel yesterday.

"My officers and I said, please bring your facts to us and we will find the solution together, don't twist things outside there, but they did not come.

"Why? Because their agenda is not sincere. They want to create perceptions that will translate into votes in the coming election," elaborated Wan Ahmad.

The lengthy three-hour talk entitled 'Bersih 3.0: What else you want?' was organised by the Department of Special Affairs (Jasa) - an agency under the Information, Communications and Culture Ministry - and the Institute of Mind Development (Inmind), and it was attended by mostly government officials.

To back his argument, Wan Ahmad cited Bersih's dismissal of the 22 recommendations made by the parliamentary select committee (PSC) on electoral reform on April 3, just one day after they were passed in Parliament.

"Is it fair to the EC? Does it make sense? If they were sincere, they should have given three months for the EC to implement the recommendations. If we failed to do it, only then they go to the streets. That would make more sense.

"Another example was EC's briefing to MPs on April 16, which was attended by fewer than 10 opposition MPs, but more than 50 MPs from the BN.

"But they (opposition) are the ones who question and mock the work of the EC," he said.

Wan Ahmad then challenged Ambiga (*far left*) to form "Parti Bersih" and contest the election.

"Ambiga is not sincere. She should form Parti Bersih. Bersih is not a NGO, it is not even registered," said the deputy chief.

"Why you wear the mask of NGO and fight the same agenda as the opposition's? Just change Bersih to Parti Bersih and contest in the election, and speak out in Parliament,"

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Wan Ahmad also directed his stinging salvos at researcher Ong Kian Ming, the Malaysian Electoral Roll Analysis Project (Merap) director, who is assisting Bersih to analyse the much-disputed electoral roll.

"From the beginning until today, he has never come to the EC to discuss with us or even write us a letter. What kind of a human is this?" he lambasted.

Ong's (*left*) allegations of electoral irregularities, said Wan Ahmad, are the result of his lack of understanding of the issue.

"He just wants to destroy the electoral roll so the people will hate the EC, and the hatred will be translated to votes... that's all."

With cheers and applause from the floor, Wan Ahmad went on to claim that Bersih and the opposition are afraid of the upcoming election and have run out of issues.

"Bersih is preparing the reasons for their loss (in the coming election). They will say it is because of the EC. Anywhere in the world, when people are afraid to contest, they will create all sorts of things.

"When the opposition have no issues to fight, they will find a scapegoat which is the referee... this is all dirty politics."

However, Wan Ahmad said the EC still welcomes critics and build a "smart partnership" with the commission to clean the electoral roll.

"We welcome them, we will explain all their confusion," he added.

Wan Ahmad's offer was a reversal to his earlier statement in *Utusan Malaysia* that the EC would not meet Bersih and Ambiga, who he described as "destroyers of democracy".