

## **Rallies not a move to overthrow gov't, says NGO**

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The series of post-13th general election rallies is not an effort to overthrow the government, said NGO Lawyers for Liberty spokesperson Michelle Yesudas.

Michelle stressed that the rallies are an opportunity for the public to have a collective voice against the government, after realising that there is a communication gap between the people and the authorities.

"What these rallies have done is that we came together. This is not about bringing down the government, this is how we start organising ourselves," said Michelle in a press conference.

She was commenting on the various protest rallies and the series of arrests and prosecution on activists and members of the Pakatan Rakyat leadership.

NONESix leaders from Pakatan Rakyat were charged separately yesterday for organising such rallies in their respective states without serving ample notice to the police.

On May 17, PKR communications director Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad (left) also faced a similar charge with organising the Black 505 rally at Kelana Jaya on May 8.

In a related development, it was previously reported that PKR vice-president Tian Chua, Anything But Umno (ABU) chief Haris Ibrahim and PAS member Tamrin Ghafar - along with student activist Adam Adli Abdul Halim - had been arrested for sedition.

So far, Adam Adli had been the only one charged last week.

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