

KJ pans walk, says people want sedition law
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Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin belittled today's walk against the Sedition Act, saying Malaysians want the draconian law to stay.

The Rembau MP described the Bar Council's walk led by its president Christopher Leong as having "not made an impact".

"The larger subtext is, the abolish Sedition Act movement has failed to catch on because it does not offer Malaysians safeguards against offensive speech," Khairy said in a series of tweets today.

He said public perception of sedition-type legislation can improve "if there is no selective prosecution and legitimate dissent against the government is not targeted".

Almost 1,000 protesters, mostly lawyers, marched against the Sedition Act today, from Padang Merbok to the Parliament.

The walk was the latest protest after a series of demonstrations against the Sedition Act, with one protest witnessing students and academicians of Universiti Malaya protesting against it last month.

The past few months have seen a slew of arrests under the Act, with the victims being politicians, academicians and activists, as well as a preacher and a journalist.