

**Anti-mega tower Facebook page hits 200k milestone  
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A Facebook campaign to protest the federal government's plan to construct the 100-storey Warisan Merdeka tower has drawn more than 200,000 supporters in two weeks.

The latest milestone was reached at about 9.30pm yesterday, exactly 13 days after the page - titled '1M Malaysians Reject 100-storey Mega Tower' - was launched.

At the time of writing, the page has 201,591 followers. In comparison, the tower's proponent - Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak - has 453,254 followers. His Facebook page was set up a year ago.

The anti-tower Facebook page reached its first 100,000 milestone last Friday. At this rate, it should hit its target of one million fans by year-end.

This achievement was watched intently by Facebook users with many posting 'countdowns' on their status updates as the symbolic 200,000 figure drew near.

"200k! Congratz Malaysia!" wrote Sue Sukumaran when the moment finally arrived.

"Let the 'voice of people' being heard.... if 200,000 is not loud enough, then we go for 300,000! If still not loud enough... then we march toward 500,000...!" posted another by the name Tneoh Khye Lock.

Pro-tower page not gaining steam

Meanwhile, pages set up to cheer on the government's latest mega-project has also grown in numbers, but its size still pales in comparison with the detractors.

At the time of writing, the Kami Sokong Menara Warisan page has registered just 2,259 followers.

This page however takes on a racial slant on the project, which will be constructed by Permodalan Nasional Bhd, a government-linked company which runs Amanah Saham Bumiputera, a unit trust fund open only to bumiputera.

azlan "Bangsa lain bantah menara warisan sebab mereka iri hati dengan kejayaan bangsa Melayu (other races object the Warisan tower because they are jealous of Malay success)," wrote the page administrator.

Opponents to the tower argue that the the project was yet another glaring example of the federal government's spendthrift ways despite a burgeoning budget deficit.

The building is set to become the tallest building in Southeast Asia, inching past the iconic Petronas Twin Towers, which was recorded as the world's tallest building at 88 storeys each when completed in 1998.

