

**Give Time To EC To Implement Reforms**  
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Gerakan Deputy President Chang Ko Youn today urged the people to give some time to the Election Commission to implement the electoral reforms suggested by the Parliamentary Select Committee for Electoral Reform because the party is of the opinion that the Parliamentary Select Committee on Electoral Reform had spent so many months and gone through so many meetings and hearings to come up with the report.

He also said that the government has already accepted and promised to carry out the 18 out of the 22 recommendations as soon as possible.

"BERSIH should give some time for the government and the Election Commission to carry out the reforms instead of carrying out another rally. BERSIH should try to understand that some electoral reforms will require more time to implement," said Chang.

He also added, "BERSIH could consider having debates or discussions instead of having another protest or demonstration over the matter."

Chang who is also the Chairman of the Gerakan Central Bureau on the Law and Human Rights is in the opinion that BERSIH 3.0 has been politicized and diverted from its initial genuine intention of seeking electoral reform because it is apparent that reforms requested by the people has taken place and is still on going, hence there really isn't any valid reason to protest again for time is what is needed for now to reform.

He also urged BERSIH and the people to raise further any flaws and mistakes in the course of reforming the electoral system, for example the voters' list issue. It is unfair to claim that the voters list is wrong because if the voters list is so horrendously wrong, then the PR would not stand a chance to take over 5 states in the last General Election.

On a separate note, Chang also commented on the Himpunan Hijau 3.0 which he thinks that the movement should not merge with BERSIH 3.0 because both are in essence separate issues and thus should not be discussed together. Gerakan stated that if it is scientifically proven that LYNAS is detrimental to health and safety of the public, Gerakan will not agree and the government should not allow the plant to run.

He also said that LYNAS, MIDA, International Atomic Agency and the Department of Environment had already said that LYNAS is safe and the government had also set up a Parliamentary Select Committee to look into that matter, so the rakyat should cooperate with the government at the moment and not create further havoc which serves no good to anyone.

Chang also urged the public and the opposition to be consistent and transparent when dealing with environmental issues. He quotes the recent example of the solar panel project in Penang.

"If the CM of Penang, Lim Guan Eng is relying on the verification by the AELB and Department of Environment to verify that the project is a safe project, then he should not be double standard and claim that the AELB and Department of Environment is not right in asserting that LYNAS is safe. Since he places his grounds on approvals of government agencies for allowing the setting up of solar panel project in Penang, then he should view the same for LYNAS,".

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