

**Continue push for electoral reforms, Bersih tells public**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 1 — Bersih 2.0 today urged voters to continue to push for electoral reforms and called for eligible voters to register themselves and exercise their right to vote.

“We must stress that nothing short of the fulfilment of all of Bersih 2.0’s demands is acceptable,” Bersih 2.0 steering committee said today in a press statement.

The electoral reform movement is urging for automatic voter registration, absentee voting available for all, 21 days of campaign period, televised debates, administrative neutrality of public institutions, prosecution on vote buying, elimination of dirty politics, to be implemented before the next General Elections.

“The Year 2011 has been a deeply frustrating one if one examines the performance of the Malaysian State,” it said, referring to the RM 1.8 million Cuti-cuti Malaysia Facebook applications and latest cattle-condo fiasco involving a senior cabinet minister.

“(It) also saw some of the most serious infringement of human rights and the rule of law (including) the unjust detention without trial of the PSM6 and the Peaceful Assembly Bill which was bulldozed through the Parliament.”

Bersih 2.0 said phantoms, clones, illegally enfranchised foreigners and other fraudulent registrations can only be eliminated with a thorough clean-up of the electoral rolls, before any elections can take place.

“We are therefore deeply disappointed with the Election Commission and the Parliamentary Select Committee (for electoral reforms) for the few reforms announced on the cleaning up of the electoral rolls and absentee voting, as well as their complete silence on five other Bersih demands.”

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