

Focus on core issues, say NGOs
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KUALA LUMPUR: The 84 local non-governmental organisations endorsing Bersih have called on all quarters to focus on its core issues.

They said yesterday that they would continue to defend Bersih and its eight demands for electoral reform.

The press conference held here was attended by representatives from 13 other NGOs such as Women's Aid Organisation (WAO), Sisters In Islam (SIS), Suara Rakyat Malaysia (Suaram) and the Centre for Independent Journalists (CIJ).

WAO executive director Ivy Josiah said Bersih would continue to lobby for electoral reform until it became a reality.

She said the Bersih steering committee would be holding a meeting tomorrow) to evaluate what actually happened during the rally.

"We have been hearing many versions and will wait for accounts of the actual circumstances before commenting further on the matter," she said.

She agreed that there were those among the crowd that day who had been politically motivated.

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