

Traders give out burgers in front of Ambiga's house
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KUALA LUMPUR: Traders upset over their loss of income during the Bersih 3.0 rally held a symbolic protest outside Bersih co-chairman Datuk S. Ambiga's house by giving away free burgers.

Several members of the Malaysia Small and Medium Entrepreneurs Alliance (Ikhlas) set up a burger stall outside Ambiga's home in Bukit Damansara on Thursday afternoon and demanded she repay their losses.

They gave away about 200 burgers during their hour-long protest.

Ikhlas is among a number of business associations who are claiming for losses suffered by their businesses due to the rally on April 28 demanding clean and fair elections.

Ikhlas president Mohd Ridzuan Abdullah said Ambiga was given two weeks to respond to their demands or he would come back with more traders to protest.

"We are still collecting claims from businesses affected from Bersih 3.0. About 200 traders have submitted about RM200,000 worth of claims. We are also claiming RM817,205 from Bersih 2.0 and the Patriot group," said Ridzuan when contacted.

Ambiga challenged the traders to file their claims in court instead of holding protests outside her house.

"Let the court decide the matter," said Ambiga, a former Bar Council president, when met at her house.

She added that the protest was a troubling new phenomenon and was a violation of her privacy and home, and wanted the authorities to take note.

"They have to learn that Bersih is not about me. They have to contend with many more people," added Ambiga.

She later lodged a police report at the Travers police station.

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