

**Bersih Rally Jeopardises Tourism Industry - Yen Yen
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PUTRAJAYA, May 10 (Bernama) -- The Bersih 3.0 rally held in Kuala Lumpur on April 28 had dire consequences on the tourism industry, resulting in the last-minute cancellation of tour packages and hotel reservations, Tourism Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ng Yen Yen said Thursday.

The ministry was informed by hotel operators that room bookings were cancelled close to the rally date as tourists feared for their safety, she said.

"Thirty-six TV stations around the world broadcast the rally. We understand that hotel room bookings to the tune of RM200,000 were cancelled," she told reporters after presenting excellence service awards to 114 staff of the ministry, here.

Dr Ng said several shopping malls, among them Sogo and Central Market, had to close for the whole day of the rally while more than 80 per cent of the traders in Petaling Street did not open for business.

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