

High Court: Bersih 2.0 not unlawful society
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KUALA LUMPUR: The Bersih 2.0 steering committee has been allowed to quash the Home Ministry's declaration that it is an unlawful society.

High Court judge (Appellate and Special Powers) judge Justice Rohana Yusuf who made the decision said the Home Minister's declaration was "tainted".

She added that it would be unreasonable for a society to be declared unlawful for serious reasons like being used for purposes prejudicial to public order and security.

The judge said that even if it could be said Bersih 2.0 was a society that had been used for purposes prejudicial to the security of Malaysia, the order had been made one week after the event, making it no longer valid or applicable.

Bersih 2.0 co-chairman Datuk Ambiga Sreenevasan and 13 others applied for a judicial review to quash the July 1 order made under Section 5 of the Societies Act declaring that the coalition was an unlawful society.

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