

High Court Quashes Home Minister's Decision Declaring Bersih 2.0 Unlawful
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 24 (Bernama) -- The High Court today quashed the declaration of Home Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein on July 1 last year declaring Bersih 2.0 an unlawful society.

Justice Datuk Rohana Yusof said she allowed the petition by 14 members of the Bersih 2.0 steering committee, including Datuk S. Ambiga, to remove the minister's order on the basis that Bersih 2.0 comprised a coalition of registered bodies.

In her 30-page judgement, Rohana ruled that the decision to declare Bersih 2.0 unlawful was made without taking into account some relevant facts or by taking into account some irrelevant facts.

"In my view, the decision is tainted with irrationality," she said.

Rohana pointed out that the reasons for issuing a declaration under Section 5 of the Societies Act 1966, as stated in the announcement by the minister (first respondent Hishammuddin), cannot change within days.

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