

**Bersih 2.0 files defamation suit over NST report**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 7 — Electoral reform group Bersih 2.0 today filed a lawsuit against New Straits Times Press (Malaysia) Berhad over an allegedly defamatory article published last year.

Andrew Khoo, a Bersih 2.0 steering committee member, today said that the defamation suit was filed over an article published in the English-language daily *New Straits Times* on September 21, 2012 titled "Plot to destabilise government".

"We have studied the article very carefully and we find that the article makes a lot of false accusations about Bersih and the nature of its activities," he told reporters at the Kuala Lumpur High Court lobby.

"So we feel that in order to set the record straight and to not have this falseness perpetrated, we have no choice but to file a lawsuit..." he said.

"Also, in light of the fact we have asked for apology and retraction but nothing has been forthcoming from *NST*," Khoo said, with the group's lawyer Daniel J. Albert saying that the letters to *NST* were written on October 2 and October 3 last year.

The plaintiffs of the case are the 15 members of the Bersih 2.0 steering committee, while the defendants are NSTP (M) Berhad and the author of the article.

Bersih said it is seeking damages with the amount to be determined by the court and an injunction to restrain the defendants from, among other things, publishing the article or defamatory words.

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