

Black 505 rally: Voices of the youth
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Friends Rahayu Ibrahim, Shirley and Gillian are at the rally as they believe it would give them and others a platform to voice out their concerns.

They said, besides the elections, there were many other pressing issues such as custodial death and safety in the country.

Here is what they and other youths have to say about their presence at Black 505.

Rahayu Ibrahim, 22, self-employed from Penang.

Rahayu has participated in six rallies in Penang and Kedah organised by Pakatan Rakyat. Today's rally is her seventh. She is here with her friends.

"I am not doing anything wrong. This is the only way I can show my dissatisfaction. I am not here to create chaos.

"I will keep doing this until the government listens to me."

Shirley, 29, administrative executive.

"I am here with the rest of others to show our protest against the unfair elections. I don't think participating in a rally is a waste of time. We have to stand up for our rights."

Gillian, 28, customer service executive.

"Besides the polls, there are many other pressing issues such as custodial deaths and security issues.

"This rally is giving me the platform to voice my concerns."

Muhd Aiman Mohd Zubir, student from Penang.

"I wanted to be part of history.

"I was too young to vote but I heard and read about many things that happened on May 5.

"I am here to show that the rakyat cannot be easily duped."

* Muhd Aiman, who came alone from Penang, said he was excited about his first rally and hoped police would be nice to the supporters.

Hadi Rahimi Hamdan, fisherman from Penang.

He came yesterday with his two children, Alif Putra, 13 and Aidi Putra, 12.

" I am here because I want the government to address the rising cost of living. Petrol price is up, the price of basic necessities is up and my income is not enough to sustain this.

"I will continue to attend these rallies until something is done."

Shahrul; Nizam, 21, student.

"I will join as many rallies as I can until there are changes in government."

"I could not join the last rally due to a personal problem but I am here to show support. I am not scared or the fear police warning because I am here to gather peacefully. I wish for no trouble."

Hazwan Mohd Ali, 19, student.

A regular at rallies, he believes the government can do more for students.

"This can be achieved if Pakatan comes into power.

"We want free education on top of everything else. We know it can be done. From what I read and gathered, it is possible."

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