

Black 505: Right to rally, they say
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Gregory Das, 24, lawyer.

"I think rallies are not wrong as long as it is peaceful. The law has accorded precedence for that, so why deny us this right? I participated in rallies therefore as it is a sign of a mature democracy which we are slowly but surely edging towards.

"I'm here today to voice my dissatisfaction over the flawed electoral system. There is no proper order and governance and this needs to be made clear by who else if not the citizens themselves?"

Nur Muhammadinil Amin Abd Hamid, 17, from Johore.

He maybe only 17 years old but he is a 'veteran' when it comes to rallies. The youth has taken part in Bersih 1, 2 and 3 as well as the Himpunan Hijau rallies before this. "All with my parents' blessings, of course, " the teenager quipped, adding that he came with friends.

"My parents have always talked about the country's politics to us. So I knew I had to be part of this rally to show my objection to the fraud and abuse of power during the elections. "We are the future of this country so I don't see anything wrong with what I am doing," he added.

E. Parameswary, 35, activist.

"Why am I coming for rallies? Simple, I have been participating since 1999 in my right as a citizen of this country. I do need people to tell me if this is the 'culture' of Malaysians or not because the culture of a real citizen is to stand up for his country.

"How else are we going to send a strong message to our government? Neo-liberal policies especially need to be abolished to provide better services and this is why I take part in rallies."

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