

Himpunan Hijau aims for 1 million signatures, plans KL gathering in October
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The environmental group Himpunan Hijau has announced that it plans to collect a million signatures and hold a massive gathering in October in Kuala Lumpur to continue its protest over the Lynas' rare-earth factory in Kuantan, Pahang.

The height of its campaign, according to the group's president Wong Tack (pic), is on August 24 when 10,000 volunteers will work on collecting signatures.

"The campaign starts on Aug 1 and in 100 days, we should collect that one million signatures," said Wong.

"A week before our country's 56th year of independence, as many as 10,000 channels will be opened to allow the people to submit their signatures," said Wong at a press conference at the Chinese Assembly Hall.

Wong said that this time around, their campaign's theme is "Bury Lynas with 1,000,000 signatures".

The group will present the signatures in September to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Parliament, the Australian and Japanese embassies and business institutions with ties to Lynas.

In the event that the government takes no further action, Wong said the group would organise a Himpunan Hijau 2.0 rally in October as a sign of protest.

"October is the best time since there are many festive celebrations in August and September," he said. - July 22, 2013

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