

**BERSIH to take to streets, not deterred by threats to Ambiga**  
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**NGO will not be deterred by IGP threatening former co-chair Ambiga Sreenevasan for calling for street protests.**

KUALA LUMPUR: BERSIH 2.0, the Coalition of Clean and Fair Elections, has pledged that it would remain committed to a transparent and democratic government despite the threats of arrest made against activists like its former co-chair Ambiga Sreenevasan. "We will not be deterred from taking to the streets in our struggle for these reforms."

BERSIH 2.0 was expressing dismay at Inspector General of Police Khalid Abu Bakar's decision to call Ambiga for questioning under Section 124 of the Penal Code.

Ambiga was apparently being investigated for her call to take to the streets to demand Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's resignation.

"BERSIH 2.0 demands to know how asking for a Prime Minister who is determined to undermine the democratic process through the buying of elections, sacking those investigating him and dismantling parliamentary inquiries was 'detrimental to parliamentary democracy'," asked the NGO in a statement.

Instead, said BERSIH 2.0, it was the harassment of those that stand up for the democratic process that is the threat to democracy. "Parliamentary democracy is protected by fundamental rights enshrined under Article 10 of the Federal Constitution, including the right to peaceful assembly."

To fail to respect this right, warned BERSIH 2.0, was a failure to protect the spirit of Malaysia's democracy.

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