## Joint Statement by Global BERSIH 2.0 on 8 July 2011, with updated list of BERSIH hotspots around the world

The BERSIH 2.0 Global Solidarity Network strongly supports the BERSIH 2.0 rally for Clean and Fair Elections in Malaysia on the 9th of July 2011.

We urge all Malaysians abroad to unite in solidarity with our Malaysian brothers and sisters at home by joining BERSIH 2.0 walks and other events in cities across the world (see below for complete list). Malaysians have the constitutional right to peaceful assembly and freedom of speech in keeping with international human rights norms.

As citizens, we demand free and fair elections, which provide the foundation a better, more democratic Malaysia. We support BERSIH 2.0's eight points of electoral reform and call in addition for a ninth: suffrage for Malaysians residing abroad.

We, ordinary Malaysian citizens around the world, are supporting BERSIH 2.0 because we can and because we should. We believe that the future of Malaysia belongs to all our children and that together we can ensure that the legacy we leave them is a beautiful and just one. We are speaking out because we live in open democracies where the freedoms of speech and of peaceful assembly and the right to demonstrate are the norm rather than the exception.

As is the case with the rally in Kuala Lumpur, we intend to gather peacefully and with dignity, and we shall do so without fear of water cannon, tear gas, police intimidation and brutality, or arbitrary arrest for dressing in yellow. Wherever we may be, we shall be wearing yellow T-shirts and carrying yellow banners, balloons and placards with peaceful slogans in support of clean and fair elections in Malaysia. We shall be bringing our family members both young and old.

Together with Malaysians all over the world, we urge the Najib government to support electoral reform. Clean and fair elections are essential to developing a mature and open democracy, and to safeguard the integrity of our nation for future generations.

We call on the Prime Minister to respect DYMM Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong's advice to His Majesty's government to 'show prudence and fairness in carrying out the duties entrusted to it by the Malaysian people'. We also urge the federal government and the Inspector-General of Police to follow this advice by releasing all those detained in connection with BERSIH 2.0, and stop the ongoing, systematic harassment of BERSIH 2.0 supporters.

It is not too late for the Prime Minister to fulfil his duties and responsibilities in a manner that becomes his office and to allow this gathering to proceed peacefully in recognition of the will of the people. With the proper cooperation of all government agencies, we are confident the gathering will be nothing more and nothing less than a peaceful expression of a just and legitimate cause.

The eyes of the world are now on the Prime Minister and his government, in this pivotal moment that will surely define his legacy in the eyes of Malaysians as well as citizens and governments the world over. We urge him to rise to the occasion.

## Press contact:

## Global BERSIH 2.0 events in support of the BERSIH 2.0 gathering in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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1	New Zealand	02:00PM	Wellington – Malaysian High	http://on.fb.me/jMICwc	Danielle Ng Tallon
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2	Australia	12:30PM	Canberra –Parliament Front Entrance	http://on.fb.me/kBLI2H	David Teoh <u>david.teoh@gmail.com</u>
3	Australia	02:00PM	Sydney – Sydney CBD Town Hall	http://on.fb.me/j0RzYt	David Teoh <u>david.teoh@gmail.com</u>
4	Australia	01:30PM	Melbourne –	http://on.fb.me/j0rDf1	David Teoh <u>david.teoh@gmail.com</u>
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5	Australia	01:30PM	Hobart - Parliament House Lawns, Salamanca Place	http://on.fb.me/jP0MWL	Jason Lee <u>jasonleecj@gmail.com</u>
6	Australia	01:30PM	Perth – Malaysian Consulate- General, 252 Adelaide Terrace	http://on.fb.me/lihTnU	David Teoh <u>david.teoh@gmail.com</u>
7	Australia	02:00PM	Adelaide – Victoria square, Adelaide	http://on.fb.me/klaDdS	Maverick Loh maverickloh@hotmail.com
8	Australia	11:00AM	Brisbane – Brisbane Square	http://on.fb.me/imhKwv	Calvyn Tan <a href="http://facebook.com/calvyn.tan">http://facebook.com/calvyn.tan</a>
9	Japan	03:00PM	Osaka – Tower of the Sun	http://on.fb.me/mUGxvB	Satya Arjunan satya.arjunan@gmail.com
10	Korea	03:00PM	Seoul - Gwanghwamun Subway Station, Exit 6	http://on.fb.me/lgB4oQ	Alfian Tahir alfian zohri@yahoo.com Thency Gunasekaran thency@gmail.com
11	Taiwan	02:00PM	Taipei - The National Chiang Kai- shek Memorial Hall, Liberty Square,Taipei	http://on.fb.me/mIEOGW	KM Chan giminchan@hotmail.com
12	Hong Kong	03:00PM	Malaysian Consulate 50 Gloucester Rd	http://on.fb.me/lxYT2E	Sze Wei zweiang@hotmail.com
13	Malaysia	02:00PM	Kota Kinabalu, Sabah	http://tinyurl.com/5rvefz3	Dave McLaren Imcmcwest69@gmail.com
14	Switzerland	02:00PM	Zurich - Bahnhoffstrasse, Zurich, opposite Feldpausch	http://on.fb.me/IQq8qB	Bala Chelliah bala.chelliah@bluewin.ch
15	Sweden	01:00PM	Stockholm - Malaysian embassy, Stockholm Karlavägen 37	http://on.fb.me/kfrxAK	
16	France	02:00PM	Paris – Parvis des Droits de l'Homme, Place du Trocadéro	http://on.fb.me/joKIVQ	Charis Quay cquayhl@stanfordalumni.org
17	England (UK)	12:00PM	London – Malaysian High Commission, Belgrave Square	http://on.fb.me/kQ9fsQ	Yolanda Augustin yolanda augustin04@yahoo.com
18	Scotland (UK)	12:00PM 10/7/11	Glasgow - George Square	http://on.fb.me/kAefYr	Mesoul Bin Safie mesoul@gmail.com
19	Ireland (UK and Republic)	TBC	9/7/11 - Dublin, Belfast 10/7/11 – Cork, Limerick	http://tinyurl.com/68trlxm	Bakhtiar Hasnawi bakhtiar.hasnawi@yahoo.com
20	Canada	09:00AM	Ottawa – Parliament Hill	http://on.fb.me/kb5OY4	Angeline Woon angeline.aubry@gmail.com
21	United States	10:00AM	New York City – Consulate General of Malaysia, 313 East 43rd Street	http://on.fb.me/IWrJ8I	Leng Feng Lee   lee3@buffalo.edu
22	United States	02:00PM	Washington DC – Embassy of Malaysia, Washington ,3516 International Court Northwest	http://on.fb.me/l9XgH0	John Lee johnleemk@gmail.com
23	United States	09:30AM	San Francisco – Chrissy Field Picnic Area, Presidio	http://on.fb.me/jehCIH	Chong Pin Lim <a href="http://facebook.com/chongpin">http://facebook.com/chongpin</a>
24	United States	12:00PM	Los Angeles – Pershing Square, Downtown LA 532 South Olive Street	http://on.fb.me/iBJgM3	James Cheng http://facebook.com/chenglf
25	United States	12:00PM	Chicago - Milennium Park (Cloud Gate / The Bean)	http://on.fb.me/rjGpaq	Andrew Loh andrewlza@gmail.com