



## MINISTRY OF TOURISM

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## REPORT AND SUBSTANTIATE CLAIMS OF INTIMIDATION

**KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 25:** The Ministry of Tourism regrets the claim by Himpunan Hijau 3.0 Steering Committee that ministry officials had intimidated bus drivers from ferrying passengers to the Himpunan Hijau 3.0 and Bersih 3.0 rallies scheduled on Saturday, April 28 in the city.

Its Secretary-General Dato' Dr. Ong Hong Peng reiterated an earlier clarification by Deputy Secretary-General Dr. Junaida Lee Abdullah on 22 April that the Ministry officials did not carry out such actions. The Tourism Ministry has no jurisdiction in the matter and did not give any instruction to prevent bus drivers from ferrying passengers to Himpunan Hijau 3.0 and Bersih 3.0 rallies. The Ministry also did not receive any official complaint from the Himpunan Hijau group.

Dr Ong called upon Himpunan Hijau to provide information on the bus operators who were intimidated and also on person(s) who allegedly called them on the matter. He seeks their cooperation to specify the names involved so that investigations can be carried out immediately.

He was responding to a press statement by the Himpunan Hijau group last Saturday condemning alleged intimidation by individuals claiming to be Tourism Ministry officers towards bus operators in Kuantan.