

Bersih NL Summary Report 2017

The year 2017 started with the showcase of the Borneo Case at the Movie That Matters Festival (<https://www.movieshatmatter.nl/>). We had the privilege to watch this documentary again in Den Haag on 25 March 2017. The stories about the world's oldest rainforest has been felled piece by piece to make way for hydro dams and palm oil plantations. The filmmakers filmed the clear cutting over a period of 25 years and followed activist Mutang during that time. We had the privilege to meet Mutang Urud (Penan Activist) and to thank him for his great work in protecting the Malaysian rainforest.



Figure 1 – Bersih NL Committee Meets Mutang Urud at The Hague (Movie That Matters) and Bersih NL Committee Meets Bersih 2.0 Secretariat staff in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia

Another initiative by Bersih NL is the proposal of capturing election fraud incidents details and show them online in a map. Previously, all these incidents were captured manually in paper forms. The idea was well received by Bersih 2.0 and it was adopted in their latest application called “Pemantau App” for election observers to report incidents online at <https://aduan.pemantau.org/>.

In June 2017, we had a great summer party with our Malaysian friends visiting us from California, as well as Kuala Lumpur. After exchanging updates on what is happening in Malaysia, we lined up our plans for showing the Borneo Case to the general public again on Malaysia Day which falls on 6 September.



Figure 2 – Bersih NL's Summer Party

The Orang Asli human rights defender lawyer, Siti Kasim, was charged with obstruction on 23 June 2017 (<https://www.amnesty.org/download/Documents/ASA2865882017ENGLISH.pdf>). Bersih NL has highlighted her case to our comrades at the Dutch Foundation Lawyers for Lawyers (*Stichting Advocaten voor Advocaten*) or L4L, who later sent a letter to the Prime Minister of Malaysia to highlight that the criminal charges brought against her are politically motivated and connected to the civil case which she has initiated against JAWI or the Federal Territory Islamic Religious Department of Malaysia (www.jawi.gov.my). L4L pleaded for:

- Immediately and unconditionally drop all charges that have been brought against Siti Kasim; and
- Guarantee in all circumstances that all lawyers in Malaysia are able to practice law without, threat, intimidation, hindrance, harassment, improper interference or reprisals.

This report can be seen at L4L website: <http://www.advocatenvooradvocaten.nl/12840/malaysia-criminal-prosecution-of-human-rights-lawyer-siti-kasim/>

Bersih NL has also launched “Log Shots”, the application for environmental activists in Malaysia to report the “crimes” of the parties in power who rob the land belong to the Orang Asli to be logged and cleared for more oil palm plantations. Visit: <https://logshots.com/>.

The Borneo Case was screened globally by Global Bersih’s cities on Malaysia Day, 9 September 2017. Bersih NL organized the screening at Filmhuis Lumen, Delft. More than 75 people watched the movie and later participated in live forum with Erik Pauser (Film Director) and Clare Rewcastle Brown of the Sarawak Report. Many later stayed back for lunch, served with delicious Malaysian cuisines, including homemade Malaysian cakes and the famous “nasi lemak” or fatty rice.



Figure 2 – Screening of the Borneo Case at Filmhuis Lumen, Delft

We ended the year 2017 with a great gathering again at *Dudok* (Den Haag) to catch up with like-minded friends. This meeting was special because we got to know new Malaysia friends whom we met at the movie screening in September. We are invited by one of the students to screen the Borneo Case again at the International Institute of Social Students, Den Haag in March 2018.

Stay tuned for more events in 2018!



Figure 3 – Bersih NL gathering at Dudok, Den Haag

Appendix 1 shows Bersih NL 2017 Financial Statement.

Appendix 1

Bersih Network Netherlands Jaarrekening 31.12.2017

Activa

<u>Bank</u>	€ 0,00	
<u>Lopende rekening</u>	€ 1 108,62	
<u>PayPal rekening</u>	€ 0,00	
<u>iZettle rekening</u>	€ 0,00	
<u>Spaarrekening</u>	€ 0,00	
<u>Niet in balans-EUR</u>		€ 0,00
<u>Kas</u>		€ 41,54
<u>Debiteuren</u>		€ 0,00
<u>Te vorderen BTW</u>		€ 90,35
<u>Voorraad</u>		€ 0,00
Totaaltelling activa	€ 1 240,51	

Vreemd vermogen

<u>Lang lopende leningen</u>	€ 200,00	
<u>Crediteuren</u>	€ 0,00	
<u>Te betalen BTW</u>	€ 0,00	
Totaaltelling vreemd vermogen	€ 200,00	

Eigen vermogen

Ingehouden winst	€ 1 040,51	
Totaaltelling eigen vermogen	€ 1 040,51	

Totaaltelling passiva	€ 1 240,51	
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