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1st May 2011, 10:30am Chow Kit Monorail area. Arrests were already made. [SUARAM reports](#), in total, 21 were taken in by the police.

I walked from Chow Kit Monorail to the location near Maju Junction, right in front of the building where SUHAKAM's office is currently situated. This year's Workers' Day Celebration was continued there. Presented below are pictures of the event.

A group was gathered and more were on their way, some travelling all the way from Perak to celebrate Workers' Day together in solidarity. This year their demand is for the government to pass Minimum Wage Act (Akta Gaji Minima). It is a modest, simple and a reasonable basic demand, really.

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They gathered with banners and placards depicting various but crucial issues that affect all Malaysians.



issues that make themselves felt, regardless of skin colour, creed, age, and gender.



and discuss the police and the participants to stop their celebration. A calm negotiation

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However, arrest they did and a number of people were taken away in the infamous blue truck.



Police officer standing on the back of a truck, reaching up to adjust a green tarp, while being filmed by a person with a professional video camera. The scene is near Chow Kit on May 1st, 2011.



[and being a good person, however, can't be a requirement for being a good person.](#)

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And they did it with style - with posters, banners, t-shirts and songs.

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Some were more traditional in a sense, with spirited and passionate calls to action.



while some reconnected with their more playful side.



And some were just adorable with their little hands clapping to the beat.



But all were united in their stand.



And that paid electricity is kept back, the tracks stop to have a lay-up of loads and cartwheels for their



After all, it is for our collective future. For the future of young Malaysians such as this.



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