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DAP CRITICISES POLICE OVER INCIDENT AT DINNER

KUALA LUMPUR, June 11 (Bernama) -- DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang today criticised the police over the way they had broken up a reception last night resulting in the arrest of party deputy secretary-general Lim Guan Eng.

"It was a very orderly, peaceful and happy gathering of Malaysians coming together because of their concern of our national issues of justice, freedom, democracy and good governance," he told a news conference, here.

He said the DAP had been organising meetings and dinners over the past 30 years without breaking any law.

Lim said he had faxed a letter to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad asking him for a meeting to discuss the police action and to get an explanation over the incident.

Guan Eng and three other party members were arrested for holding an illegal assembly and obstructing police in the discharge of their duties. Policemen went on stage and detained Lim as he was addressing a crowd at a restaurant near Kelana Jaya.

The four were released from the Petaling Jaya police headquarters at 2am after questioning and giving their statement.

At the same news conference, Guan Eng said: "We are willing to be arrested in a peaceful manner, not in a rough way because we are not criminals."

He also asked the police to return a hi-fi system seized during the dinner.

A police report was lodged this morning by DAP state assemblyman for Bukit Gasing, Teng Chang Khim, he said.

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