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FOUR ARRESTED FOR ILLEGAL ASSEMBLY

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- A government servant and a non-governmental organisation (NGO) official were among four people arrested for involvement in an illegal assembly at Kampung Baru, here tonight.

Kuala Lumpur Police Chief Datuk Kamarudin Md Ali said both men, who were in their thirties, were detained for further investigation.

Two others, aged between 25 and 30, were also held for the same offence, he told reporters when met at Jalan Raja Alang while directing mopping-up operations after the Federal Reserve Unit used water cannon to spray coloured water on the demonstrators.

The assembly tonight was the ninth in a series of demonstrations since Sept 26 held by organisers of the so-called "Reformasi" movement supporting the dismissed former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The demonstrators ignored tight police cordon and continued demonstrating, shouting slogans such as "Reformasi", "Allahuakbar" (God is Great) and "Mahathir, Step Down".

They then moved about 100 metres along Jalan Raja Abdullah, unlike previously when the demonstration took place at the Jalan Raja Alang-Jalan Raja Abdullah junction near the mosque. The roads were closed to traffic since early evening.

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