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FOUR ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTING TO HOLD AN UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY

KUALA TERENGGANU, Oct 31 (Bernama) -- Four men were arrested at Pantai Batu Buruk here today for trying to hold an unlawful assembly there.

The four men were arrested at 5.35pm, 10 minutes after 11 people holding posters condemning the government and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad gathered in front of the food stalls in the beach area and calling on the public to join them.

Kuala Terengganu OCPD, ACP Nordin Bador, who was at the scene, said that police personnel had been stationed in the area since 4pm and managed to prevent any untoward incident.

He said that the police had to arrest the four to facilitate investigations after they disobeyed the police's instructions to stop their activity.

ACP Nordin said that leaflets had been circulated earlier calling on the public to gather at the area with their families.

Some 1,000 people, mostly bystanders, had gathered at the area, a popular place for families and joggers in the late afternoon, but they soon disperse after the announcement by the police for them to leave the area.

ACP Nordin said that police had information that two unlawful assemblies would be held, at the beach area at 5pm and at the Pasar Besar Payang at 2pm, but there was no response from the public for the gathering near the marketplace.

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