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SMALLER GROUP OF PEOPLE STAGE DEMONSTRATION AT KG BARU

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- There was another demonstration by supporters of former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim at Kampung Baru here tonight, but only about 200 protestors were involved this time.

The ninth such demonstration since Sept 26, it started at the Kampung Baru mosque compound after the Isyak prayers.

Ignoring the police presence there since 4pm, the protestors gathered and began shouting "Reformasi" (Reform), "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.

At about 9.15 pm, a police team lead by Dang Wangi OCPD SAC II Zainal Abidin Ali walked towards the demonstrators and asked them to disperse.

After the protestors ignored the call twice, police used two water canons to spray a yellow-coloured solution containing chemicals that cause irritation to the eyes.

Members of Federal Reserve Unit (FRU) and General Operation Force then rushed to apprehend those demonstrators who still refused to disperse.

The number of people arrested could not be ascertained.

The situation returned to normal by 9.45pm.

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