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Ministry studying Suhakam report: DPM

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues: The Home Ministry is studying the Malaysian Human Rights Commission's (Suhakam) report on the illegal gathering in Jalan Kebun, Shah Alam on Nov 5.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said both the ministry and the police were going through the report which, amongst other things, criticised the police for using excessive force in dispersing the illegal gathering.

Abdullah, who is also

Home Minister, was responding to a question from the press after a luncheon talk on globalisation at a hotel here.

The 66-page Suhakam report, which Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said was influenced by western values, said police violated human rights during the incident.

It cited "existing practices and policies of the police and other authorities" as contributory factors of the violations.