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SUHAKAM RECEIVES MEMORANDUM ON KG MEDAN CLASHES

KUALA LUMPUR, March 30 (Bernama) -- The Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (Suhakam) has been urged to hold a public inquiry on the recent clashes in several settlements off Jalan Klang Lama near here.

This call was made by Parti Reformasi Insan Malaysia (PRIM) in a memorandum which it submitted to Suhakam here today.

PRIM pro tem secretary-general P.Uthayakumar said an independent inquiry should be held immediately to determine the cause of the clashes, which he described as a tragedy.

The 108-page memorandum was presented by Uthayakumar to Suhakam member Tan Sri Anuar Zainal Abidin.

Several victims of the violence and their relatives were present to witness the handing over of the memorandum to Suhakam.

Uthayakumar said PRIM had sent letters to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Norian Mai on the matter.

Anuar said he needed to consult other Suhakam members at its April 9 meeting before deciding if a public inquiry on the clashes would be held.

Six people were killed and 40 injured in the clashes among residents in Kampung Medan and several surrounding villages in Petaling Jaya early this month.

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