

Pemandu: Downslide in perception of police after July 9
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The Performance and Management Delivery Unit (Pemandu) expects that the July 9 rally would have adversely effected public perception of the police.

Speaking to reporters after a media briefing on the Government Transformation Programme, national key results area director for crime reduction Eugene Teh Yee (left) said that would be a "reverse" to improvements in perception since 2009.

"Yes, (the level of public perception on police) will take a hit, but hopefully we can improve on this," he said at Petaling Jaya today.

Among the possible reasons for the downslide in police approval ratings, he said, was the speed in which the public shared information about heavy-handedness by police on the day.

"Pictures and videos were circulating immediately, but police took several days to show their side of the story," he said.

Eye witness accounts of purported police brutality hit the Internet moments after an estimated 50,000 hit the streets of Kuala Lumpur to march for clean and fair elections.

A Pemandu survey conducted in May showed that 55 percent of the 2000 people polled were satisfied with the police service, a jump from 35.8 percent in December 2009.