

**Police okay 901 rally outside Duta court**  
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Police have agreed to allow Pakatan Rakyat to proceed with its '901 Free Anwar' rally at the Duta court complex car park on Monday.

The accord was reached by both sides in an hour-long meeting at the Kuala Lumpur police headquarters today.

NONEPKR deputy president Azmin Ali (left, in photo), who led the party delegates at the meeting with the police, chose to keep the announcement until another press conference.

However PKR Youth chief Shamsul Iskandar Mohd Akin (second from right), who was also present at the meeting, broke the news through his Twitter account.

Shamsul confirmed the news with Malaysiakini before leaving police headquarters.

KL police chief Mohmad Salleh also confirmed the decision.

"The organiser must ensure that the assembly is carried out peacefully and will not disturb public order," Mohmad told reporters.

A smiling Azmin thanked the police for allowing the rally to be held and described it as a "positive result".

"We'll give you the details during a press conference at 3.30pm at PKR headquarters... if I tell you (the rally venue) now, nobody will come to our press conference," he told reporters at the entrance of the Kuala Lumpur police headquarters.

Perkasa prayer session in nearby mosque

Police have also allowed Malay rights group Perkasa to gather as well on Monday, but within the compound of the Federal Territory mosque.

The mosque is located 300 metres from the Jalan Duta court complex, where Pakatan aims to gather 100,000 supporters to show solidarity with Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim, who will know his second sodomy trial verdict that day.

NONEAccording to Perkasa deputy president Abdul Rahman Bakar (right in photo) who met with Mohmad before the PKR leaders, a permit was not required.

Rahman said Perkasa, together with other Malay right wing NGOs such as Pertubuhan Kebajikan dan Dakwah Islamiah Malaysia (Pekida) and Pertubuhan Permufakatan Majlis Ayahanda Malaysia (Permas), would hold prayer sessions and ceramah in the mosque from Sunday until Monday, to pray for national peace.

He expects 2,000 members to turn up.

"We agreed to stay within the mosque compound. We won't come out from the mosque," he told reporters before leaving police headquarters.

Rahman also said the NGOs have obtained approval from the Malaysian Islamic Development Department (Jakim) and the mosque management committee for their activities.

Asked what he would do if Pakatan supporters entered the mosque to perform their prayers, Rahman said he would leave that to the police.

“Our members will not violate the laws. They will wear passes on that day... we will not make any provocation,” he said.

Azmin at that point was not aware that Perkasa supporters were allowed to gather at the mosque.

“If there is any irresponsible action on that day, I leave it to the police to take action,” he responded when asked about this later.

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