

**Police free Tian Chua and 511 other protesters**  
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Police today said all 512 people arrested during a demonstration for free and fair elections, including a senior opposition lawmaker, have been freed.

"We have released all of them," national police spokesman Ramli Yoosuf told AFP, adding that the MP had been identified as Tian Chua from Anwar Ibrahim's PKR party.

malaysiakini malacca forum 160312 tian chua Security forces would decide later whether to file charges against the demonstrators, he said.

Police fired tear gas and chemical-laced water yesterday at thousands of protesters calling for clean elections after some breached into the Merdeka Square which had been declared a banned area for demonstrators.

Police estimated at least 30,000 people participated in the rally, while independent Malaysian media put the number at more than twice that.

The street protest - a rare event in Malaysia - was held in the capital Kuala Lumpur by a coalition known as Bersih, or clean in the Malay language.

NONE It is pressing the government to review the country's election system and clean up the electoral roll before the next elections expected in the coming months.

But Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak denied any electoral bias.

"We do not want to be elected through cheating. We are a government chosen by the people," he said.

Speculation is rife that Najib could call polls as early as June, and Bersih is demanding elections be postponed until full reforms are implemented.

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