

'Punched and kicked' by two groups of police

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A Bersih 3.0 demonstrator from Kuantan, Pahang, claims that two groups of police personnel punched and kicked him on his abdomen, shoulder and head when he was near Dataran Merdeka.

Mohd Firdaus Azizi, 28, who works with the private sector, said this took place when the crowd of protesters was about to leave.

"Suddenly the police fired tear gas, and I was picked up. The police held my hands at the back and they punched and kicked me. There was one time when a policeman stepped me on the head, resulting in me suffering the head injury," Firdaus said.

He said this happened so fast that he could not identify the police personnel who assaulted him.

"There were about five to seven in the group that punched and kicked me," he said.

Order: Assault him discreetly

"While this was going on, I heard one of their superiors say, "assault him discreetly and not in front of the media", he said when met at Hospital Kuala Lumpur (HKL).

NONE Firdaus, who is being treated for head and body injuries, said as the police took him to the Royal Selangor Club, another group of policemen also assaulted him.

He said he was then taken to HKL, where he passed out.

Firdaus recalled that a police officer met him late on Saturday night to take his statement at the intensive care unit, but he could not say anything much as he passed out again.

He told this to Malaysiakini after PKR vice-president and former health minister Chua Jui Meng and PKR vice-presidents N Surendran and Nurul Izzah Anwar visited those injured in the Bersih 3.0 protest at the hospital.

The PKR delegation also visited Al Hijrah video cameraman Mohd Azri Mohd Salleh, 28, who helped in the rescue of police constable Mohd Kamil Rahimin, who passed out when his patrol car hit two protesters and crashed.

They also visited TheSun photographer Radzi Razak who was also assaulted by several police personnel despite being a media personnel on duty and wearing his press tag.

