

**Khairy: Court decision doesn't absolve Bersih**  
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Although the Kuala Lumpur High Court has declared that the Bersih coalition is not an illegal organisation, it does not absolve them of what transpired during its rallies, said Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin Abu Bakar.

"Although it has been decided that Bersih is a legal organisation, that does not mean the actions of those at the Bersih rally are legal," he told reporters today.

As an example, he pointed out that protesters had stormed police roadblocks during the Bersih 3.0 rally on April 28.

He said if any laws were broken such as the Peaceful Assembly Act or court orders, then those responsible must be brought to justice.

Khairy was speaking to reporters after breaking fast with the media at the BN Youth Volunteers headquarters in Bangsar Baru today when he was asked to comment on the court verdict.

In the verdict this morning, Justice Rohaya Yusof ruled that the Bersih coalition is not an 'illegal organisation' as declared by Home Minister Hishamuddin Hussein, but instead found that the minister's declaration was 'tainted with irrationality'.

Khairy, who is also the Rembau MP and had led a counter-rally against the Bersih 2.0 rally last year, also said that he respected the court decision and it shows that it is free from government interference.

"This is our judicial system today; it is free (from unwarranted influence). It's just that when the ruling is in favour of pro-opposition parties, they would never acknowledge that it is free.

"They would always say that the judicial system is not free and other things, but today the ruling is in their favour and they did not say anything," he said.