



Cops: No action as Perkasa gave full cooperation
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The police did not move against Malay rights NGO Perkasa protestors yesterday as they cooperated with the cops, said Dang Wangi police chief Asst Comm Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Rahman.



Some 50 protestors had gathered at the Kuala Lumpur and Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall (KLSCAH) in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, peeved by the youth forum organised by KLSCAH which had invited controversial rapper Namewee as a speaker.

Mohd Zulkarnain told *Malaysiakini* today that the police had to intervene and ask the organisers to cut the youth forum short as it might

have disrupted public order.

"The point is their (KLSCAH) activity was causing unrest," he said.

The rapper was speaking at the forum together with KLSCAH chief executive officer Tan Ah Chai at a session entitled 'Youth, why do you need to 'Nah'?'

"To be fair to both the organisers and the protestors, we gave them time to disperse," said the police chief."



Although no permit was issued signaling the demonstration was allowed, Mohd Zulkarnain said: "We told them that they (Perkasa) had to disperse within this period of time and they gave their full cooperation. They agreed to stop and followed orders.

"Legal or illegal, if they listen to our orders and behave reasonably and with their cooperation, there is no need for an arrest."

KLSCAH Youth regrets Perkasa's protest

Meanwhile, KLSCAH Youth regretted Perkasa's protest against Namewee in front of its building in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Youth chief Ng Chong Soon (*right*), in a statement today, said that he has no problem with Perkasa having different views on Namewee, and their right to peaceful assembly, but he can't accept Perkasa's racial slurs and personal attacks during the protest.

He also accused police of having double standards, as they allowed Perkasa protestors to create disturbances and clamour, but instead forced their forum to end early.

“Perkasa had made a clamour and burnt Namewee's photo in front of the KLSCAH, resulting in forum participants feeling uneasy and threaten. Yet, police didn't advise Perkasa to remain calm and maintain order, and in contrast police demanded the organisers to end the forum early. This is totally unacceptable,” he said.

Ng stressed that yesterday's forum was an occasion for rational dialogue, where young people were encouraged to express themselves and communicate their views on public issues.

He urged the public to remain calm and not to follow the lead of Perkasa.

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