

BN group roughs up Khalid, photographers
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About 20 people, including some in Pemuda BN uniform, allegedly tried to intimidate PKR candidate Khalid Ibrahim and two freelance photographers - one of whom is a well-known blogger - in Ijok this afternoon.

The 2.40pm incident was said to occurred near a restaurant at Batu 8 Ijok, where a Pemuda BN operation centre was situated close by.

PKR acting Youth chief Shamsul Iskandar said one of the freelance photographers was injured during the incident while Khalid was unscathed.

He said the party had police report had been lodged on the incident.

In a SMS reply, Pemuda BN deputy chief Khairy Jamaluddin said he was unaware of the incident.

"I am not aware of any incident involving Pemuda BN and the individuals you mentioned," said Khairy.

Face 'smashed'

Popular blogger Jeff Ooi, one of the photographers present during the incident, told malaysiakini that he and the other injured photographer were guests of Khalid at the nearby restaurant.

The two photographers ducked into their car after witnessing a 'mob' trying to stop Khalid's car from leaving the area.

Ooi said the injured photographer, who declined to be named, was later hit by a water bottle hurled through a half-open car window when trying to inch away from the venue after being surrounded.

"A person in a Pemuda BN uniform threw the water bottle which smashed into the face of my friend. The impact caused his glasses to break, cutting the area below the eye.

"It was from a close distance. We were basically surrounded... he now requires medical treatment," said Ooi.

He also claimed that a member of the mob also attempted to grab their cameras in the car but failed.

Ooi confirmed that he had pictures of the incident, but added that it would not be distributed to the press.