

Fracas mars Galas by-election
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Pandemonium broke out briefly between a group of PAS and BN supporters at the SK Seri Wangi polling centre in Gua Musang this morning, but police stepped in just in time to prevent the incident from becoming a free-for-all.

In the incident about 15 minutes after the polling for the Galas by-election started, a group of PAS supporters was said to have entered into the area where a group BN supporters was gathering.

NONEThey refused to budge when told to leave, according to eyewitness Mahmud Ismail, 56.

An argument ensued between both groups and before long, tempers flared and it soon turned into a fracas.

However, minutes later, a group of the police's light strike force personnel came and broke up the fight.

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"We have also put up a police line to separate both groups. No arrest was made," he added.

Meanwhile, BN's deputy election director for the Galas by-election, Mustapa Mohamed, regretted the actions of PAS supporters whom he described as being aggressive towards the BN's supporters.

"I was told that these are PAS supporters from outside the state," he told Bernama.

He also said that the BN had suggested to the Election Commission that camps of political parties should not be set up near the polling centres to prevent disturbance to the voters.

- Bernama

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