

**Noh: Assault on Ng justified**  
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Selangor Umno chief Noh Omar said that the assault on Sekinchan state assemblyperson Ng Suee Lim was justified because the latter was attack for violating the law.

Ng Suee Lim in hospital SJMC sekinchan rep“The people knew that the he was demonstrating without a permit and although the police warned them not to protest, they went on. The state assemblyperson did come alone but 30 to 40 of his people were already there.

“Despite being advised against the demonstration he (Ng) didn't want to listen and broke the law. The villagers thought, since the state assemblyperson was breaking law, why can't they?” Noh, who is Tanjung Karang MP, told reporters at the Parliament lobby today.

Ng was warded for concussions on Thursday after he was allegedly assaulted by 30 men at Sawah Sempadan which borders the Tanjung Karang parliamentary constituency and the Sekinchan state constituency.

Denying that he was there to demonstrate, Ng said that he was at Sawah Sempadan to investigate a dispute between paddy farmers and Padiberas Nasional Berhad (Bernas), a federal government agency tasked to regulate the rice industry.

However, Noh insists that Ng and his cohorts were there to demonstrate and encroaching into his 'territory'. Thus far, there is no evidence of a demonstration.

'Result of breaking the law'

Noh said that DAP would hold demonstrations during every paddy harvesting season and he was certain that a demonstration would be held on Nov 4.

He said that villagers were also questioning why there was a need for a demonstration when Ng was already invited for a dialogue.

“Since police warnings wasn't adhered to by the state assemblyperson, the people also figured that they can take the law in their hands.

“This is the DAP way. When they break the law, they forget (the country has laws)... but when the villagers break the law and beat them up then he (Ng) remembers that we are all governed by laws,” he added.

Moreover, Noh said that although his political secretary was at the scene at that time, he was unable to control the crowd.

Noh, who is agriculture and agro-based industries minister, also challenged Ng to a dialogue to resolve the paddy issue instead demonstrating.

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