

Police Should Air Rally Footage To Refute Brutality Claims
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KUALA LUMPUR -- Police should promptly show footage from the July 9 illegal rally to refute the opposition's claims of brutality, Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin said.

Muhyiddin said police should move in swiftly and show evidence of what actually happened that day in view of the continuous attempts by pro-opposition bloggers and alternative media to harp on the issue to discredit the government.

"In order to refute the lies and fact-twisting by the opposition, police should show evidence, either in the form of video footage or statements, so that the people can be clear about who is right," he told reporters after visiting the Raja Bot market, here.

He also called on the people not to listen to just one side of the story, saying they should look objectively at the efforts of the authorities in tackling the tense situation created by the demonstrators.

Home Minister Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said on Monday that police had strong evidence which they could use to counter allegations by certain quarters who were out to sensationalise issues concerning rally.

Muhyiddin also called on the people to appreciate the steps taken by police in handling the demonstrations.

"They should understand that when police are faced with a situation involving large crowds, they will have to act wisely. What the opposition and the alternative media have shown through channels such as YouTube and so on, are pictures of alleged brutalities.

"But they did not show pictures of how there maybe acts of provocations, stone pelting, and the demonstrators taunting the police. They (demonstrators) are human, police are human too.

"What is important is the fact that the police had exercised sufficient discipline and adopted a defensive approach; it's they (demonstrators) who had acted excessively," he said.

The people should not be easily influenced by what had been written in blogs and should instead look into what actually happened, including the original objective of the rally which had now turned into something else, he added.

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