

Hisham: Bersih investigation report completed
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PUTRAJAYA, Sept 13 — Home Minister Datuk Sri Hishammuddin Hussein said today the investigation report on the recent July 9 Bersih 2.0 rally for electoral reform is ready to be tabled in Cabinet.

Police had formed six committees two months ago to investigate alleged police misconduct during the rally that resulted in one death, and a hospital shrouded in teargas and drenched by water cannon fired by riot police.

“The report by the committee is ready and will soon be tabled in Cabinet. I will leave it to Tan Sri Ismail (Omar), who is IGP, to reveal the details of investigation so that the people will know the truth behind the issue,” Hishammuddin told reporters today following a meeting with former police chiefs at the Home Ministry.

“We don’t pick sides. What is right is right, what is wrong is wrong,” he added.

Hishammuddin declined to reveal details of the report but said investigations were based on events as alleged by certain quarters and that the report will also be handed over to the Attorney-General for further action.

He added that he was in favour of the report being made public and said, “the public can then draw their own conclusions. This is the way forward.”

The home minister also said that action will be taken against those who had lodged baseless and false police reports on the incident.

“Appropriate action will be taken. However, action will not be taken by the police, but is the responsibility of lawyers,” he said, adding that policemen who had breached the current standard operating procedure would also be disciplined and should not “expect any favours”.

When asked to comment on the report, Hishammuddin said, “I am personally happy with what was presented to me, but at the end of the day, it is not about me; it is about the rakyat.”

“It is about how we are going to balance civil liberties in a modern democracy,” he added.

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