

**Police Take Proactive Approach To Handle Jan 9 Illegal Gathering**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 5 (Bernama) -- The police today took a proactive approach in handling the "901 Free Anwar" illegal gathering to be held on Monday.

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Ismail Omar instructed Kuala Lumpur Police chief Datuk Mohamad Salleh to meet the organiser of the gathering.

However, he declined to elaborate on the upcoming meeting between Mohamad and the rally organiser.

The proposed demonstration is timed to coincide with the delivery of the court verdict in the sodomy case of Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) advisor Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Ismail spoke to reporters after a visit to the Federal Reserve Unit (FRU) base in Cheras.

In his address to the FRU personnel at the base, Ismail said the police, particularly the FRU, are capable and ready to face any eventuality.

"Soon we may be tested once again at the gathering they have dubbed 901, and I am most confident the FRU is ready to face any eventuality.

"The confidence stems from past experience, exposure to a more robust training module as well as guidance from the leadership (of the force)," he said.

Ismail advised the FRU personnel to maintain the good name of the force at all times and give excellent service on each assignment.

He said certain elements had a hidden agenda and often found fault with the police force to tarnish its good image.

"Be careful in your actions and cut down mistakes because any minor error will be played up by certain quarters to paint the police as cruel when we are only doing our best.

"The FRU should use the 2F approach of 'Friendly and Flexibility', which does not mean that we should give in but adjust ourselves to any situation and minimise casualties," he said.

Ismail said the FRU had a special place in the police force and that the unit was known as the IGP's Reserve, whereby only he could mobilise the squad in the country and abroad.

The FRU, which is 2,400-strong nationwide, has overcome more than 90 incidents associated with public order since December 1955, he said.

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