

**PKR asks if Perkasa behind '901' blasts**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 11 — PKR today rejected claims that Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's supporters were behind the blasts during Monday's "901" rally, suggesting instead that Perkasa may be linked to the attacks.

Challenging the Malay rights group to deny its involvement, PKR Youth chief Shamsul Iskandar Mohd Akin said the incident was likely an attempt to sully the image of the police and Anwar's supporters who had turned up in thousands to await his Sodomy II verdict.

Shamsul also slammed Utusan Malaysia for an article today quoting a "police source" that the three homemade bombs, found hidden under traffic cones just outside the Jalan Duta court complex, belonged to Anwar's supporters.

"PKR Youth urges Utusan Malaysia to reveal the identity of its 'police source' who claimed that the three bombs... belonged to 'Free Anwar 901' participants.

"PKR Youth (also) challenges Perkasa to deny any involvement in the incident," he said in a statement here.

Five men were slightly injured and several vehicles damaged after three blasts went off outside the courthouse where thousands had amassed on Monday, shortly after Anwar was acquitted of a sodomy charge.

The first explosion happened as Anwar was leaving the court compound. Minutes later, a second explosion blew apart an orange traffic cone near a sub-power station, about 50 metres away from the courthouse gates. The third and last blast happened at the hawker centre round the corner from the court complex.

"We are all aware that Saiful Bukhari Azlan's supporters, said to include several Perkasa members, were also near the location where the bombs exploded.

"Prior to that, Perkasa president Datuk Ibrahim Ali also issued a media statement that Perkasa will cause provocations during the 'Free Anwar 901' rally.

"Is there a possibility that the blast incident was masterminded by Perkasa members?" Shamsul asked.

He pointed out that rally participants were only allowed to enter the court complex at 6.30am that morning and were under heavy police surveillance.

The police, he added, had even examined the belongings of participants before they were allowed into the premises and proceeded to keep close watch until the rally dispersed.

"PKR Youth is of the view that the bomb blast incident was an evil attempt by certain parties to tarnish the image of the police.

"At the same time, it was also aimed at tarnishing the image of the rally participants, who had clearly obeyed every police order and gave full co-operation in ensuring the rally went smoothly," he said.

Shamsul added it was "odd" that Utusan Malaysia has reported the results of investigation into the incident when the police was yet to reveal their own findings.

He said PKR Youth will pen a formal letter to the Inspector-General of Police, requesting that the police reveal the results of their investigation and the identities of those found responsible for the blasts.

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