

**Ambiga: Police provoked the protesters**  
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KUALA LUMPUR: In discharging herself of responsibility, Bersih steering committee co-chairman Datuk S. Ambiga has shifted the blame to the police for the violence at its rally on Saturday.

Ambiga yesterday claimed that the participants were well behaved until the police provoked them.

"All purported acts of violence only took place after tear gas was fired by the police," she said, adding that the organisers had complete control of the situation until then.

Ambiga also claimed that she led the crowd towards Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman from Masjid Jamek to turn them away from Dataran Merdeka.

She said, however, against protocol, someone had pushed through the barricades which had probably forced police to use tear gas.

"We want to know who was a part of this and why it happened," she said, adding that the action went against what Bersih advocated.

Ambiga, speaking at a press conference, said no order had been given from her to rush toward the barricades or to breach the court order.

A thorough investigation from the start to the point where detainees were released from the Police Training Centre around 5am needs to be conducted, she added.

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