

Barisan leaders take Anwar and Azmin to task
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KUALA LUMPUR: Barisan Nasional leaders flayed Opposition leaders Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Azmin Ali for allegedly inciting rally protesters to charge into Dataran Merdeka during Bersih 3.0.

Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin said allegations concerning the PKR leader and deputy president should be given the same treatment as claims of police violence.

Khairy said in his Twitter post that "Anwar says he told people to disperse. After that he turns to Azmin, grins, gives a signal and the perimeter is breached. That's cause and effect. Anwar says he asked Azmin to nego (negotiate) with police. That's why right after the hand signal, perimeter is breached. *Nego apa? Dah suruh orang balik.*"

He was tweeting in reference to the YouTube video which depicts Anwar making a rolling gesture with both hands at Azmin before the barricade was breached.

Kota Belud MP Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan also took to Twitter to vent his disapproval, saying the video "clearly shows" Anwar giving Azmin orders to breach the barrier.

Kuantan MCA chief and central committee member Datuk Ti Lian Ker chided Opposition members for capitalising on the rally, saying: "People can judge from the video can see the coordination and chain of command. This was a political crowd organised by PKR."

MCA Young Professionals Bureau chairman Datuk Chua Tee Yong said Anwar and Azmin should explain whether they did anything to stop the crowd from breaking through.

Did they do anything to stop it? Or did they encourage it?" he asked, adding that he called for a full investigation into the ugly incident.

Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamed voiced his doubts that Anwar had no hand in instigating protesters, adding that the Bersih movement had nothing to do with pushing for polls reform and was purely an Opposition ploy to convince foreign powers that Malaysia was run by a dictatorship.

DAP chairman Karpal Singh called for an inquiry into what had happened at the rally, saying that it would determine who was to blame and who the *agent provocateurs* were.

PAS vice-president Mahfuz Omar said the main issue was not about the Anwar-Azmin video but rather about what caused the rally to turn ugly.

"The incident would not have turned ugly if the Government just allowed people to assemble peacefully."

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