

PKR's Thangam held over rally

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SEREMBAN: Rasah PKR deputy head R. Thangam has been detained for questioning in connection with the Bersih 3.0 rally in Kuala Lumpur.

It is learnt that he was picked up by police at his home in Bukit Chedang, near here, at about 12.40am yesterday.

In Kuala Lumpur, city police chief Deputy Comm Mohmad Salleh confirmed that Thangam was detained by his men in Negri Sembilan in connection with the rally.

"He has been remanded until May 3 to facilitate investigations under Section 440 of the Penal Code for committing mischief while taking part in an unlawful assembly or in a riot," DCP Mohmad said.

Teluk Kemang PKR head M. Ravi said about 20 policemen came to the house just before Thangam, 50, was about to retire for the night.

"The policemen, who said they were from Bukit Aman, said they had reasons to believe Thangam was the person who removed a barrier at Dataran Merdeka which allowed people to enter the square.

"Thangam admitted to the policemen that he was present at the rally but did not remove the barriers," said Ravi, when met at Thangam's house.

He added that the police said they were acting on video clips and were not making any accusation against Thangam.

Ravi said Thangam agreed to follow the police back to Kuala Lumpur when advised to do so.

Thangam's wife, Pathmavathy, said the police were friendly and her husband gave his cooperation.

Meanwhile, Home Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein tweeted that "we are currently in the post-Bersih 3.0 mode. The offenders will be brought to court".

He said the police were busy identifying the offenders, adding: "I've contacted the A-G, many charges can be imposed on the offenders."

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