

MCA slams rally violence
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PETALING JAYA: MCA has criticised the violence which occurred during Saturday's Bersih 3.0 demonstration.

The party's central committee member Datuk Liew Yuen Keong said he understood the intentions of the rally, but maintained that it should not have been held in the city centre which led to the disruption of peace and public order.

He said everyone, including the police and the protesters, have a duty to maintain peace and prevent injuries from happening.

Liew also said the Bersih organisers and the DAP must take full responsibility for failing to prevent the violent actions of stone-throwing and an incident in which a police car was overturned and destroyed.

"They should reflect on their duties to preserve peace and to safeguard the people's fundamental human rights," he said in a statement issued yesterday

Liew claimed the allegations by a female rally participant that she was subjected to police assault and detention were unproven and were being investigated by the police.

The fact that DAP was aware of the woman's participation in anti-government and the opposition party's activities had raised suspicion of "conspiracy and foul play by the DAP", he added.

Liew was referring to a news portal report which had highlighted allegations by a 71-year-old woman who he said was known to be an avid DAP supporter.

He added that the DAP should have lodged a police report instead of highlighting her allegations by holding a press conference.

He said the same woman had verbally abused Deputy Education Minister Datuk Dr Wee Ka Siong during the protest by Chinese educationist Dong Zong in March.

In Malacca, Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam called on state Wanita MCA chief Datuk Kian Sit Har to step down for expressing her support for the Bersih rally held in the state on Saturday

He said Kian has become a liability to MCA and Barisan Nasional after she was seen in photographs joining the Bersih rally, which was held at Dataran Pahlawan.

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