

## **Bersih protesters gather in city early in the morning**

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KUALA LUMPUR: Bersih 3.0 demonstrators began gathering at designated locations in the city as early as 9am, with police monitoring the situation.

Before 8am, there was already heavy police presence at the entrance of KLCC, Jalan Ampang and Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman.

At 8.30am, police blocked entry into the city via Jalan Syed Putra from the Federal Highway and Jalan Klang Lama.

A traffic jam built up along the Federal Highway.

In KL Sentral, crowds went about their daily activities, unperturbed by the Bersih 3.0 gathering.

Many were seen carrying bags and making their way back to their hometowns or holiday destinations.

At this point there were no Bersih supporters at Jalan Brickfields, but the numbers grew by 11am.

There were also crowds chanting in front of police barricades at Jalan Raja at 9am.

By 10am, they sat down and chanted "Duduk, duduk" (sit down, sit down).

At Masjid Negara, supporters were sitting around chatting.

Bersih chairman Datuk S. Ambiga gave a press conference at Central Market at 10.45am and met with Bersih supporters.

At 10.40am, police found objects they suspected to be explosives at Menara Dayabumi but later announced that they were not.

A small group of supporters arrived at Central Market with drums, tambourines and placards in tow.

Supporters already in the area crowded around the group, cheering them on.

The Kelana Jaya LRT was running smoothly amidst conflicting claims and reports of service disruption, including the alleged closure of the Kelana Jaya station.

Volunteers were selling yellow "Angry Birds" balloons to the public, with slogans such as "Clean Elections" "Stop Lynas" "Bersih 428" and "Save Our Children" written on the balloons.

They were selling the balloons with a yellow recyclable bag and a towel for RM20.

The biggest crowds gathered at Central Market, Brickfields and Jalan Raja Laut.

At 11.50am, the crowds began to move towards Dataran Merdeka.

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