

Police: Violent action by protesters forced us to fire water cannon
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KUALA LUMPUR: Violent action by protesters "forced" police to fire tear gas and water cannons to disperse the crowd at Dataran Merdeka, said Kuala Lumpur police chief Datuk Mohamad Salleh.

"They threw all types of objects at the police and forced their way through to move towards Dataran Merdeka. We were forced to act to disperse the crowd," he said.

He added that protesters pushed on and entered Dataran grounds, causing the police to then fire tear gas to stop their progress.

"We are still in control of the situation," he said during a press conference on Saturday.

"At 2.50pm, several leaders from opposition parties and NGOs gave speeches to the crowds. At 2.55pm, the protesters rammed into the barricades set up along Jalan Tun Razak and Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman," he said.

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