

Perak PPP slams Bar Council
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IPOH: Perak People's Progressive Party (PPP) members staged a peaceful demonstration in front of the Perak Bar Council at Jalan Datuk Maharja Lela here to condemn the actions of the Malaysian Bar council for its partisan stand on the Bersih 3.0 rally last month.

The gathering was led by state PPP vice-chairman Datuk Naran Singh from 9am to 10.30am. Police personnel led by Ipoh City deputy police chief Superintendent Ahmad Termizi Abdul Haq kept a close watch on the situation to avoid any untoward incidents.

Speaking to reporters later, Naran who is a lawyer, said: "The Bar Council only highlighted or showed video recordings of police action against the protesters in the rally.

"What about the recordings of protesters who assaulted policemen on duty and the crowd who overturned a police car? There is no fair play.

"The government gave the organisers a specific area to hold their gathering but they still insisted on going to a place which was out of bounds."

He said the council had not acted fairly when passing the resolution during the EGM earlier this month in urging the inspector-general of police and home minister to make a public apology.

He said they should have investigated others like protesters and politicians involved in the rally.

Naran said if the Bar Council continued with its political affiliation then it should change its name to "Bar Council Political Party".

To a question on media representatives being assaulted by the police, he said: " I do not deny it but I cannot also deny the violence against police personnel."

He said the proposal to set up a law academy was timely to maintain the integrity of the profession.

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