

PM: Protesters wanted to take over Putrajaya
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GUA MUSANG: Last Saturday's demonstration in Kuala Lumpur was an attempt by irresponsible parties to overthrow the Government, said Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The Prime Minister said the demonstrators had intended to occupy Dataran Merdeka to create a scenario similar to the one at Tahrir Square in Cairo.

"They wanted to occupy the square for days. That was why Bersih 3.0 organisers rejected the Government's offer for the event to be held at other venues.

"It was an attempt to take over Putrajaya," he said when launching the 1Malaysia community carnival.

Najib also expressed sadness that police had become a target, adding that he had visited a policeman in hospital who was repeatedly hit with a baseball bat until "he vomited blood".

"To these people, I challenge them to fight' at the ballot box. If you are *anak jantan* (man), let us fight there."

At a press conference later, Najib reiterated the Government's commitment to allow for peaceful assemblies.

However, he stressed that such gatherings must be in accordance with the law.

He also dismissed the Opposition's claims that he had to reconsider the timing of the election following Saturday's rally.

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