

**Rallies are okay as long as no law is broken, says Najib**  
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ROMPIN: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the Government has no objections to demonstrations as long as they did not break the law.

He said the Government practised open democracy and everyone's rights was protected under existing laws.

"We practise an open democracy. This means anyone, including the Opposition, can assemble in public as long as they respect the country's laws.

"But do it peacefully, like civilised people, not go wild and jump around as though you have lost your senses," he said at a meet-the-people session here yesterday.

He said the Bersih 3.0 rally organisers refused to take up the offer to hold the event at a stadium because it would be too peaceful for them.

The Prime Minister said nothing would have happened if the rally was held in a stadium, although this would mean the organisers would not get to appear on international news networks.

"If everyone just sat down peacefully and listened to speeches, it would be no fun for them.

"They (the organisers) needed to find ways to cause havoc between the protesters and police," said Najib.

On another matter, the Prime Minister said he would announce a most unexpected windfall for Felda settlers tomorrow.

"The Barisan Nasional government has already done its best for the people but we will not stop here.

"We want to build but the Opposition wants to destroy what we have built. We will not let them do that," he said.

Najib later launched a Pahang Girl Guides hands-on programme.

He also praised Girl Guides for nurturing leadership in women.

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