

**Najib: We can gather at stadium, why can't they?**  
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KUALA LUMPUR: Umno's massive celebration at the National Stadium in Bukit Jalil proves that an indoor gathering can be held and held peacefully, said Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Taking a jibe at the Bersih 3.0 rally on April 28, Najib said that Umno members and leaders gathered peacefully at the stadium because the party respected the law of the country.

"We do not need a large police task force.

"The police are looking joyful and smiling as they stand at the back.

"Why is it that we can gather at the stadium and they can't?"

"If they love the country and respect the law, then they should gather like we do," he said at Umno's 66th anniversary celebrations.

Najib quipped that Bersih could have declined to hold the rally at a stadium because they were afraid they might not get the numbers.

"It seems that we have more than them tonight," he said.

Najib criticized those who said that the Bersih rally could not be held at Stadium Merdeka as there was no history.

Calling it a lie, Najib said the stadium was offered for security reasons but the group was bent on going to the street to create chaos.

He claimed the group wanted a clash to happen to get international attention and portray the government in a bad light.

He slammed the violence that occurred during the rally.

Najib also criticised the DAP for not renewing the senatorship of DAP vice-president Tunku Absul Aziz following his criticisms against Bersih.

"They call themselves a democratic party but it seems like even some criticism is not accepted," Najib said.

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