

**Police To Show Rally Footage: Najib  
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 30 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said police will show the video footage of what actually transpired during the rally organised by an opposition-supported non-governmental organisation Saturday.

Najib who is Umno president said the move was to prevent certain quarters from exploiting the incidents at the rally in their attempt to win support and influence public opinion regarding the gathering.

"It's important for the police to show what actually happened. Police will not cover up anything including if there was misconduct on the part of their own personnel," he told reporters after chairing an Umno Supreme Council meeting at Menara Dato Onn, here Sunday night.

He said Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Ismail Omar would call a news conference tomorrow, explaining further about the move to show the rally footage.

Najib, who expressed regret that violence had occurred during the rally, also described its organisers as having failed to keep their promise of holding a peaceful gathering for a short period.

He said attacks on the authorities and the act to ram the barricade that was put up showed that the demonstrators did not respect the court decision, ignored the rule of law and demonstrated a culture of extremism and violence.

"Probably not all, but the result showed a situation that tarnished the assembly and those involved had to a certain extent tainted the country's image, the police became victims and were assaulted and so on," he said while expressing sympathy to the police personnel who were doing their job at the assembly Saturday.

The Prime Minister said the police would also carry out a comprehensive investigation on any excessive action against members of the public including media practitioners.

He also gave his assurance that the investigation would be carried out fairly and appropriate action would be taken.

"I am also concerned about the fate of the journalists who were doing their job. (It) has to be investigated, cannot be done in a slipshot manner...must be a fair and objective investigation.

The Attorney-General must decide based on facts and not emotion from the stories that were spread because they were totally incorrect," he said.

Besides that, Najib said the use of tear gas and water cannons to disperse participants who

were aggressive and refused to abide by police orders were options that were not detrimental to the health; and this matter had been verified by a medical officer on duty Saturday.

"They said it is better than physical aggression. If they don't disperse there may have been worse physical cases or injuries compared to what happened.

"Even more serious would be the loss of lives. We don't dismiss the possibility that it can happen because street demonstrations are difficult to control due to various factors," he said.

Najib clarified that these factors include the presence of extremist groups who cannot be controlled as well as mob psychology which can influence normal people into behaving violently.

"This is why the government did not allow the use of Dataran Merdeka as it is a historical and iconic site in our country's history. We also question the motive of rally organisers which may be used for political purposes," he added.

He said some 130 medical personnel including 30 doctors from Kuala Lumpur Hospital were deployed to provide treatment to rally participants.

The prime minister also said that the rally was the first test for the police in translating the action stipulated under the new legislation following the political transformation implemented by the government, including repealing the Emergency Ordinance 1969 and the Internal Security Act 1960, and introducing the Peaceful Assembly Act 2012.

To a question whether the government would set up another parliamentary select committee (PSC) to look into the demands of the rally organiser this time around, Najib there was no reason to do so because everything had been answered when the PSC on Electoral Reforms tabled its report in parliament recently.

Asked whether the rally would cast doubts over the dissolution of parliament and delay the 13th general election, Najib said: "I'm not doubtful. I don't know, let's see about that."

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