

Gathering: Situation Under Control Although Incidences Of Wild Behavior By Demonstrators - Police
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 28 (Bernama) -- The situation around Dataran Merdeka here where an illegal gathering is underway is under control although there were some incidences of demonstrators resorting to wild behavior, according to police.

City police media centre head ACP Rasdi Ramli said, however, so far there had been no serious untoward incidents.

"Police are monitoring the situation closely and will make sure public order is preserved and not threatened by any party," he said in a statement here.

He said as of 1pm, some 25,000 demonstrators had gathered around Dataran Merdeka.

Yesterday, police had obtained a Magistrate's Court order barring the organisers of the assembly and the public from convening at Dataran Merdeka from midnight today until May 1.

Offenders are liable to be prosecuted under Section 188 of the Penal Code whereby they can be jailed up to six months or fined or both, if convicted.

Meanwhile, police also made available several video clips which showed some of the demonstrators behaving wildly and parents bringing their little children to the assembly, which is an offence under the Peaceful Assemblies Act 2011.

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