

Black 505: Police are "being nice" today and the crowd cheers
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Until now, the Black 505 rally has been incident free and there are an estimated 20,000-plus supporters at Padang Merbok and its surrounds.

Kuala Lumpur police chief Datuk Mohamad Salleh has said no reports have been lodged and nor have there been any arrests. "The situation is under control."

Although police are present in huge numbers, their duties are confined to traffic regulation and crowd control.

One of the speakers, Badrul Hisham Shaharil, better known as Chegubard, praises police for "being nice" today.

He then chants "police baik, negara aman" to the cheers of the crowd.

Earlier, the authorities relented and agreed that the Black 505 rally could go on at Padang Merbok.

Dozens of policemen and City Hall officers stood and watched as organisers installed the public address system for the event.

One of the leaders of the rally, Datuk Johari Abdul, confirmed that police and City Hall had given their approval to hold the mass gathering at the field which until several hours ago was out of bounds.

"We thank the government for giving us our space to assemble," he said.

Johari has also reminded the people already assembled there to sit down and listen to the speeches and not to provoke the police.

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