

Supporters gathering for Black 505 in KL
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The Black 505 rally is gathering steam now in Kuala Lumpur. Crowds are beginning to arrive at the seven designated spots for their march to Padang Merbok at noon.

We have reports that Dataran Merdeka has been cordoned off. There is minimal police presence at Brickfields, Masjid Negara, the Sogo department store and the PAS headquarters at Jalan Raja Laut, University Malaya, Jalan Pekeliling and Jalan Sultan.

Traffic along Jalan Raja Laut is smooth and so far there are no reports of road closures.

Most of the rally-goers are dressed in black and small stalls have been set up to sell the Black 505 T-shirts.

The haze is no longer a concern as the latest API reading in Kuala Lumpur is below 80, meaning the air level is not in the unhealthy zone. but many are wearing masks anyway.

The rally is to protest the results of the recent polls and to demand the resignation of the current Election Commission team. It is going on despite the warning by the Kuala Lumpur police chief yesterday that the gathering is illegal and that there could be trouble.

Some comments from TMI readers:

* Washine: I hope Mahathir can be there to see if his " Chinese-only rally" rhetoric is a lie or a fact.

* richardkcc: Have this rally in front of the Indonesian Embassy to voice our concern on the haze.

* garyron: VIVA Black 505

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