

**Independent report on Bersih 3.0 is fair, says home minister**  
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The report from the government-appointed independent advisory panel on last year's Bersih 3.0 rally can be used as a guideline to improve measures in the Peaceful Assembly Act 2012, said the home minister.

Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, however, refused to reveal details of the report, saying that he had to submit it to the Cabinet.

"The cabinet will also decide if the report should be made public."

Ahmad Zahid, however, added that the panel was professional in their investigations, and that they were satisfied with the report of the panel which was headed by former Inspector-General of Police Tun Hanif Omar.

Hanif handed over the 500-page report to Ahmad Zahid yesterday.

It gave the true picture of what happened before, during and after the event, Haniff had said.

"We have advised the Government that we (the panel) were constituted to discover the truth, so I think there must be some expectations in the public domain ... that they ought to know what our findings are," he had reportedly said.

The independent advisory panel was formed on May 30 last year to probe allegations of police brutality during the April 28 rally.

The panel heard testimonies from 45 witnesses and viewed more than 72 hours of video clips from the police, the Internet and witnesses.

The witnesses included police officers, media personel, Election Commission members, City Hall officers and those from Syarikat Prasarana Negara Bhd.

Hanif, however, lamented that despite the open invitation for the public to come forward, the "main actors" refused to cooperate with the panel.

It was believed he was referring to Bersih 2.0 organisers and Opposition leaders. - July 11, 2013.

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