

Malaysia - Urgent Appeal: 438 individuals arrested at the anti-ISA rally in KL

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According to CPO KL, DCP Datuk Muhammad Sabtu Osman, the police have arrested 438 people at the anti-ISA rally in KL today and most of them are detained at Markas Pasukan Gerakan Am Cheras and a small group detained in Bukit Jalil Police Station.

From 2.30pm onwards, the police have been shooting tear gas and spraying chemical-laced water cannons towards the 10,000-strong crowd near Sogo shopping complex in Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman to force them to disperse.

Another 2,000-strong crowd that marched from Masjid Negara to Pasar Seni were surrounded by FRU and police at Dataran Merdeka. Tear gas and chemical-laced water cannons were also used during aggressive attempts at dispersing the crowd.

Those arrested include:

1. Sivarasa Rasiah (Member of Parliament of Subang), arrested near Sogo
2. Shahrul Iman Mohd Salleh, arrested at KL Sentral
3. Ikhwan Ikram, arrested at KL Sentral
4. Ahmad Adbul Wahab Abdul Rahman, arrested at KL Sentral
5. Kamal Nadhir Kadeni, arrested at KL Sentral
6. Abu Ubaidah Jalaluddin, arrested at KL Sentral
7. Mohammad Sholihin Mat Salleh, arrested at KL Sentral
8. Faizuddin Hazman Kadine, arrested at KL Sentral
9. Saad Musa, arrested at KL Sentral
10. Mohammad Helmi Hassan, arrested at KL Sentral
11. Mohammad Hafizuddin Mohd Ghazali, arrested at KL Sentral
12. Mohd Lokman Ahmad Mawi, arrested at KL Sentral
13. Mohd Fadzil Jan Jam, arrested at KL Sentral
14. Shamsul Anuar Nordin, arrested at KL Sentral
15. Mohd Marwan bin Husin, arrested at Masjid Negara
16. Aly Idham bin Alykallam, arrested at Masjid Negara
17. Bostaman Jumat bin Jaldi, arrested at Masjid Negara
18. Mohd Zulhilmi bin Mat Zin, arrested at Masjid Negara
19. Zulhelmi, arrested at Masjid Negara
20. Aiman Athirah Al Jundi, arrested in front of Pertama Kompleks
21. Norlaila Othman, arrested in front of Pertama Kompleks
22. Suhaib Mat Sah, arrested in front of Pertama Kompleks
23. Narshita Md Noor, arrested in front of Pertama Kompleks
24. Narshita Md Noor's child (13years old), arrested in front of Pertama Kompleks

25. Salmah Ismail, arrested in front of Pertama Kompleks
26. Hayati Abdul Samad, arrested in front of Pertama Kompleks
27. Bhari, arrested in front of Pertama Kompleks
28. Vincent Chun Weng Sum (41) arrested at Bandaraya LRT station
29. Nurhazwani bt Hamid (20) arrested at Pasar Seni
30. Sitti Kasuma bt Rojan (22) arrested at Pasar Seni
31. Roslee Mohd Shariff (35) arrested at Bandaraya LRT station
32. Razalie, arrested at Masjid Negara
33. Ali Kasim, arrested at Masjid Negara
34. Abdul Majid, arrested at Masjid Negara

SUARAM condemns the use of tear gas and chemical-laced water cannons against the protesters. The police also used excessive and violent force against the protesters. The traffic in KL is in total lock down because of police roadblocks that are used to screen for protesters and to deny their right to assembly and freedom of expression which are guaranteed under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Federal Constitution of Malaysia.

Even with the crackdown of the police on this Anti-ISA rally, it is still a massive success as around 20,000 people have attended and voiced out their dissatisfaction on Najib Razak's government, and that the draconian Internal Security Act (ISA) should not just be reviewed, but abolished.

We demand that the police release all arrested individuals immediately and unconditionally. We also demand that the police stop harassing the Malaysian people from exercising their rights to assembly and stop the assault on freedom of expression.

Released by,

Wong Chai Yi
Coordinator

Urgent action needed:

Please write protest letters to the government and the police to express your strongest condemnation of the arrests and the ongoing denial of rights of expression. Please also demand the Malaysian government for the immediate and unconditional release the three activists.

Your protest letters should be sent to:

1. OCPD Asst Comm Ahmad Amir Mohd Hashim

IPD Cheras
Polis Diraja Malaysia
56100 Kuala Lumpur
No. Tel : 03-92842222, 03-92843403, 03-92845398
No. Fax : 03-92879479

2. Inspector-General of Police

Tan Sri Musa Hassan
Ibu Pejabat Polis Diraja Malaysia,

50560 Bukit Aman,
Kuala Lumpur , Malaysia .
Tel: +603 2262 6015
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3. Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak,

Prime Minister of Malaysia,
Prime Minister's Office,
Main Block, Perdana Putra Building ,
Federal Government Administrative Centre,
62502 Putrajaya , MALAYSIA
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SAMPLE LETTER

[Letterhead of your organization]

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Dear Sir,

Re: Release the Individuals Arrested During Anti-ISA Rally

I am writing to you, once again, to express my outrage and my strongest condemnation over your government's ongoing crackdown on freedom of expression.

I am appalled by your government and the police's latest actions and view this as yet another attempt by your government to intimidate Malaysian citizens from exercising their freedom to express their views.

I demand that the 300 individuals should be released immediately and unconditionally. I further demand that your government stops the assault on freedom of expression.

I strongly urge you, once again, to stop bringing shame to Malaysia. I would like to remind you that freedom of expression and assembly is guaranteed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as well as the Federal Constitution of Malaysia.

Yours sincerely,

[Name]

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