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PRESS STATEMENT

SUHAKAM TO HOLD PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF, AMONGST OTHERS, EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE DURING THE ASSEMBLY ON 9 JULY 2011

The Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) refers to the organised assembly on 9 July 2011. On that day monitoring teams from the Commission comprising Commissioners and officers were on the grounds to observe and monitor the situation.

Since the said assembly, the Commission has received two memoranda from different groups including PAS Youth, SUARAM and BERSIH alleging, among others, excessive use of force by the law enforcement officials in dealing with and dispersing the crowd during the said assembly, as well as other possible violations of human rights prior to and on 9 July 2011 itself. Concerned over such allegations, and based on the observations of the Commission monitoring team, the Commission has agreed to hold a Public Inquiry into those allegations.

At the moment, the Commission is in the midst of setting up the Panel of the Inquiry and its Terms of Reference. Further details of the Public Inquiry will be announced in two weeks' time.

Members of the public who had witnessed any acts or incidents relating to such allegations, or who believe that they may be able to give relevant information and/or documents and other evidence including video/photo recordings pertaining to these allegations are invited to contact SUHAKAM as soon as possible.

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