

 KUALA LUMPUR: Ninety-one individuals involved in planning the three separate rallies tomorrow have been barred from the city centre business district on that day.

Among those barred from entering the business district are Bersih 2.0 steering committee chairman Datuk S. Ambiga, Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin and Perkasa chief Datuk Ibrahim Ali.

Others include DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang, PKR leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, PKR vice-president and Batu MP Tian Chua, Umno Youth secretary Datuk Megat Firdouz Megat Junid and Putera 1Malaysia Club president Datuk Abdul Azeez Abdul Rahim.

Police obtained three restriction orders from a magistrate's court here under Section 98 of the Criminal Procedure Code to prevent them from taking part in the rallies.

City acting police chief Senior Asst Comm Datuk Amar Singh said police would enforce the orders if those listed defied it.

They can be charged under Section 188 of the Penal Code with disobeying a lawful order of the court, which carries a maximum six months' imprisonment, or a fine or both, upon conviction, he told a press conference at the city police headquarters yesterday.

SAC Amar said they obtained the restriction orders to avoid any occurrences that could disturb public order and endanger lives.

This means that those listed in the restriction orders must not gather at any of the areas listed within the city central business district.

A special team has been set up to hand deliver the notices to all 91 people named in the restriction orders by today, he added.

Among areas listed under the restriction orders include Jalan Syed Putra, Jalan Istana, Jalan Sultan Hishamuddin, Jalan Lembah Perdana, Dataran Merdeka, Central Market, Masjid Jamek, Dataran DBKL, SOGO, Maju Junction, and Jalan Raja Laut.

There will be road closures and traffic congestion, SAC Amar said.

The restriction order received mixed reactions.

Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin tweeted his surprise that he had arrived from Gaza after trying to break the Israeli blockade only to find that I've been blockaded from KL.

He said he would hold an emergency exco meeting today as he did not think the ban was helpful.

Perkasa deputy president Datuk Abdul Rahman Abu Bakar said he accepted the court order but said his members not in the list would still counter-rally if Bersih 2.0 went on.

However, if we are not issued a permit by Saturday, then I don't think Perkasa will go ahead with our rally, he said.

Opposition party members, however, shook their heads at the ban, with DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang protesting against it.

The party's Seputeh MP Teresa Kok declared it was most unfair and a violation of her identity and profession as an MP.

PAS vice-president Datuk Mahfuz Omar said he had told the police he could not accept the court order as the PAS headquarters was located in Jalan Raja Laut.

PKR vice-president Tian Chua said the bar order was ridiculous and said the police should not stop him entering his own constituenc