Cops hope for trouble-free rally

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KUALA LUMPUR — Police hope there would not be any trouble as protesters gather in various parts of the city today for the anti-Goods and Services Tax (GST) protest.

City police chief Dato Seri Mohamed Saleh said yesterday he expected some 15,000 people to gather at KLIQ, Sogo shopping mall, KL Sentral, Central Market, Majlis Jemah, Pudu Sentral and Damansara Perdana.

He hoped they would observe the rules and regulations agreed upon by the organizers and police. “We had met the organizers on four occasions and we hope they will abide by what has been agreed upon,” he said.

Mohamed said the parties involved, including the organizers and protesters and the police, had their roles to play and should respect each other.

He said the participants and organizers were not allowed to use megaphones, make speeches or shout party slogans while walking to the Sultan Abdul Samad building from the meeting points.

Mohamed also urged the public to avoid entering the city centre where the protest was planned to gather as the areas were expected to be congested.

“These are the known meeting points of rallies. They are expected to gather from noon onwards,” he said.

The areas which are off-limits to the protesters, agreed upon between the police and the organizers, are the Dataran Merdeka field and podium area, where renovation work is going on.

Several roads in Petaling Jaya will be also be closed today in conjunction with Labour Day celebrations organized by the Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC).

Petaling Jaya police chief ACP Arjunalii Mohamed said the roads that would be closed in stages will be along Jalan Timur from the Jalan Sultan intersection on the Federal Highway.

He said those who wanted to join the rally should use LRT or LRT to avoid traffic congestion.

Hisham: Preliminary report on MH370 to be released today

SKPANG — The preliminary report on the disappearance of Flight MH370 will be released today.

Acting Transport Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein said the report would be similar to the one forwarded to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) by the Department of Civil Aviation.

“I don’t think there’s going to be any problem to release it. We have checked as a team that it’s going to be issued,” he said.

“The way forward and the consent that I requested in my negotiation with Australia and other stakeholders in the search, I talked and reported it to the Cabinet yesterday.”