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POLICE REFUSE PERMIT FOR GERAK RALLY AT BUKIT JALIL

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 10 (Bernama) -- Police today rejected a PAS application for a permit to hold a rally by the so-called Malaysian People's Justice Movement Council or Gerak at the National Stadium at Bukit Jalil here on Oct 17.

Cheras district police chief ACP Bakri Zinin said the decision was based on "reasons of security and public order".

"The organisers have been informed of the matter," he said here.

He said PAS, which is leading the movement, applied for the rally permit on Oct 6 and claimed that 500,000 people would attend it.

Gerak is a loose grouping of three opposition parties namely PAS, Parti Rakyat Malaysia and the DAP as well as nine non-governmental organisations campaigning for justice.

Bakri advised the public not to go to the disallowed rally at Bukit Jalil as police will take firm action since such rally would be deemed as an illegal gathering under Section 27 of the Police Act.

Similarly, on Oct 6, police rejected an UMNO Youth application for a permit to hold a rally at the same venue on Oct 10 for 150,000 Barisan National and NGO members to pledge support for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Kuala Lumpur police chief Datuk Kamarudin Ali then said the application was rejected on "security reasons."

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