

Define 'national consensus' talks, PAS tells Anwar
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PAS MP Nik Mohamad Abduh Nik Abdul Aziz has made a call for opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim to explain the agenda for the 'national consensus' talks between BN and Pakatan Rakyat.

Nik Abduh said he worried that it will turn out to be another "weird and uneasy" political move that will confuse the public like the 'Kajang' move, if the talks do not gain traction and focus soon.

"Whether it's national consensus, political or national dialogue or about a coalition government or for unity's sake, it should be explicitly described.

"If indeed it is the big agenda of Pakatan, Anwar needs to elaborate on it more clearly," Nik Abduh (left), the MP for Pasir Mas, said in a statement.

Nik Abduh said that from a series of statements issued, he could only draw that the talks were spurred by racial tension in opposition-run Selangor and Penang.

He noted that owing to international pressure, Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak may have seemed to agree to the talks, on the topics of social segments, politics, government and international relations.

"However, there doesn't seem to be full agreement here. Hence, where is the central focus for the talks?" Nik Abduh asked.

"I believe that if the topics for such talks are thrown out early for public discussion, it will mature better," he added.

Last month, after warning that race and religious tensions in the country had reached dangerous levels, Anwar then appealed for national consensus talks with the ruling coalition.

Najib's immediate response was that he would table the idea to his cabinet ministers.

However, a few days later, Najib came up with his own national reconciliation plan and was open to talk with all parties as long as it did not include the formation of

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