

July 9 Demo Will Be Cancelled Upon Agong's Orders
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PETALING JAYA -- S. Ambiga, the chairman of the Coalition for Free and Fair Elections (Bersih) which is planning to organise an illegal street demonstration in the federal capital on July 9, said she will cancel the event should she be ordered to do so by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin.

When asked by reporters at a news conference here whether the demonstration would be cancelled if directed by His Majesty, Ambiga replied: "Yes".

She said the coalition would accept any decision made by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong after they had an audience with His Majesty, which she hoped would be soon.

"We have requested for an audience with His Majesty to convey the people's concerns and aspirations for electoral reform and development of the democratic process, in line with His Majesty's hopes for national reconciliation. An announcement would be made following advice from His Majesty," she said.

She said an official letter for an audience with His Majesty was sent to Istana Negara yesterday.

Ambiga said this was decided by the organisers during a meeting last night after His Majesty on Sunday said street demonstrations would have more negative than good outcomes, despite noble intentions.

She added that she also met with former prime minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi this morning, during which she was advised to heed the advice of the King.

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