

DPM Hits Out At Rally Organiser For Being Adamant
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PUTRAJAYA -- Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin today hit out at the organiser of the July 9 rally for insisting that the gathering be allowed to be held at the Merdeka Stadium in Kuala Lumpur.

He said they should be reasonable as the government had allowed them to go on with the rally, but in a stadium.

The Cabinet had decided yesterday that the rally would not be allowed in stadiums in Kuala Lumpur, including the Merdeka, Negara and Bukit Jalil stadiums.

"I view their statement (to have the rally in the Merdeka Stadium) as a provocation, unwilling to give and take. What I see is that they are not acting in good faith. There is no sincerity.

"All this is just to provoke and cause feelings of hatred. The people are already happy that there will be no illegal rally. They are relieved," he said after chairing a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Supply and Price at his office, here.

Muhyiddin said he learned from unofficial reports that the rally participants would march to the stadium.

"What's so difficult about getting there? You just have to board a bus and alight at the stadium. It's so easy. Do not resort to anything that can be provocative," he said, adding that he would leave the matter to the police.

Muhyiddin questioned the insistence of the organiser to have the rally in the Merdeka Stadium which can only accommodate 30,000 people when they expected about 300,000 people to attend the gathering.

"What is the purpose of them wanting to hold it there? Other problems could arise." he said.

The deputy prime minister said the police would handle the matter, and added that Bersih 2.0 could not apply for the permit to hold the rally because it was illegal.

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