

PM to discuss Coldplay concert with mufti

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said he will hold talks with the Federal Territories mufti regarding allowing the Coldplay concert to proceed as planned today at the National Stadium in Bukit Jalil.

He said this is in view of the fact that there were lobbyists from the movement supporting Palestinians who also support the concert and at the same time, there were other parties who suggested the concert be called off.

"Coldplay is among the bands that support Palestine, so there is a small problem. Even the previous government had approved it. I will discuss this with the mufti.

"Because there are lobbyists from the Palestinian movement who support it and have given their views to the foreign minister and my office has (raised) why should we stop a group that supports the Palestinian cause from performing?"

He was replying to a supplementary question from Wan Ahmad Fayshal Wan Ahmad Kamal (PN-Machang) regarding the government's stance on the concert, given that Federal Territories Mufti Datuk Dr Luqman Abdullah had advised the concert be called off as it would not benefit society, Bernama reported.

Coldplay is scheduled to perform at the National Stadium in Bukit Jalil as part of its Music of the Spheres World Tour.