

PAS threatens Bersih 3.0 if Najib reneges on polls reform promise
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 12 — PAS Youth says it will spearhead a third rally for electoral reform if Putrajaya fails to fulfil the eight demands proposed by Bersih 2.0 earlier this year.

The Islamist party's youth wing also said it would organise a street demonstration similar to the one which brought the capital to a standstill on July 9 if the prime minister calls elections before the reforms are implemented.

"As long as the government doesn't fulfil the eight demands by Bersih 2.0, we will not hesitate to mobilise Bersih 3.0 with other NGOs," PAS Youth chief Nasrudin Hassan said at the party's headquarters here today.

"PAS Youth ... hopes the government will ensure that elections will only be held after the parliamentary select committee on electoral reform has performed its duty and met all our demands."

The polls reform panel, announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak following the Bersih rally, is currently holding a public hearing to hear views from ordinary Malaysians as well as lawmakers on the electoral system.

Barisan Nasional's (BN) refusal to give a guarantee that elections will only be held after the select committee has completed its task showed that the ruling coalition was not confident of victory, Nasrudin said.

He also said PAS Youth would sponsor a national election convention in Shah Alam to prepare the wing's machinery for snap polls, expected in the next few months.

Nasrudin added that PAS Youth has given the party leadership a list of candidates who are ready to be called upon to contest in the next general election.

"I'm not sure of the total number but the list has been handed to the central leadership," he said.

"We have asked that 40 per cent of the candidates who will contest be chosen from among the youth, including the Wanita PAS wing."

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