

Polls reform panel useless if under government control, says PAS
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 16 — The parliamentary select committee on electoral reform is useless if it is under the control of the government, PAS vice-president Salahuddin Ayub said today.

“There is no use having a select committee if it is still follows parliamentary culture and the government is in charge and we are the minority,” he told reporters at the PAS headquarters this afternoon.

His remarks today followed the Najib administration’s announcement yesterday that it would form a select committee on electoral reform.

“We were not informed. There was no consultation with us at all. What type or structure of select committee, we do not know. So now we are waiting for the terms of reference of the committee,” Salahuddin (picture) said.

“We are disappointed as to why the PM rushed to form the committee when all political parties were not consulted,” he added.

He said the committee was focused on electoral reform and not the main issue of foreigners given voting rights.

“If this continues, are we willing — in the short term and long term — for foreigners who do not understand this country and whose spirit differs from us to determine the political direction of the country?” he asked.

“This will leave a big impact on the country and the security of the country.

“We ask Najib not to run and to address this main issue of how the awarding of citizenship to foreigners is manipulated,” he said.

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