

BN reps for electoral reform panel to be confirmed tomorrow
The Malaysian Insider
September 20, 2011
By Lisa J. Ariffin

PUTRAJAYA, Sept 20 — Barisan Nasional (BN) will confirm its representatives for the parliamentary select committee on electoral reform in a meeting chaired by coalition deputy chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin tomorrow, Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz said today.

The bi-partisan committee is to be headed by a minister and composed of four members from BN, three from Pakatan Rakyat (PR) and one independent lawmaker.

"Tomorrow, the deputy prime minister will be calling a meeting at his office. The decision will be made then," the minister in the Prime Minister's Department said at his ministry's Hari Raya open house.

"Regardless whether the opposition wishes to participate or boycott it, the parliamentary select committee will go ahead," he added.

Nazri said the three chosen BN candidates would be regional representatives drawn from Peninsula and East Malaysia as well as various racial groups, adding that the coalition will provide the list to the Dewan Rakyat Speaker.

"I assume the opposition will name their representatives from DAP, PKR and PAS," he added.

The Najib administration in August announced the formation of the panel to examine the current electoral system following the July 9 Bersih 2.0 rally for electoral reform.

Tens of thousands took to the streets to support Bersih's rally for clean and fair elections in defiance of warnings of police action, which eventually resulted in nearly 1,700 arrests, scores injured and one ex-soldier dead.

The government crackdown led to international criticism and a group of Malaysians even held a protest when Najib visited London, a rare experience for any Malaysian prime minister abroad.

The Malaysian Insider
Copyright © 2011 The Malaysian Insider
Source: <http://www.themalaysianinsider.com/malaysia/article/bn-reps-for-electoral-reform-panel-to-be-confirmed-tomorrow/>