

**Pakatan to decide midweek on joining polls panel**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 21 — Pakatan Rakyat (PR) will decide next Wednesday if it will join the parliamentary select committee (PSC) on electoral reforms, PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu said yesterday.

The federal opposition has said that it may boycott the PSC if the panel did not meet its expectations, pointing out that it was not consulted before Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak announced the bipartisan committee last Monday.

“We (PAS) will make a decision together with Pakatan Rakyat,” Mohamad told The Malaysian Insider last night.

PKR deputy president Azmin Ali said recently that the opposition pact will decide based on the panel’s terms of reference.

Yesterday, DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang also questioned the panel’s clout after Najib said last Friday that the timing of general elections would not depend on the panel’s proceedings.

The Ipoh Timur MP further pointed out that PR was not consulted on the PSC’s membership and timeline.

Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Aziz said last Friday that a Barisan Nasional (BN) minister will chair the panel despite PR’s insistence on helming it.

He said the committee will comprise nine members — five from BN, including a minister as chairman, one from each of PR’s three parties and one independent representative.

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