

Opposition Offers Commitment To PSC If BN Meets Demands
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 13 (Bernama) -- The opposition, on Tuesday, offers its full commitment to the setting up of a parliamentary select committee (PSC) on electoral reform provided the government promises to accept five demands.

Pas vice-president Salahuddin Ayub said the Barisan Nasional (BN) must give its word to meet the five demands to ensure the PSC would reflect its commitment and responsibility so that the general election would be more transparent.

The five demands are, accepting all eight demands of the Coalition for Clean and Fair Elections and for the Election Commission to implement the demands covered under its jurisdiction, fixing of the general election date jointly by the opposition and BN, giving ample room for the PSC to carry out its duties, ensuring the issue of giving citizenship to foreigners as one of the agendas of discussion, and to implement all the decisions of the PSC.

"We are ready to offer our service for the good of the people through PSC but there must be a serious guarantee from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak on the matter," Salahuddin, who is also member of parliament for Kubang Kerian, told a press conference, here.

To a question, Salahuddin said, the opposition would not boycott the PSC if Najib did not fully fulfil the demands, but it would still not be prejudiced against the prime minister and hoped the government would consider the demands.

He said a letter on the five demands would be sent to the prime Minister soon, and hoped it would be answered before parliament sits on Oct 3.

Commenting on the second demand, he said: "It has been the practice of truly democratic countries, as shown in the United Kingdom where the Conservative and Liberal Democratic parties sit together to discuss matters."

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