

Parliamentary Select Committee Members Line-up To Be Announced Oct 3
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 22 (Bernama) -- The line-up for the Parliamentary Select Committee on electoral reforms is expected to be announced on Oct 3, when the motion on the setting up of the committee is tabled in Parliament.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz said the committee would then be given six months to make recommendations on electoral reforms in the country.

He said the Election Commission (EC) would prepare a memorandum on the setting up of the committee, including its framework, to be tabled to the Cabinet on Sept 7.

The framework, among others, would name nine members of the committee, besides taking into consideration all matters raised by non-governmental organisations earlier, he told reporters after attending a meeting with the EC concerning the committee's framework at Parliament House here Monday.

Present were EC chairman Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Mohd Yusof, his deputy, Datuk Wan Ahmad Wan Omar, EC secretary Datuk Kamaruddin Mohamed Baria, EC legal officer Mohd Azhar Mohd Yusoff, representative from the Attorney-General's Chambers and Dewan Rakyat secretary Datuk Roosme Hamzah.

Nazri said opposition parties would also be informed on the contents of the memorandum prepared by the EC.

The minister said, upon getting Cabinet approval, Parliament would be informed about the memorandum through the Rights and Privileges Committee chaired by Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tan Sri Pandikar Amin Mulia.

"Once the Rights and Privileges Committee endorses (the framework), then, the minister in charge of Parliament will table a motion," he said.

Mohamed Nazri said, only after the formation of the committee, a road show and public hearing would be held.

"During the road show and public hearing, we will hear suggestions and proposals from the public," he said.

On Aug 15, the prime minister announced the setting up of the committee to put to rest any suspicion of manipulation by the government in the country's electoral process.

The committee, he said, would comprise government and opposition members.

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