

Opposition Pact Stalling On Joining PSC On Electoral Reform
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- The opposition pact has still not decided on whether to join the parliamentary select committee on electoral reform announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak on Aug 15.

Opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim instead wants the prime minister to give the assurance that the next general election will only be held after the Election Commission has undertaken reforms of the election process.

"Under the existing law, there is no problem for the EC to take immediate action to resolve issues involving the electoral roll and election process," Anwar said after chairing the opposition pact's leadership council meeting at the PAS headquarters, here, Wednesday.

Among those present were PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu and DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang.

Najib had said that the setting up of the PSC was to remove suspicions of manipulation of election results by the government. The PSC is to be headed by a minister and to include nine parliamentarians comprising five from the ruling government, three from the opposition and an independent.

Anwar, who is also Permatang Pauh member of parliament, said the opposition had not made a decision on the matter but denied that it was boycotting the PSC.

"We still have a lot of time, and we (opposition pact) will be meeting again after Aidilfitri," he said.

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