

PKR Won't Join Gathering Of One Million Muslims On Saturday, Says Anwar Ibrahim
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 19 (Bernama) -- Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) will not participate in the 'Himpunan Sejuta Umat' or Gathering of One Million Muslims (Himpun) on Saturday at the Stadium Shah Alam, Selangor.

PKR advisor Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the decision was made after a meeting yesterday and all members of the opposition unanimously felt that it would not bring a positive outcome for the party.

"PKR fears that its participation in Himpun may be manipulated by certain groups particularly from several mainstream political parties," he said at a media conference at the Parliament lobby, here Wednesday.

Anwar, who is also the Opposition Leader, said PAS would also follow the PKR move by not participating in the gathering.

PKR did not want to create uneasiness and doubt between Muslims and followers of the other faiths in attending the gathering which was expected to be attended by one million Muslims at the stadium, he said.

The gathering, with the theme "Selamatkan Akidah" (Save Our Faith), is organised jointly by non-governmental organisations (NGOs), Muslim NGOs, educational institutions, corporate bodies, sports and recreational clubs, martial arts associations, uniformed units, youth clubs, members of mosque and surau committees, teachers and several other bodies.

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