

Government Will Act Against Organisers Of Sexuality Programmes - Raja Nong Chik
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 6 (Bernama) -- The government will take action on groups which organise functions related to the 'Seksualiti Merdeka' programme in Kuala Lumpur.

Federal Territories and Urban Well-Being Minister Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin said the Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) would periodically monitor the situation to ensure efforts to promote or encourage the programme was brought to a halt.

He said the DBKL had the right to take action as such events were not given approval.

"If it is carried out at business premises, we can confiscate the premises, and if it's held in public, we can take action against the organiser," he said.

Raja Nong Chik was speaking to reporters at the Perdana Qurban Ceremony 2011 in Jalan Klang Lama here today.

The Seksualiti Merdeka 2011 programme which was scheduled to begin on Tuesday and end on Nov 13, at Central Market's Annexe Gallery, demanded equal rights for homosexuals and transsexuals such as gays, lesbians, bisexuals, intersexuals and transgenders.

However, the programme was cancelled after the police banned functions organised by any group related to the Seksualiti Merdeka programme to safeguard public order.

Raja Nong Chik said, although such programmes were carried out annually since 2008, DBKL had not received complaints as there was no publicity on the matter.

Meanwhile, a qurban ritual at Taman Sri Sentosa was organised by the Lembah Pantai Puteri Umno and Umno Youth movements today, with help from the Federation of Peninsular Malay Students of the same area.

The ceremony, held at the Imam Al-Tirmizi Mosque, involved 30 cows, of which seven were Raja Nong Chik's personal contributions.

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