

**DAP wants polls panel suggestions implemented now**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 30 — DAP called Datuk Seri Najib Razak to implement immediately recommendations to be tabled by the parliamentary select committee on electoral reforms tomorrow — as promised by the prime minister in August.

Soon after announcing the bipartisan polls panel in response to the July 9 Bersih rally, Najib had said the timing of federal polls and the select committee “were not tied together” as some reforms can be done immediately.”

DAP secretary general Lim Guan Eng (picture) said that after the panel’s interim report is debated and passed tomorrow, “the prime minister must implement the reforms or he will be in contempt of Parliament.”

The report tabled today made recommendations to 10 areas including a royal panel to look into foreigners being given the right to vote in Sabah, calling for the use of indelible ink and allowing Malaysians residing overseas to vote.

“Even though it is just one step forward, we will support the motion tomorrow.

“As it is an interim report, we give it our interim acceptance,” Bagan MP Lim said, adding that other demands as outlined by Bersih, whose rally drew tens of thousands to the streets of Kuala Lumpur, must be implemented before a general election expected early next year.

DAP Youth chief Anthony Loke, who is a member of the select committee, said that “the report is tabled with the agreement of both Barisan Nasional and Pakatan Rakyat members, so it must be done now.”

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