

**Peaceful Assembly Bill Gives People Opportunity To Voice Out Views - Muhyiddin Bernama
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BANGI, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- The Peaceful Assembly Bill 2011 which will be tabled in Parliament next week, is aimed at giving the public the opportunity and space to gather peacefully and express their views, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said the bill to be tabled by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak was yet another manifestation of the government's seriousness to bring about political transformation in a holistic manner.

"It's best that we wait for the tabling where the prime minister will speak on the bill and explain the rationale behind it.

"The content of the bill will include the rules and procedures with regard to peaceful assembly.

"I hope this will be well accepted by the public," Muhyiddin said after presenting the national-level Ilham Desa Awards, here, today.

Yesterday, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Mohd Nazri Aziz said the bill to replace Section 27 of the Police Act would be tabled in Parliament next week.

In September, Najib announced that the government would review this legal provision and replace it with a new one.

In his special address in conjunction with Malaysia Day, the prime minister also announced that the government would repeal the Restricted Residence Act 1933 and Banishment Act 1959, which were duly repealed last month, as well as the Internal Security Act (ISA) 1960.

The ISA is expected to be tabled for repeal in March, 2012.

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