

**Parliament: Law Academy Proposal Stays: Nazri  
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 14 (Bernama) -- The government will proceed with its proposal to set up a law academy without seeking the approval of the Bar Council, the Dewan Rakyat was told Thursday.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz said the academy will not engage members from among the bar council but will be an organisation that represents the law profession as a whole, to include academicians and former judges.

"We tabled the proposal for the first reading 10 years ago. What right has the bar council to hinder academicians and those who work in banks, the Attorney General's Chambers, and former judges to have their own association? The academy will not engage members from the bar council. That would not be right.

"Why should there be a necessity for a consultation with the bar council on other people's rights? The issue does not arise. If the bar council is to restrain it, they are infringing on people's rights," he said during the question and answer session in parliament here.

He was replying to a supplementary question by Fong Po Kuan (Dap-Batu Gajah) who wanted to know whether a decision on the establishment of the academy has been made and whether the government had consulted the bar council on the matter.

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