

**Ministry's Stand On BERSIH Consistent, Says Hishammuddin  
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PUTRAJAYA, Aug 10 (Bernama) -- Home minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein said that the Ministry was consistent in its dealing with any gatherings organised by any parties, which was to prioritise public safety.

Commenting on plans of a BERSIH assembly at the same time as the national level Merdeka Day celebrations on Aug 31, Hishammuddin said such an intention and motive was questionable, with the main issue being whether the organisers could be trusted to keep their word of a peaceful event.

"I'm only looking at it from the context of national security and the Bersih 3.0 is a lesson that such gatherings do not proceed as promised.

"The important issue now is whether we can trust their promises and that's not something for me to determine," he told reporters after breaking fast at the Ministry here.

He said the organisers would still need to go through the normal process and seek approval from the Kuala Lumpur City Hall.

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