

"Himpunan Janji Bersih" Should Be Held In Peaceful And Civilised Manner
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IPOH, Aug 11 (Bernama) -- Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz said the government has no objection to the Aug 30 'Himpunan Janji BERSIH' gathering if it can be held in a peaceful and civilised manner.

He said the gathering could be held, as provided under the Peaceful Assembly Act, but the organiser would have to comply with the rules and regulations.

"The government has no problem if they want to hold a peaceful gathering because we have the Peaceful Assembly Act. What is important is for the organiser not to involve political issues during the gathering," he told reporters after presenting Aidilfitri aid here today.

Nazri said this when asked to comment on a gathering scheduled to be held at Dataran Merdeka on Aug 30 in conjunction with this year's Merdeka Day celebration.

On a claim by Opposition Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim that a few more political leaders in Sabah will join the opposition parties soon, Mohamed Nazri said it was normal, especially with the 13th general election to be held soon.

"There are some elected representatives or Umno leaders who might not be selected again to contest, like Lajim Ukin, so they act fast by jumping to another party, like a frog, to contest in the general election," he added.

He said Anwar's action in pulling the BN leaders who would not be selected to re-contest in the coming general election to join the opposition pact would not adversely affect BN.

"Anwar also jumps party, from Umno to PAS and then to PKR. It is not surprising to have him accept people like that," he added.

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