

Dewan Rakyat, Four State Assemblies Dissolved To Make Way For 13 General Election
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 3 (Bernama) -- The dissolution of Dewan Rakyat today which paves the way for the 13th general election (13GE) as announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak was followed by the dissolution of four state assemblies by 7pm Wednesday.

With the exception of Sarawak which is not required to dissolve its state assembly, the Negeri Sembilan assembly dissolved by itself on March 28, other states are scheduled to dissolve their respective state assemblies soon to enable the Election Commission (EC) to hold the 13GE simultaneously.

After dissolving Dewan Rakyat, Perlis was the first state to dissolve its state assembly, followed by Sabah, Melaka and Perak.

Four states under opposition rule are expected to make similar announcements late today or tomorrow.

In Kuala Terengganu, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Said said he would be seeking an audience with the Sultan of Terengganu Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin soon to seek his consent for the dissolution of the state assembly. Sultan Mizan who is abroad, is expected to return home tonight.

In George Town, Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng said he would announce the dissolution date after meeting the Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Abdul Rahman Abbas at 9.30am tomorrow.

In Kota Bharu, Kelantan Menteri Besar, Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said the state assembly will be dissolved in line with the dissolution of Dewan Rakyat and he does not want to change the matter even though the state can still postpone its dissolution.

Nik Abdul Aziz is scheduled to seek an audience with the Sultan of Kelantan, Sultan Muhammad V at Istana Telipot, tomorrow night for his consent to dissolve the Kelantan state assembly.

Before that, he will attend a meeting with Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers of states under the opposition coalition at the Parti Keadilan Rakyat office in Petaling Jaya, Selangor, tomorrow.

In Kuantan, Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob said he would be seeking an audience with the Sultan of Pahang, Sultan Ahmad Shah, tonight, to seek his consent to dissolve the Pahang state assembly.

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