

**Govt Does Not Curb Freedom Of Expression - Awang Tengah
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KUCHING, May 23 (Bernama) -- The Sarawak government does not curb the freedom of any quarters to express themselves so long as it is done through a proper channel, Resource Planning and Environment Minister II Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hasan said Thursday.

He said staging demonstration was not the best way to resolve issues.

"We provide various avenues for them to submit their views on issues. They should use them properly, not by staging demonstrations," he told reporters after closing the state-level 1Malaysia Oratory Contest in Kuching.

He was asked to comment on the action by a group of people who staged a demonstration in Kuching, Wednesday, to protest the construction of a hydroelectric dam in the state.

The action by the group of people could not be used as a basis to review the government's plan, he added.

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