

Restore democracy together before national reconciliation, PKR tells BN
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PETALING JAYA, May 25 — PKR today told political rival Barisan Nasional (BN) to work together to restore the country's democracy first before embarking on efforts to reconcile Malaysia after the May 5 general elections.

PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail said there should be both electoral and parliamentary reforms in the wake of the polls that saw Pakatan Rakyat (PR) winning the popular vote but losing the general election to BN.

"Therefore, as the majority voice of the people, we will continue to demand that the Barisan Nasional minority government together with us to carry out the Agenda Pemulihan Demokrasi (Democracy Restoration Agenda) through political reform, that is electoral reform and parliamentary reform before offering reconciliation," she said in her presidential speech at the party's ninth national congress today.

Earlier in her speech, she said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's call for a national reconciliation after the May 5 polls was proven to be "not sincere" after a BN leader challenged citizens who were unhappy with Malaysia's electoral system to move to other countries.

She did not name the leader, but she was likely referring to newly-appointed Home Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi's controversial remarks in an article carried by Utusan Malaysia earlier this month.

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