

No talk on PSC until electoral reform demands met, says Pakatan Malaysian Insider
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PETALING JAYA, June 3 — Pakatan Rakyat (PR) leaders today refused to commit their involvement in the parliamentary select committee (PSC) to oversee the Election Commission (EC) until all their demands for electoral reforms are heeded.

The ultimatum comes even as several opposition figures have called for the PSC to be led by PR, after Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak announced the transfer of his office's responsibility to Parliament on Saturday.

"Our position is clear, first the EC must resign. They're not only incompetent, but complicit in the fraud and mass rigging. Do not attempt to cover up," said de facto Opposition Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (picture) in a press conference here.

"Don't use this to deflect attention from the fraud and delay the process," he added, referring to the PSC.

Anwar expressed his concern that the exercise might end up just like the PSC on electoral reforms announced immediately after the Bersih 2.0 rally for clean, free and fair elections.

Despite remaining non-committal about the proposed PSC, PR today announced that it will support a peaceful rally slated to be held on June 15.

The rally is expected to continue the theme from the series of "Black 505" rallies that have been held nationwide to protest against alleged electoral fraud during Election 2013.

"The committee secretariat and representatives from NGOs will scrutinise every details and negotiate with the Inspector-General of Police and security forces, to ensure it will go on peacefully and in control," Anwar said.

Since the results of Election 2013 were made official, PR has held the rallies against the EC even as Barisan Nasional (BN) leaders and analysts criticised the decision.

According to PKR on Saturday, the rallies will continue despite the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah's call for Malaysians to accept the results of the 13th general election.

Yesterday, The Malaysian Insider reported PKR vice-president Fuziah Salleh, together with DAP election strategist Dr Ong Kian Ming and PAS central working committee member Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad calling for PR leaders to lead the PSC to eliminate any conflict of interest.

The election regulator has been accused by opposition politicians of favouring the ruling BN and even helping the 13-party coalition keep its unbroken grip on power for years, but none more so than in the recently-concluded May 5 general election.

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