

Government Studying Legal Provisions For National Harmony Act - Nancy Bernama
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 30 (Bernama) -- The government is in the midst of carrying out research on legal provisions that are suitable to be included in the proposed National Harmony Act, the Dewan Negara was told today.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Nancy Shukri said the aim was to seek the best balance to provide justice for all in the country.

She said the National Harmony Act, which will replace the Sedition Act 1948, emphasised the need to guarantee freedom of speech for every citizen, as well as address the pluralism complexity inherent in the country.

"The comprehensive study encompasses scrutiny of existing national legislation and other countries' relevant legislation.

"It also covers other aspects such as punishment that should be imposed and the suitable enforcement powers," she said when winding up debate on the Royal address.

Thus, Nancy said, the proposed Act emphasised national unity and fostering mutual respect among society, as well as guarantee the freedom of speech as enshrined in the Federal Constitution.

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