

Forum on

Right to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Association: International Standards and Good Practices

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8 Sept 2012 (Saturday) | 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

(Registration starts at 10:00 am)

Raja Aziz Addruse Auditorium

Bar Council, 15 Leboh Pasar Besar, 50050 Kuala Lumpur

Admission is Free.
Limited Seats Available!

The Peaceful Assembly Act 2012 ("Act") regulates public protests in Malaysia. Proponents of the Act state that the Act allows citizens to organise and participate in assemblies peacefully and without arms, subject to restrictions deemed necessary and in the interest of public order and security.

The Act, which replaces section 27 of the Police Act 1967, raises issues such as prohibition against street protests, prohibition against organisation of assemblies by persons below the age of 21 years, prohibition against participation of children below the age of 15 years in assemblies, stringent requirements on organisers and assemblies, heavy fines for non-compliance of the Act, implications on the community, and Rights v Security needed to strike a balance.

This public forum, jointly organised by Bar Council Human Rights Committee, Constitutional Law Committee and Criminal Law Committee, will feature Maina Kiai, United Nations ("UN") Special Rapporteur on the Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association, who will speak on UN standards and world experience on freedom of assembly and association. Maina Kiai had spoken on Malaysia's handling of peaceful assemblies during his closing speech at the 20th session of the UN Human Rights Council meeting in Geneva in June 2012.

Joining him on the panel are:

- (a) Baljit Singh Sidhu, Member of the Bar
- (b) S Arutchelvan, Grass Root Activist and Secretary General, Malaysian Socialist Party ("PSM")
- (c) Muhammad Sha'ani b Abdullah, SUHAKAM Commissioner, SUHAKAM
- (d) Moderated by Andrew Khoo, Co-Chairperson, Human Rights Committee

I/ We would like to register for the forum:

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Address : _____

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Date : _____ Signature : _____

Pre-registration is required, as places are limited. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The deadline for registration is **6 Sept 2012 (Thursday)**. Completed forms are to be forwarded to:

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