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Asean Cultural Parade

Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Seri Dr Maimunah Mohd Sharif marching in a parade with members of the diplomatic corps and Asean delegations in the city yesterday. At the same event, Maimunah said City Hall will hold discussions with the Prime Minister's Department about designating protest sites.

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Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Seri Dr Maimunah Mohd Sharif (fourth from left) participating in the Asean Cultural Parade @ Kuala Lumpur Car Free Morning in the federal capital yesterday. NSTP PIC BY ASYRAF HAMZAH

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CITY HALL MULLS GAZETTED RALLY SITES

Designated areas must be discussed with PM's Dept first, says KL mayor

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KUALA Lumpur City Hall is open to gazetting specific locations in the city centre for peaceful assemblies and demonstrations.

Mayor Datuk Seri Dr Maimunah Mohd Sharif said the proposal was being considered as the capital was often chosen as the venue for such events.

However, she said, the designated sites must first be discussed with the top management of the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories).

"We need to have comprehensive discussions (on gazetting designated locations for peaceful assemblies and demonstrations) as City Hall falls under the (jurisdiction of the) Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories)."

"This matter will be brought up for further deliberation, and details of the location will be announced later," she said at a press conference after officiating the Asean Cultural Parade @ Kuala Lumpur Car Free Morning

(KLCFM) here yesterday.

On Saturday, thousands gathered at Dataran Merdeka here to show solidarity with Palestine through the "Malaysia Bangkit for Gaza" Assembly.

On July 26, the opposition-led rally organised by Pas was also held at Dataran Merdeka, drawing about 18,000 participants, according to the authorities.

The event drew controversy after 20 tonnes of rubbish were reportedly left behind by participants, based on figures from the Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Corporation.

Maimunah added that City hall was also prepared to work with relevant parties to draft specific standard operating procedures (SOP) for peaceful assemblies and demonstrations in the capital.

"I see that all gatherings already have existing SOPs, such as those related to safety. This includes SOPs for booking event venues."

"However, there is no specific SOP for peaceful assemblies (as of now), and this proposal may also be brought to higher-level discussions."

Separately, Maimunah said the KLCFM marked the start of a series of key Asean-level conferences taking place in the capital this week, involving delegates from across the region.

Among these, she said, was the Asean Sustainable Urbanisation Forum, which serves as a plat-

form for city representatives to share experiences in smart technology adoption, green development, low-carbon solutions, and efficient resource management.

She said the Meeting of Governors and Mayors of Asean Capitals will also gather governors and mayors from Asean states.

"These conferences aim to strengthen cooperation between cities through discussions on fair, inclusive and responsive approaches to climate change and community needs."

"The Meeting of Governors and Mayors of Asean Capitals will serve as an official gathering of capital city leaders in the region to discuss shared issues such as waste management, housing, public mobility, public health, and contributions to achieving development goals by 2045."

"The combination of these three programmes cements Kuala Lumpur's position as a leading city actively driving development cooperation with a vision of being greener, more open, and ready to face future challenges."

On the KLCFM, Maimunah said three major events were held simultaneously — the Asean Cultural Parade KLCFM, the Technip Fun Run and the 2025 Merdeka Fun Run.

The events were attended by ambassadors, members of the diplomatic corps and Asean delegations.