

Legal aid for civil and syariah from 1 Jan

PUTRAJAYA: As of 1 Jan, the Legal Aid Bureau would expand its scope to civil and syariah matters, following a high demand from those who could not afford legal representation, said Minister in Prime Minister's Department, Datuk Seri Nazri Abdul Aziz.

He said the expansion into syariah would cover proceedings on engagement losses, marriage debt and alimony.

"It would also cover proceedings in relation to living bequests and wills which are linked to family cases," he said at a press

conference after the Legal Affairs Division monthly gathering here, yesterday.

Nazri said the widening of the bureau's jurisdiction to civil matters in Sabah and Sarawak included application for maintenance, adoption and estate administration, which has been available in Peninsular Malaysia only so far.

However, the move would be dependent on the availability of human resource at the Bureau, to ensure quality of service, he added. - Bernama