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ELECTION COMMISSION DOES NOT KNOW WHO VOTES, SAYS MAHATHIR

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KUALA LUMPUR, April 25 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the Election Commission does not know who votes in any election, including the recent state elections in Sabah.

In accordance with the law, all election documents including the list of voters who cast their ballot were sealed and could not be opened except on the order of an election judge.

Replying to a question from Haji Nik Abdullah Nik Arshad (PAS-Pengkalan Chepa) in the Dewan Rakyat, he said under the Election Rules, the documents would be kept for six months before they were destroyed, except in the case where an election petition had been filed.

Dr Mahathir said the Election Commission would only know how many voters went to the polls through the electoral roll.

The Election Commission could not remove anyone's name from the roll except in cases where the voter had died, was disqualified or there was duplication of registration. -- Bernama

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