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Parties turn deaf ear to reminders on posters

GEORGETOWN, Tues. - Despite reminders from the authorities, political posters, flags and streamers can be found throughout Penang even today.

What's worse is that much of this paraphernalia is now in tatters and a real eyesore.

According to law, all parties have 14 days after the election to remove their campaign material from public places. Failure to do so could result in a fine of not more than RM2,000.

The local authorities have been conducting most of the clean-up work and will be billing the parties later.

In Kota Baru, the Municipal Council's licensing division chief Johari Mohd Noor said clean-up work was being hampered by the rainy spell.

However, he said workers had removed about 80 per cent of the posters, flags and banners.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said in Alor Star that political parties must speed up removal of their campaign materials.

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