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PARLIAMENT: MAKE CLAIMS BEFORE ELECTION, SAYS PM ADVISES

KUALA LUMPUR, July 23 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today advised those who are dissatisfied with the electoral role issued by the Election Commission, and claim that there are phantom voters, to make their allegations before any election.

"Actually (they) should make the claims before an election but they only do so when they lose. This shows they have other intentions," he said when replying to a supplementary question from Raja Datuk Ahmad Zainuddin Raja Omar (BN-Larut) in the Dewan Rakyat.

Raja Ahmad Zainuddin had congratulated Barisan Nasional for winning the Likas state by-election last Saturday with a bigger majority of 7,541 votes before asking the prime minister what measures and actions had been taken by the government against those who promised a ticket to heaven to those who supported them.

The by-election was won by the BN's Datuk Yong Teck Lee who polled 9,758 votes against Dr Chong Eng Leong of PBS who received 2,217 votes, Christina Liew Chin Jin of Keadilan (1,724 votes) and Independent Joshua Kong Yun Chee (50 votes).

The by-election was held after the result for the Likas seat in the 1999 state election was declared null and void by the High Court because of the existence of phantom voters.

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