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PAS URGES EC TO INVESTIGATE "PHANTOM VOTERS" CLAIM

KUALA TERENGGANU, Aug 14 (Bernama) -- PAS has called on the Election Commission (EC) to investigate claims that the party had brought in voters from other areas to vote for it in the recent Anak Bukit state by-election.

PAS vice-president Datuk Mustafa Ali said that the accusation was baseless and the EC should investigate the matter.

"Such allegation is baseless and Umno leaders repeated the accusation eventually to tarnish PAS's reputation," he told a news conference here yesterday.

He was commenting on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement last Sunday claiming that PAS had brought in voters from other areas to win elections in certain constituencies such as Anak Bukit.

Dr Mahathir was quoted as saying that during the Anak Bukit state by-election last month, PAS had taken 2,000 voters from his constituency in Kubang Pasu to vote in Anak Bukit.

Mustafa said Umno leaders should accept the fact that the party had lost in Anak Bukit and should not make excuses for its defeat.

He said PAS was prepared to accept any ruling by the EC to standardise the election system where only local permanent voters in the areas were allowed to vote in the respective constituencies.

"However, at present, such ruling has yet to be implemented where outside voters are not allowed to vote in areas where they have registered," he said.

Mustafa said no one should question PAS's victory in the Anak Bukit state by-election as the result was genuine and the voters were local.

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