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Redelineation: DAP, Pas Youth unhappy

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - DAP and Pas Youth today said the redelineation of constituencies was unfair to the people and undemocratic.

They said it was carried out by the Election Commission merely to help Barisan Nasional in the coming general election.

Pas Youth chief Mahfuz Omar said the EC had clearly failed to act as an independent body.

"The redelineation was not only illogical but totally against the fair, democratic process in choosing a government," he said in a statement.

Mahfuz said the EC should give consideration to objections from the various concerned parties who wanted to ensure the people could honestly elect the Government of their choice.

DAP national chairman Lim Kit Siang said it was a violation of the one-man-one-vote principle.

Lim said if Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had already decided that the draft constituency redelineation proposals were fair, the whole process of objections, enquiries, reviews and second round of reviews would be rendered redundant.

Mahfuz and Lim were commenting on Dr Mahathir's statement yesterday that the exercise was fair as it was based on the distribution of population.

The Prime Minister dismissed claims by Pas that the BN had a hand in the exercise.