

Tindak challenges EC to debate electoral roll
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Voter education group Tindak Malaysia has challenged the Election Commission (EC) to a public debate on the electoral roll.

Tindak Malaysia founder Wong Piang Yow, in a statement yesterday, said the debate will also address the issues of redelineation and conducting elections in the country.

"It is time that both the EC and the parliamentary select committee (PSC) on electoral reform debate with concerned members of the public on this important topic.

"If broadcast 'live' on RTM, it will allow Malaysians from all walks of life to decide on the commitment of Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's administration in cleaning up the electoral roll," he said.

Tindak Malaysia together with electoral reform group Bersih 2.0 had jointly submitted several proposals to the PSC on the legal changes required to institute electoral reform.

Wong said EC's engagement with civil society is critical as countless of dubious voters have been exposed, but the commission claims that it does not have the power to rectify the electoral roll.

Sabah RCI to blunt Bersih 3.0?

"What we see is unfortunately a huge gap between the words of the prime minister, the action of the EC and the PSC's electoral reform report tabled in Parliament on April 3.

"As elections are widely expected this year, this matter needs to be clarified urgently," he said.

NONEWong also noted that PSC chairperson Maximus Ongkili (right) in his capacity as PBS deputy president had renewed calls for a royal commission of inquiry (RCI) on illegal immigrants allegedly being granted instant citizenship, despite not including the issue in the final PSC report.

"Is Maximus laying the groundwork for Najib to offer the RCI as a sop after the Bersih 3.0 sit-in on April 28...

"We note that the RCI was practically presented as a fait accompli in February during Najib's visit to Sabah but nothing came out of that," he added.

