

Residents lodge reports over 45 alleged phantom voters

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Kampung Pandan residents today triggered the alarm bell on widespread electoral fraud in the Malay enclave by lodging police reports on 45 unknown voters found in their areas.

They are among some 300 such people found along three roads.

Former Kampung Pandan village head Arshad Ahmad (left) told reporters outside the Ampang district police headquarters this morning, that he was shocked to learn some 19 voters were registered at his home address, despite his family consisting of four members only.

Arshad said he neither recognised nor had heard of the names of the other 15 voters.

“These individuals were not on the electoral roll in 2008. I wonder who they are,” he said.

Also lodging a report was Kampung Pandan village development and security committee (JKKK) chairperson Mahadi Abdul Rashid, who claimed there were 30 dubious individuals registered under non-existent residences on Lorong Kemajuan.

The village folk fear that their security will be compromised as the unknown individuals can abuse their addresses in the village for vice activities.

Spike of 8,000 new voters

Kampung Pandan geographically falls under the opposition-held Cempaka state constituency, with Iskandar Samad being the assemblyperson, and the Pandan parliamentary constituency with former MCA chief Ong Tee Keat being the representative.

Iskandar, who was present when the report was lodged, said he had noticed the worrisome trend in Kampung Pandan when his service centre carried out a voter verification exercise recently.

“In Kampung Pandan alone, there are 300 unknown voters with addresses on three roads,” he claimed.

He said the entire Cempaka constituency has seen a spike of 8,000 new voters, from 32,000 in 2008 to 40,000 today, many of whom he said did not live in the houses where they were registered.

"I am worried that the dubious voters might affect the outcome of the next general election in my area," Iskandar (left in photo) said.

The villagers and Iskandar held up an anti-phantom voters banner outside of the police station

and demanded that the Election Commission (EC) acts on their complaints within a month.

Should the EC fail to address the issue, Iskandar said, he will display the list of dubious voters at two councillors' offices and the JKKK office in Kampung Pandan.

“We will then offer RM50 to anyone on the list to come forward and tell us how they got shifted into a stranger's house,” he said.

The PAS-funded initiative is being employed to ensure the security of the villagers, he added.

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