

Correct 'misplaced' voters, EC urged
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As many as 107 voters of the Kuala Kubu Baru state constituency have allegedly been misplaced into the adjacent Batang Kali state constituency, according to a ground-check conducted by Selangor DAP.

DAP assemblyperson for Kampung Tunku, Lau Weng San, urged the Election Commission (EC) to correct this mistake that has been going on for years.

During a press conference in Petaling Jaya today, Lau said the voters are residing in a new village located in Kuala Kubu Baru constituency, near to the border of Batang Kali constituency. It was formerly named Kampung Baru Batang Kali.

However, when the village was renamed to Kampung Baru Bukit Chandang in the mid-1990s, Lau said, the EC probably mistook it as a part of a voting locality in Batang Kali constituency named Batu Chandang.

"Subsequently, the EC moved some of the new voters to Batang Kali constituency.

"The village head had conducted a survey, and found out that 107 villagers are affected due to the change, and they have to travel further outside their village to vote," said Lau.

Nine of the voters have filed an official complaint to the EC through Lau, but the EC has replied that no change will be made until the next constituency redelineation exercise, which will most likely be carried out after the next general election.

The DAP state secretary also found similar cases in his own constituency, Kampung Tunku.

He discovered from the electoral roll that three voters with addresses in the adjacent state constituency, Damansara Utama, have been registered as voters in Kampung Tunku.

"We discovered this after the state government conducted a state-wide exercise to detect new voters registered after 2008 general election," he said.

However, Lau still urged the EC to act on the mistake as soon as possible.

'Mismanagement of voters'

"The electoral roll is dirty not just because of phantom voters, it is also dirty because of mismanagement of voters, as they are being shifted everywhere.

"I'm only talking about new voters after 2008. It could be worse for senior citizens, for they would be more confused if their voting areas are different."

Lau called on voters with such problems to contact him or Selangor DAP.

"We would like to keep a record on how big the problem is, as this problem is very well-known," he added.

In April, the Selangor government has set aside RM5 million to launch a 'Selangorku Bersih'

programme involving state civil servants and village heads to ensure that the electoral roll in the state is clean and in order.

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