

More 'phantom' voters get Najib's New Year letter

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More controversies surrounding Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's New Year letter have surfaced after the opposition received yet another complaint of more than two dozens such letters being sent to unknown persons in a house in Petaling Jaya.

DAP Subang Jaya state assemblyperson Hannah Yeoh (left in photo) who is also looking after the Bukit Gasing constituency following the death of the incumbent representative, said the latest complaint was from a house in that area.

"The house owner had received 28 letters from the BN, but he doesn't know any of these people," she told a press conference with Kampung Tunku state assemblyperson Lau Weng San and Kasthuri Patto, political secretary to DAP veteran Lim Kit Siang.

To make thing worse, Yeoh said a search on the electoral roll shows that there are 37 names of unknown persons registered at that address.

"We want to ask Najib and (Selangor BN coordinator) Mohd Zin Mohamed whether these are their phantom voters?" asked the first-term assemblyperson.

By revealing such 'phantom voters' itself, Yeoh said BN is like scoring an own goal.

"I wouldn't say they are not smart, but maybe there are too many phantom voters until they also don't know (who is who)."

Similar complaints

On Wednesday, PKR's Rawang state assemblyperson Gan Pei Nei (right) had revealed that a resident in Rawang had received a letter addressed to an unknown Indian woman.

According to Yeoh, the DAP has also received similar complaints from residents in the Subang Jaya and Kinrara state constituencies.

"The other two complainants received one to three letters addressed to unknown persons, not as many as the Bukit Gasing case," she said.

She urged people to alert Pakatan should anyone receive similar letters.

Yeoh urged the Election Commissions to clean up the electoral roll ahead of the national polls.

Malaysiakini has also reported the case of Tiruchelvam Vallipuram, whose daughter was

found to have been registered as a voter without her knowledge.

"My daughter is studying in India. She went there before turning 21 and she definitely would not have registered as a voter, he told Malaysiakini.

"I then went into the Election Commission's website to check whether she is registered," said Tiruchelvam.

His check confirmed that his daughter is eligible to vote in the Subang Jaya state constituency and the Kelana Jaya parliamentary constituency.

Old IC number for voter

In another related development, the DAP revealed that a man born in 1988 is holding an old identity card number, which was used to register another voter.

According to Kasthuri (left), a man by the name of Jenson had gone to Petaling Jaya Utara MP Tony Pua's office to register as a voter.

However, DAP workers there were shocked to discover that his MyKad carried his old IC number.

"He was born in 1988 and shouldn't display the old IC number. So we sent his registration form to the EC as a 'test'."

"And after that, a search on the EC website showed that the old IC number belongs to another voter," she said.

PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim had previously claimed that a Selangor government survey of new voters in the fourth quarter of 2011, had determined that around 134,000 of them were untraceable.

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