

EC chief says DAP can still contest despite ROS action

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DAP will be able to field candidates as usual on nomination day, regardless of the Registrar of Societies' (ROS) decision to suspend the party's central committee.

This was confirmed by Election Commission (EC) chairperson Abdul Aziz Mohd Yusoff this afternoon.

"It will not affect, they can contest," Aziz said in a text message reply to Malaysiakini.

He also said the letters of authority issued by DAP for its candidates are "valid" and will be recognised by EC.

Abdul Aziz was asked on the ROS letter, which cited the suspension of DAP's central committee, and whether it would affect the party in placing its candidates in this general election.

The ROS has just informed the DAP that it does not recognise the party office bearers elected late last year, following a technical glitch in the party's tabulation of votes.

In view of this, the ROS ordered the DAP central committee to be frozen until its investigations are completed.

A copy of the ROS letter to DAP was sent to the EC.

The ROS letter states that while awaiting the resolution of the dispute, it does not recognise the present office-bearers who took up their posts on Dec 15, 2012.

The ROS has been harping on the technical glitch in its party polls, which saw a lesser-known Vincent Wu to be out while Zairil Khir Johari was in.

The ROS was supposed to have the inquiry into the matter today, but it was reported that it had agreed to postpone the matter until after the general election.

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