

PKR to disclose evidence of vote-buying

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Opposition party PKR today disclosed that it has documented cases of vote-buying in Penang and Sabah, and will release video evidence of the cases.

"We have the vouchers, RM50 in Penang and RM1,000 in Sabah.

"We have video evidence to support this, which we will release soon," said the de facto party leader Anwar Ibrahim.

He alleged that the distribution of cash, cash vouchers and gifts to voters by a "desperate" BN are rampant.

Anwar was speaking to reporters during a press conference at party headquarters in Petaling Jaya today.

When quizzed on allegations from electoral reform pressure group Bersih's election monitors that Pakatan, too, breached election guidelines by providing food and drinks with the party logo on the packaging to voters, Anwar admitted to the blunder, but added that corrective measures have already been taken.

'Corrective measures taken'

"We have given immediate instructions that it should stop," he said.

Anwar explained that from first observing BN who was doing the same, they thought it prudent to also distribute Pakatan-themed food and drinks.

However, after it was pointed out that this act is in conflict with regulations by Bersih's observers, he stressed that the practice was since stopped.

While it was not granted official observer status by the Election Commission, Bersih has set up a monitoring body to oversee electoral conduct and a special committee to look out for incidents of political violence and breaches of caretaker government guidelines.

The group has named and shamed both sides of the political divide for apparent violations, and has already blacklisted some for acts of political violence.

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