

Bersih slams the thousands of air-flown dubious voters
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Bersih has condemned efforts to fly in tens of thousands of alleged dubious voters and being transported to key battleground states and constituencies.

In a statement late yesterday, it described such efforts as a blatant move to defy the wishes of genuine voters across Malaysia.

"The most critical elections in Malaysia's history are likely to be stolen from the rakyat with a series of fraudulent moves on the eve of polling day," the Coalition for Free and Fair Elections better known as Bersih said.

NONE" Bersih urges Malaysians in the strongest terms to come out in record numbers to vote tomorrow.

We ask all Malaysian voters to make an informed decision, on your own free will, about the politicians you can trust and those that you cannot believe any longer."

Bersih also urge Malaysians to cast their votes with full awareness of the travesty of democracy going on.

From the number of complaints that Pemantau has received, Bersih said it is now very clear that its claims of predicting this election to be the dirtiest ever is correct.

"We deplore the silence of the caretaker prime minister, Najib Razak and condemn this complete lack of action by the Elections Commission (EC), in the face of these most serious allegations over electoral roll fraud.

"The EC, which denied the postal vote to hundreds of thousands of East Malaysians working in the peninsula, and even more citizens working in Singapore, is now standing mute as planeloads of people are being flown into the peninsula to vote."

tengku adnan tengku mansor in putrajaya campaign ge13The general election tomorrow is likely to be neither free nor fair, it said.

Meanwhile, Bersih co-coordinator Ambiga Sreenevasan called on the EC to explain the allegations.

Ambiga said as the body responsible for managing the election, the EC cannot keep

quiet to the allegations on the possibility of foreigners being phantom voters and are voting in tomorrow's pivotal election.

"I am concerned of EC's silence. They cannot reject the allegation by saying that it is without basis. We need to know the foreigners are brought to where. The EC cannot remain quiet," she said at a press conference in Petaling Jaya today.

On Thursday night, BN and Umno secretary-general Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor (right) admitted that the flights were in fact organised and paid for by "friends of BN" to send registered voters back to their hometowns to vote.

Tengku Adnan, has however denied PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim's claims that these were "dubious" voters from East Malaysia.

Blatant abuse of power

Meanwhile, Bersih special committee on conduct co-chaired by Irene Fernandez and Zaid Kamaruddin are extremely concerned with these revelations that a large number of foreign workers or Malaysians from Sabah and Sarawak are being transported to the peninsula.

NONEIt's alleged this is being done through chartered flights by Malaysia Airlines and Air Asia, and the Prime Minister's Office is involved.

If this is true, they said this would not only undermine the country's sovereignty, and the integrity of the election process.

"This is also the most blatant abuse of power and the machinery of caretaker government and the code of conduct on caretaker government in particularly the PMO's office.

"We demand a public explanation from Najib with evidence that will prove the emails from the two airlines companies implicating the PMO is not true.

"A simple denial and silence would not be enough to restore public confidence on the caretaker government," it said in a separate statement.

The committee also deplores the violations by Najib who has made one announcement after another related to budget allocations and policy decisions when he is only a caretaker minister.

This, they said included the upgrade of status for Han Chiang College to a

university college, an allocation for a new campus for UiTM, and the approval of a branch campus for Ee Heng High School in Penang.

Others include the approval of one more school for Foon Yew Chinese school in Johor Bahru, the approval of an additional school for Chung Hwa Chinese school in Kuching and the announcement of building 9,999 low and medium cost housing units in three areas in Penang recently.

Additionally it said the caretaker Terengganu Menteri Besar Ahmad Said also announced the award of Bukit Besi iron ore mining concessionaire of 230 hectares to Perwaja Holdings Bhd.

NONE" Campaign posters show "Vote for Prime Minister Najib " is also a violation of the guidelines as he is no longer a PM but a caretaker PM. He is leader of the BN and this campaign banner gives a false perception of his leadership."

It reminded that the caretaker government has no right to give out direct allocations or cash promises as it constitutes to vote buying.

"The campaign should focus very much on the manifesto and policies that will bring about a better quality of life for the rakyat and move the nation to a more mature democracy where freedoms and rights are respected and upheld.

"In view of the continued disregard of the code of conduct on caretaker government of Bersih and the repeated violations of this code of conduct by Najib, we decided to place him in the blacklist for breach of code of the conduct of a caretaker government," the committee said in a another statement.

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