

Pakatan wants courts to vet Sabah voter list

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Pakatan Rakyat will file a judicial review application to challenge the veracity of the electoral roll involving several constituencies in Sabah.

At a press conference in Kota Kinabalu today, PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim said there is evidence that the electoral roll is tainted with non-citizens.

He said that this had affected the election in five parliamentary constituencies in Sabah - Pututan, Sepanggar, Libaran, Kudat and Tawau.

"We cannot accept (the results) because not only did we win the majority vote (but) there was that huge scam... In Sabah, other than the election petitions for Kota Marudu and Pensiangan, we will bring the case of non-citizens casting their votes.

"This is a serious case in Sabah and in the name of justice, the courts should, in the judicial review that we will be filing, decide that Election Commission must clean up the electoral rolls," he said.

RCI testimonies to be used

Apart from the judicial review, Anwar said Pakatan will be filing about 30 election petitions to challenge the results of the 13th general election.

Anwar did not present any evidence during the press conference but claimed that Pakatan's research found that more than 60,000 non-citizens had voted in Sabah on May 5.

In addition, he said Pakatan's lawyers will also be submitting testimonies given to the Royal Commission of Inquiry (RCI) on Sabah's population boom as evidence.

Several beneficiaries of the so-called "Project IC" or "Project M" - essentially a citizenship-for-votes scam - have provided detailed testimonies to the RCI on how easy it was for them to become a full-fledge Malaysian citizens.

Anwar predicts that the chances of Pakatan succeeding in its application for a judicial review and election petitions were "slim" because he believed that "judges of integrity" who decide based on facts and the law are scarce.

"I am hopeful and if the judiciary system cannot defend the Federal Constitution and law, then it is a tragedy for Malaysian," he said.

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