

EC refused to verify doubts on foreign voters, says MP

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BERSIH TRIBUNAL Klang MP Charles Santiago today said that the Election Commission (EC) refused to verify the people's suspicions on whether a busload of foreign workers were indeed phantom voters intending to vote in his constituency during election day.

"I called the EC and asked them to come down and verify if these people had voted. But the EC said it's past 5pm and thus their job is done," Charles told the People's Tribunal on GE13 organised by Bersih 2.0 today.

NONECharles (left) was referring to the election day incident where a bus with 18 passengers, 17 of them foreign workers, was halted and attacked by an angry mob of locals near a school in Pandamaran.

While the locals have been charged with attacking the bus, Charles revealed how the EC refused to verify allegations of phantom voters even though provided the opportunity to do so.

He was the first witness to appear before the tribunal today, which is being conducted by UM law professor Gurdial Singh Nijar in front of a five-person panel.

The panel is chaired by a constitutional expert from United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Yash Pal Ghai.

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