

**'Ghostbusters' on stand-by for 'phantom' voters**  
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'Phantom' voters heading for Ijok had better look out. 'Ghostbusters' will be on the stand-by as voters cast their votes tomorrow.

"We have set up a special task force to look out for any suspicious voter," Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) vice-president and election bureau head Azmin Ali (photo)said when met in Ijok.

He claimed there could be a 'change of strategy' by the opposite side where buses will not be used to bring in the 'phantom voters' as was the case for the Lunas by-election in 2000. He did not elaborate.

Azmin was asked to comment on the party's preparation for the possibility of 'phantom' voters turning up. PKR had alluded to this after raising several questions over the veracity of the electoral roll.

Yesterday, party information chief Tian Chua said in a press statement that PKR's election workers at all levels had been instructed to make a 'citizen arrest' if they discover any 'phantom' voter.

Chua said party workers had been asked to keep a watchful eye on individuals who possess another person's identity card or those offered money to obtain another voter's identity card.

He added that it was important that 'phantom' voters not be given a chance to affect the results of the crucial by-election tomorrow.

**'No arbitrary arrests'**

Meanwhile, Selangor chief police officer Ismail Omar said police would not allow anyone to make arbitrary arrests and any complaint over 'phantom' voters should be dealt with by the Election Commission.

In Ijok, PKR has complained about cases of voters who could not be located at their registered addresses, of dead persons who are still listed on the electoral roll and the number of voters who are aged over 100.

There are 12,272 eligible voters in Ijok and they can start casting their votes at the nine polling stations from 8am until 5pm tomorrow.

In the Lunas by-election in 2000, PKR leaders had stopped several buses which they claimed were ferrying 'phantom' voters to the polling stations.

They were later charged for stopped 14 buses with passengers who were on their way to the BN office in the constituency. The case is still being heard in court.

PKR defeated BN in that by-election with a wafer-thin margin of 530 votes following a tidal-swing of some 5,000 votes.

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