

Voters: Aged 8 to 107
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According to the gazetted electoral, there are 31 eligible voters in the state constituency of Ijok who are above the age of 100. Among them, 19 are aged 107.

Most of them are listed in the polling district of Pekan Berjuntai Bestari Selatan, followed by Bukit Badong and Tuan Mee.

Apart from this, there is also an eight-year-old voter. Ispani Mohd Rejo's year of birth was stated as 1999 in the electoral roll.

"How many Malaysians actually live over 100?" asked opposition Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) Wanita chief Fuziah Salleh when met in Batang Berjuntai yesterday.

PKR is fielding Khalid Ibrahim, who will take on Barisan Nasional's K Parthiban in this Saturday's contest.

According to Fuziah, the electoral roll has raised many questions apart from the 'uncommon old voters'. Some 1,000 names were also reportedly removed or transferred to another polling district without consent.

Citing a particular case, she said two sisters K Jothiammah and Jokiamah, who were registered voters for the Pekan Ijok polling district saw their names transferred to Tuan Mee without their knowledge.

Other discrepancies include the names of dead voters still on the list and certain voters listed could not be found at the registered address.

According to Fuziah, she could not provide an exact figure as it would be a 'tedious process' to tabulate the figures.

"We carry out checks on the ground from door to door since the first day of the election campaign and we managed to cover about 50 percent.

"We have received complaints and heard people complaining but some are yet to come forward to provide further details. What we have discovered is just the tip of the iceberg," she said.

Logo modification

As for the party's next course of action, the Wanita chief said: "We are not allowed to protest against the electoral roll (to the Election Commission) because it has been gazetted. We will have to see whether these people actually come out to vote on polling day."

Meanwhile, PKR also submitted a complaint with the EC yesterday over the slight modification to its logo on a public notice of election. (see photo).

Information chief Tian Chua said he was puzzled why the EC did not use the PKR logo

submitted to the commission earlier but instead chose a different one.

"This is a serious matter because the same logo will appear on the ballot paper during polling day.

"I hope there is no deliberate attempt to confuse voters to reduce our votes, especially among the older people. They can become confused or in the end, it will be considered as spoilt votes," he said.

Responding to the complaints from PKR, EC secretary Kamarulzaman Mohd Noor said the commission is not empowered to "make people disappear from the electoral roll".

"Give us the evidence so we can check," he said when contacted, adding that the current electoral roll had been displayed at public places previously.

On the 31 voters above 100, Kamarulzaman said: "It could be, it is not uncommon."

As for the eight-year-old voter, he attributed this to the technical difficulties faced by the commission in recording his age.

"That person was actually born in 1899 (aged 108 now) but due to the Y2K (millennium bug), our computer system can't show the year 1899 and it turned out as 1999," he added.

As for dead voters on the list, he said this was because the commission was not informed of their deaths.

On the grouses regarding the PKR logo, he merely replied: "The logo will be displayed in black and white (on the ballot paper)."

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