

**PAS In Conditional Favour Of Indelible Ink Use In Elections**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 22 (Bernama) -- PAS said today it is in conditional favour of the use of indelible ink to mark voters which the Election Commission (EC) proposes to do in the next general election.

Its information chief, Datuk Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man, said the party wants an assurance from the EC that the use of the ink to mark a voter's finger can prevent repeat voting.

He also said that the party hopes that the use of the ink does not violate Islamic laws.

"We hope that the use of indelible ink in the next general election will instill confidence in the people on the running of elections in the country," he told Bernama.

Tuan Ibrahim said it was incumbent upon the EC to convince voters that the practice does not violate Islamic laws and the ink cannot be wiped off easily with chemicals.

EC chairman Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Yusof announced on Dec 19 that indelible ink would be used in the next general election.

He had said then that the ink to be used is different from that proposed but not used in the general election in 2008 due to questions about its effectiveness.

Abdul Aziz had also said that a sample of the ink, which contains silver nitrate, was sent to the Chemistry Department on Dec 9 to test its contents and suitability and would be sent to the National Fatwa (Edicts) Council to determine suitability of use on Muslims.

In August 2007, the National Fatwa Council decided to allow the use of the special ink recommended by the EC to mark voters, saying that the practice does not violate Islamic laws.

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