

Defence chief denies postal votes fixed allegations
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 18 — Chief of Defence Forces Gen Tan Sri Zulkifeli Mohd Zin denied the allegation by four former soldiers that they were instructed to mark thousands of postal ballots while in serving, instead claimed these soldiers were being used by "certain quarters".

Yesterday in a PAS press conference the soldiers revealed how they were allegedly instructed by their commanding officers to mark the ballots on behalf of other servicemen.

Today, at the armed forces media conference Zulkifeli assured the public that voting by soldiers was clean, transparent and done in a professional manner without any interference from higher ups, Bernama Online reported.

He added that the balloting process was monitored by representatives of all the contesting political parties and independent observers.

Present with him at the press conference were Chief of Air Force Gen Tan Sri Rodzali Daud, Chief of Army Gen Datuk Zulkifli Zainal Abidin and Chief of Navy Admiral Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Jaafar.

Zulkifeli took the opportunity to clarify about the setting up of a territorial army company in each parliamentary constituency. He said that these potential personnel can be recruited in defending the country, and will be regular voters not army voters.

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