

DAP to submit electoral roll 'irregularities' to EC
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KUALA LUMPUR (Sept 8, 2011): DAP Socialist Youth chief Anthony Loke today said he will be submitting all "evidence" showing the existence of phantom voters in the electoral roll to the Election Commission (EC) for further action.

"I will personally hand over all the proof DAP has gathered to the EC on Monday at 10am and I hope its deputy chairman Datuk Wan Ahmad Wan Omar will be present to receive it," said Loke.

Loke and leaders from the other opposition parties had raised various discrepancies in the electoral roll, but Wan Ahmad had repeatedly dismissed the claims as being mere "data entry errors by assistant registrars".

Wan Ahmad had also urged Loke to submit all available information to the EC so corrective measures can be taken.

Earlier this week, the Rasah MP had highlighted 22 cases of "same-sex marriages" in an army camp within his constituency, as the wives of army personnel were found to hold identity cards with numbers which indicated the male gender.

At a press conference held at DAP's headquarters today, Loke claimed that 12 other similar cases had been found in Rasah, Gemas and Rembau army camps.

Additionally, Loke also claimed DAP had found 117 cases of old IC numbers which were converted into two new IC numbers each on the electoral roll.

Despite Wan Ahmad's reassurance in the past that the Agency Linkup System between EC and National Registration Department (NRD) has been effective to ensure that only eligible voters are registered, Loke said that DAP had uncovered names in the electoral roll which does not exist in the NRD database.

Also present at the press conference was DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng who suggested that the most effective way to eliminate data entry errors in voter registration would be to do it automatically, once a person reaches legal voting age.

"The NRD database is already there. And with computers, everything can now be done very quickly," he said.

In an immediate response, Wan Ahmad told theSun that he will personally ensure that all complaints lodged will be checked and a written response will be sent to Loke once the process is completed.

On calls for automatic voters registration to be implemented, Wan Ahmad admitted that the move will go a long way towards eliminating data entry errors. However, he said the matter should be discussed in the Parliamentary Select Committee for electoral reforms.

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