

**Hisham vows to tell all to poll reforms panel**  
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KLUANG, Oct 15 — Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein today pledged full co-operation to the parliamentary select committee (PSC) for electoral reforms over allegations that the government has been exchanging Malaysian citizenships for electoral support.

Insisting the government has nothing to hide, the home minister then alleged that opposition leaders have also made citizenship applications similar to those Putrajaya was accused of abusing.

“There are leaders from these opposition parties whose applications we (the ministry) we have also approved. That alone proves we do not pick sides.

“All this will be revealed to the committee later,” he was quoted as saying on Bernama Online.

Pakatan Rakyat had previously accused the Barisan Nasional government of offering citizenships to at least 1,600 foreigners in exchange for their votes.

The government has since formed a bipartisan parliamentary select committee to look into electoral improvements including cleaning up the electoral roll.

Hishammuddin added the National Registration Department (NRD) has already offered an explanation regarding the allegations.

“When the NRD director-general explained the issue, they (opposition) kept quiet,” he was quoted further by Bernama Online.

In his speech at an earlier function, the minister reportedly said only 30 Bangladesh nationals were given Malaysian citizenships over the past seven years and only seven have voting rights.

Of the seven, he added, only four have registered as voters.

The PSC was formed by the Najib administration following the tumultuous July 9 Bersih 2.0 rally in Kuala Lumpur, where police arrested nearly 1,700 people in a bid to clamp down on the march for free and fair elections.

The committee also chose to adopt Bersih’s eight demands, one of which was for the electoral roll to be cleaned up.

The PSC comprises five BN lawmakers, three from PR and one Independent MP.

BN’s MPs include Datuk Seri Maximus Ongkili, Datuk Alexander Linggi, Datuk Seri Radzi Sheikh Ahmad, Tan Sri Fong Chan Onn and P. Kamalanathan while PR’s MPs are Azmin Ali, Anthony Loke and Dr Hatta Ramli. Wangsa Maju MP Wee Choo Keong is the sole Independent lawmaker in the PSC.

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