

Let police, soldiers vote outside camp, says DAP's Loke
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 9 — Police and armed forces personnel should be allowed to cast their ballot outside camp to prevent possible infringement of voting rights, DAP Youth chief Anthony Loke said today.

He said the authorities should scrap the current postal voting system in favour of advanced voting as polling agents from political parties could now only enter camp with written permission from the armed forces or police.

“Voting should take place outside camp so it has nothing to do with the Defence Ministry,” he (picture) said in the lobby of Parliament here.

“If one (camp) commandant tries to be funny and says he won't allow you in because of security reasons, EC can't enforce it.”

De facto law minister Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz's said in a written reply earlier this week that polling agents must obtain permission from the camp commandant or police district chief two days before voting takes place.

He said it was important permission was obtained beforehand as civilians were prohibited from entering camps owned by the army and the police.

The Opposition alleges that military personnel are not allowed to pick the candidate of their choice and also face pressure from seniors to vote Barisan Nasional (BN).

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