

PR: Reform panel must insist on indelible ink
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 9 — Pakatan Rakyat (PR) will push the electoral reform panel to pass a resolution tomorrow pressing the Election Commission (EC) to commit to the use of indelible ink.

DAP Youth chief and Rasah MP Anthony Loke (picture) said it was time the parliamentary select committee made the resolution as tomorrow's meeting would be its fourth and final one before it convenes a public hearing.

Loke is one of three Opposition MPs on the nine-man bipartisan panel, along with five BN MPs and one Independent.

He said the resolution would also boost public confidence in the panel, which is seen as weighted in incumbent Barisan Nasional's (BN) favour.

Loke also stressed that the EC must decide soon if it will use indelible ink as the commission would need time to train officers and solve other logistical issues before it can deploy the safeguard.

"The way they (EC) answer sounds like they can do it, so why not do it?"

"The EC must give a firm answer tomorrow to the committee," he said in the lobby of Parliament today.

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