

Polls reform group wants RCI on phantom voters nationwide
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 15 — Putrajaya needs to set up a royal commission of inquiry (RCI) to investigate reports and allegations of a sudden influx of voters in some parliamentary constituencies, a polls reform group said today.

Tindak Malaysia said the government could not ignore the issue of phantom and dubious voters, and that the Election Commission (EC) had been too slow to respond to the matter.

The group said in a statement that there have been reports of cases such as 30,000 newly registered voters in Subang and 13,000 in Sabah, and that this sudden increase raised suspicions of phantom voters in the electoral roll.

“Is it true that foreigners have been given citizenship in return for a vote for Barisan Nasional? What is the real story behind Project IC in Sabah? How serious is the problem in Peninsular Malaysia?”

“What has gone wrong and who are responsible for the issuance of citizenship to foreigners?” said Tindak Malaysia founder Wong Piang Yow.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has remained coy on the status of an RCI to look into the problem of illegals in Sabah, only saying ambiguously that the matter is still under consideration.

Wong said the National Registration Department (NRD) could play a part by opening its database to the public to verify the integrity of the electoral roll.

Alternatively, he said, the NRD should publish a monthly “supplementary citizen list” to identify newly registered citizens in order to act against the alleged influx of illegal immigrants who have been given citizenship.

Yesterday, PKR vice-president Fuziah Salleh claimed proof to some 3,950 voters nationwide being registered as military and police voters, and that some of the voters were more than 30 years old.

Tindak Malaysia together with Bersih 2.0 submitted a list of proposed amendments to the Parliamentary Select Committee (PSC) on electoral reforms last year.

The Malaysian Institute of Microelectronic Systems (Mimos), an agency under the purview of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, in its report to the committee on February 14 revealed some 200,000 names of “dubious” voters.

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