

**Thousands removed, added to electoral roll without gazette, says PKR veep**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 15 — The Election Commission (EC) must explain why thousands of deletions and additions to the electoral roll made in the first three quarters of last year were not gazetted, Fuziah Salleh said today.

The PKR vice-president alleged that during that period, 106,255 voters were taken out of the roll while 6,705 were added with no display or gazette every quarter, as required by law.

Fuziah claimed the EC 'add names as they like, they cut names as they like'. — File pic "The EC must gazette. They cannot just go and delete names. That is illegal," the Kuantan MP told reporters in the Parliament lobby here.

"This is a very grave, serious matter that EC is involved in... They don't follow procedure. They add names as they like, they cut names as they like."

Also present were Batu MP Chua Tian Chang and Gopeng MP Dr Lee Boon Chye.

Fuziah pointed out that a few hundred voters added and lost would make a "big difference" in constituencies that were won with only a small margin of votes, saying that an audit should be done on the EC's system.

She alleged that it was possible the EC was not aware of changes made to the electoral roll as a "remote system" may have access to the commission's database.

Electoral reform NGOs must continue to scrutinise the electoral roll for anomalies because it was not PKR's responsibility to be checking it, she added.

"We have other things to do but we have no choice because they are lying all the time," he said.

A February 14 report by the Malaysian Institute of Microelectronic Systems (Mimos) to the parliamentary select committee on electoral reform revealed some 200,000 names of "dubious" voters.

A polls reform group today called for a royal commission of inquiry to be set up to investigate allegations that there has been a sudden influx of voters in some parliamentary constituencies.

Tindakan Malaysia said the EC has been too slow to respond to the matter and that the government could not ignore the issue of phantom and dubious voters.

There have been reports of 30,000 newly registered voters in Subang and 13,000 in Sabah, which have raised suspicions of phantom voters in the electoral roll.

Yesterday, Fuziah claimed she had proof of some 3,950 voters nationwide being registered

as military and police voters despite the fact that many were too old to have joined either organisation.

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