

**Umno chides Pakatan for inviting foreign electoral observers**  
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KUALA LUMPUR: Pakatan Rakyat Opposition was chided for "inviting" a group of foreign electoral observers for the upcoming polls.

"It is a preemptive ploy by the Opposition to discredit the electoral process and the result of the coming general election," Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Mansor told reporters here Tuesday.

He said the request was made by Opposition leader Datuk Ser Anwar Ibrahim via a letter requesting a meeting with a group of 12 foreign electoral observers.

"The question over the invitation of foreign poll observers is one for the Election Commission to decide and not any party.

"However, I am willing to meet up with the group to listen to what they have to say," he said.

On a separate matter, Tengku Barisan Nasional secretary-general said that two or three Barisan components had submitted their candidates list for the coming polls.

He noted that he had not viewed the unopened letters containing the names of proposed candidates as he had handed them over to the party secretariat in charge of candidates list.

Tengku Adnan reiterated that Barisan component parties have until the end of April to submit their list.

"Only two or three components have submitted their list as there are some who like to wait till the last minute to do it," he said.

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