

**Bersih claims voter roll manipulated even during PSC probe**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 4 — Bersih 2.0 alleged today that instances of electoral fraud still continued as the parliamentary select committee (PSC) conducted its six-month investigation.

Its co-chairman Datuk Ambiga Sreenevasan explained at a press conference here that this was one of the main reasons behind "Bersih 3.0", which is the coalition's third rally for free and fair elections to be held this April 28.

"The issue of fraud is continuing... it hasn't stopped. We want to establish that one of the main reasons for Bersih 3.0 is because while the PSC was working, fraud was still being carried out," she told the packed room at the Kuala Lumpur Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall (KLSCAH) this afternoon.

The press conference, attended by the group's steering committee members and other non-governmental organisations, was organised to announce the date of the rally.

"This information today was of last Friday," Ambiga added.

She said this in reference to an earlier briefing by academics Wong Chin Huat and Ong Kian Ming who had revealed to the media more discrepancies in the present electoral roll, which had yet to be rectified by the PSC and the Election Commission (EC).

In his presentation on discrepancies in the postal voter roll, Ong revealed instances of those who have been registered twice — as a civilian voter and as a postal voter.

This, he warned, meant that the individual could be allowed to cast their ballot twice in one election.

Ong also pointed to examples of police voters, whose spouses are also registered as postal voters.

"For those of you who are unaware, only the spouses of army personnel are allowed to become postal voters, not the spouses of police personnel," he said.

An even more surprising discovery, Ong said, were instances where the spouses of army or police personnel appeared to be married to individuals of the same gender.

He cited one such case where one female postal voter was supposedly the wife of an army postal voter, who also happened to be registered as "female" on the roll.

In the same example, Ong said that the female army personnel's details, whose name contained a "bte" to indicate she is female, was later changed to "bin" but the "gender" column in the EC's registry was maintained as "perempuan" (female).

"So we don't know now whether this person went through a sex change operation or something," Ong said, triggering laughter across the room.

The briefing by academics Wong Chin Huat and Ong Kian Ming on discrepancies in the present electoral roll. — Picture by Jack Ooi

Next, the lecturer also pointed to cases of "over-aged" army recruits, revealing one example found in the third quarter roll for 2011 where one 42-year-old man was removed from the civilian roll and placed onto the postal voter roll.

"But the maximum age for an army recruit is 30 years," Ong said.

The same individual, he revealed, was later transferred in the next quarter to an army unit in Jeli, before being moved to Ketereh, which Ong noted is a marginal seat.

In another incident, Ong pointed to a police voter whose date of birth read "1900".

"So it seems we have a 112-year-old police voter," he said.

The oldest voter registered on the EC's roll, added Ong, was purportedly born in 1853, which would make the individual 159-years-old this year.

"Maybe our healthcare is really very good," he joked.

During his presentation, Wong cited several examples of irregularities on the current roll of civilian or regular voters, including individuals with different names but the same old IC numbers and same addresses; same names with slightly different new IC numbers; and same names with slightly different birth dates and new IC numbers, among others.

He revealed that there are presently at least 560 "clones" in the system who share similar details but different names.

His data, added Wong, is based on the EC's 2011 fourth quarter voter registry.

"This means the fraud took place while the members of the public were busy presenting their submissions to the PSC," he declared.

The PSC was formed last October by Datuk Seri Najib Razak after his administration earned widespread criticism over its handling of the Bersih 2.0 rally for free and fair elections in July.

The nine-member bipartisan panel conducted 13 meetings, six public hearings and one fact-finding mission to several countries abroad and finally presented its findings to the Dewan Rakyat yesterday.

But despite its lengthy 22-point recommendations list, opposition lawmakers and Bersih have continued to complain that the PSC has failed to introduce total reform to the country's election process.

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