

Election Officers Asked To Be Thorough In Work In Comng General Election
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KUALA TERENGGANU, June 4 (Bernama) -- Election Commission (EC) deputy chairman, Datuk Wan Ahmad Wan Omar has asked election officers to scrutinise the background of contesting candidates due to increased challenges faced by the EC, following the abolition of the display and objection process in the coming 13th general election.

He said with the abolition, the EC's responsibilities had definitely increased in ensuring the candidates were free of criminal offences, were not bankrupt and did not fail to submit their financial statements previously, especially for candidates who lost in the last general election and wanted to contest again this time.

"With this abolition, we expect the submission of the nominaton papers to end early, around 9am to 10am compared to until noon previously.

"Hence, the names of the candidates are expected to be announced by 10.30am, so the EC's work process in this is short, but it should be reminded that we have increased responsibilities as all the powers are vested with the election managers," he said at a briefing for Terengganu election managers and assistant managers for the coming general election, here.

During the briefing, Wan Ahamd also asked media personnel who would be voting by post to apply to the EC if they would be working on polling day and this had to be verified by their respective departments.

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