

**13th General Election To Be Most Intense But Still Clean – EC  
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PUTRAJAYA, July 19 (Bernama) -- The coming 13th general election is expected to be the most intense in the history of the elections, but it will still be transparent and clean, according to the Election Commission (EC) chairman, Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Mohd Yusof.

He said the coming elections would also see the most changes taking place including the compulsory use of indelible ink on voters.

"That is why the EC is prepared in every aspect to ensure the smooth process of the coming elections including holding special briefings for the political parties," he told reporters, here, Thursday.

Earlier, he gave a briefing on the coming elections including efforts taken to clean up the electoral roll at a meeting between the EC and representatives of Barisan Nasional components, Parti Rakyat Malaysia, Parti Keadilan Rakyat, Parti Cinta Malaysia and DAP, among other political parties.

Therefore, he hoped that whatever lingering doubts or dissatisfaction would be brought up to the EC for appropriate action to be taken and not to the media which could result in negative public perception of the EC.

"The EC is an independent and professional body that is open and it gives enough space for all quarters to give comments or feedback to together ensure that the coming elections will be the best and cleanest ever," he said.

"Don't need to create the perception that the EC is partial to a certain party because in this country's elections, the candidates or parties preferred by the people would win."

On the electoral roll, Abdul Aziz said the EC was always working at ensuring it would be the cleanest possible but the word 'clean' was relative.

"Maybe in the morning it was clean, but in the evening it is no longer clean due to the death of a few voters or their loss of citizenship and so on. Even developed countries cannot ensure that their electoral rolls are 100 per cent clean."

On Malaysians abroad, he said various efforts had been made to encourage them to register as voters but the response had been poor.

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