

EC says PKR cheated in Selangor voter roll audit
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PUTRAJAYA, Sept 21 — Election Commission (EC) chairman Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Mohd Yusof today accused PKR of lying in its audit of Selangor's electoral roll, saying the party had misrepresented facts when exposing alleged discrepancies in the registration of voters in the Pakatan Rakyat-led (PR) state.

The EC chief said that during a recent radio programme with PKR secretary-general Datuk Saifuddin Nasution, the Machang MP, had shown reporters a "cropped" photograph of a "pondok" (small hut) in Kampung Sungai Pusu in Gombak and alleged that there were 18 voters registered to that single address.

"I asked him to show us that photograph and we took it for further study. But when the EC went to the area, it turned out that the hut was actually a parking lot for motorcycles and there are actually 32 families living in that one village.

"The photograph had been cropped," Abdul Aziz (picture) said at a media briefing here, adding that this proved the opposition party had lied when claiming of discrepancies in Selangor's voter roll.

He later showed the media photographs taken by the EC's officers during their visit to Kampung Sungai Pusu.

According to the EC chief, all 32 families residing in the small village share the address of the same small hut, where the post box is located.

"So when there is any confusion or if clarity is needed on a certain matter, come see the EC first.

"Don't just expose things in the media because this would only serve to confuse the public," he said.

The Selangor Pakatan Rakyat (PR) government recently declared that it will not hold state elections when the federal Barisan Nasional (BN) calls them unless the EC is able to show the gazetted electoral roll to be used in GE13 has been cleared of dubious entries.

In its latest electoral statistics gazetted last August 16 made available to The Malaysian Insider, the EC recorded the number of registered voters as 13,052,374 people, out of whom 12,778,127 fall into the category of ordinary voters while 274,247 are recorded as absent voters. The latter group encompasses the armed forces, the police and overseas voters.

Selangor recorded the largest number of overseas voters, currently standing at 579 people, while the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur has the highest number of absent voters with 40,543 people. This is followed by Perak with 38,367 voters and Johor a distant third with 25,058 voters.

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