

## **Voters Told Not To Bet On Candidates**

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BUKIT MERTAJAM, April 21 (Bernama) -- Penang voters have been advised not to place bets on candidates forecast to win the 13th general election (GE13).

State Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman Teng Chang Yeow said such activity would not only cause them losses but would also affect the candidates.

Expressing shock over the information, which he had received from the local Chinese press, he said: "I hope the voters will use their voting right to determine the victory of elected representatives.

Teng, who is contesting the Bukit Tengah state seat, told a media conference that such thing had happened before and he hoped that it would stop for the sake of all parties.

On the programme drawn up by the BN election machinery, he said many ceramah had been scheduled but the venues for some had yet to be confirmed.

He said only the motorcycle convoys to escort candidates during ceramah had been cancelled for safety reasons because they could pose a danger to the public.

Asked to comment on the increase in the number of independent candidates this time around, he said it showed the enhanced level of awareness in the society that in a country that practised the democratic system no one could be prevented from contesting.

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