

**Aggressive, Racial Political Campaigning Have No Place In M'sia - EC Chairman
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KLANG, April 26 (Bernama) -- Aggressive and racial political campaigning have no place in peace loving Malaysia and it should remain so during this general election, Election Commission chairman Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Mohd Yusof said Friday.

"Political parties must obey our laws and regulations. Elections are not a once in a lifetime event, so we don't have to go to extremes. This is not our culture. Win or lose, let the voters decide on the outcome. EC will continue to monitor the campaigns.

"So far the incidents have not been too serious but I'm concerned it may get worse if it's not curbed," he said after visiting the counting centre at the Klang Land and District Office.

Seventh day into the campaign, there has been a spate of incidents such as burning of posters, Molotov cocktail thrown into a party office and the worst, an explosion during a Barisan Nasional (BN) 'ceramah' in Nibong Tebal, Penang on Tuesday.

Abdul Aziz said that racial politics has also reared its ugly head and cited the personal attack against Shah Alam parliamentary seat BN candidate Datuk Zulkifli Noordin by certain irresponsible parties as an example.

Commenting on allegations that certain political parties have started bringing in phantom voters from abroad, he said the EC would not compromise on the issue and urged those with information on the matter to lodge reports with the authorities.

"But don't judge people by their appearance. Just because they look like foreigners don't assume they're not Malaysians and accuse them of being phantom voters. We live in a multi-racial country and there are foreigners who have obtained citizenships according to the laws here," he added.

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