

Indelible Ink Sufficient For Polls, Says EC
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 5 (Bernama) -- The Election Commission (EC) has rejected claims that there was shortage of indelible ink in several polling centres at the Lembah Pantai parliamentary constituency, causing delays in polling.

EC deputy chairman Datuk Wan Ahmad Wan Omar said the commission had supplied more than 200,000 bottles of indelible ink for today's polling.

"Claims that indelible ink stock has been exhausted are not true at all. We even supplied additional indelible ink for every polling stream at polling stations," he told reporters after visiting the polling centre at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Bukit Bandaraya under the Lembah Pantai parliamentary seat.

Wan Ahmad said the delay in polling was due to very high voter turnout in the first two to three hours after polling centres opened at 8am.

"I see that these claims are made merely to smear the image and belittle what the commission has done to ensure a smooth conduct of this election," he said.

Wan Ahmad also questioned the action by certain groups who tried to erase the indelible ink marked on voters' index finger.

"What is their motive to erase the ink? Are they trying to vote twice or trying to create anxiety among voters against the commission," he said.

Wan Ahmad reiterated his reminder to political parties contesting in this election not to violate election rules.

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