

Two Pakatan Rakyat Leaders Complain About Indelible Ink
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KANGAR, May 5 (Bernama) -- Two Pakatan Rakyat (PR) leaders today lodged reports with the police and the Election Commission (EC) complaining that the indelible ink used to mark voters in the 13th General Election on Sunday could be washed away with soap and water.

PAS deputy spiritual leader Datuk Dr Haron Din lodged a report at the Kangar police station claiming that the ink could be washed away with soap and water.

The PAS candidate for the Arau parliamentary seat voted at Sekolah Rendah Jenis Kebangsaan (Cina) Simpang Empat at 8.25 am.

Perlis chief police officer SAC Zull Aznam Haron said the report lodged by Haron was one of the 28 reports the police had received during the campaign period.

In GEORGE TOWN, DAP chairman Karpal Singh lodged a report with the EC, complaining that the ink stain on his finger disappeared after washing with soap and water for 10 minutes.

He went back to the polling centre for the Jelutong parliamentary constituency at Penang Free School two hours after voting there.

Karpal Singh lodged the complaint with the EC presiding officer, Ismail Pawanteh.

Penang EC director Morat Pora, when contacted, said any dissatisfaction should be reported to the police.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng, after voting at SMJK (C) Chung Hwa Confusion in Bukit Gelugor, tried in vain to remove the ink stain in front of reporters.

In KUANTAN, Pahang police confirmed having received 15 reports stating that the indelible ink stain could be removed by washing the finger with soap and water.

"Up to 3 pm, the police received 10 such reports in Rompin, two in Bentong, and one each in Raub, Lipis and Cameron Highlands," head of the Pahang Police Department of Management ACP Anuar Osman told reporters.

He said a copy of the reports would be extended to the EC.

Pahang EC director Othman Noh, when contacted by Bernama, said he had yet to get a complete report on the matter though he had been notified that several police reports had been made.

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