

Opposition Challenged To Invite Election Commission To Explain GE13 Results
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 13 (Bernama) -- UMNO information chief Datuk Ahmad Maslan today challenged the opposition to invite the Election Commission (EC) to explain their dissatisfaction over the 13th general election (GE13) results.

"If the EC could go to functions organised by UMNO, definitely it will go to those organised by other political parties," he said after chairing a briefing for the information heads of UMNO wings, divisions and branches, and non-governmental organisations with the EC, in Kuala Lumpur, Monday.

Ahmad, who is also Pontian member of parliament, said the issues raised by the opposition such as phantom voters, blackout and hiring foreigners to vote in the GE13 could be better explained and thrashed out through dialogues.

He said the explanations given could negate the opposition's baseless accusations, change public perception of the EC and stop the slander against the agency.

Ahmad suggested that the EC take legal action against the libelous accusations made against the agency as the country has a legal system that should be respected.

"It's not wrong for them (EC) to sue any non-governmental organisation or other quarters for slander against it as there were proof such as the reports in opposition-owned newspapers or recorded speeches of opposition leaders.

"Don't let slander reign to the extent that the people would think this (Barisan Nasional) government is not a legitimate government.

"Such wild accusations would smear the EC and Malaysia's good name in and outside the country," he said.

Ahmad said in view of this negative development, the UMNO information machinery would tour the country to explain the issues to the people including the grassroots.

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