

Voting denial proves phantom voters, integrity of ICs in doubt, says Rafizi
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PETALING JAYA, May 20 — PKR's Rafizi Ramli today offered evidence of phantom voters, which he alleged was widespread fraud that could potentially "discredit" the recently-concluded general election, besides putting the integrity of Malaysia's identity cards (IC) in doubt.

"The moment you have similar IC used by different people, so much so that the genuine or actual person proving the identity is denied to vote, that means this is part of a bigger planning to allow phantom voters to come in," the PKR strategy director said at a press conference.

Rafizi (picture) listed eight people who had approached PKR about being denied their right to vote as others had already voted in their names, while also showing reporters the police reports which he said they had lodged voluntarily.

The Pandan MP said that these complaints were also made in the constituencies where the federal opposition Pakatan Rakyat (PR) had won, which he said showed that the alleged electoral fraud was "widespread" and "systemic".

These eight voters were registered to vote in the parliamentary seats of Serdang, Sungai Petani, Shah Alam, Tumpat, Kemaman, Kuala Selangor and Rembau, Rafizi said.

He disagreed that these eight cases could be due to technical errors on the part of the Election Commission (EC) staff on polling day, or attributable to lost ICs falling into the hands of the alleged phantom voters, saying that some of the complainants had said that they had never lost their ICs.

PKR's #siasatPRU13 team, which is collecting evidence of electoral fraud and is led by Rafizi, will also get these voters to make Statutory Declarations (SD) to affirm their complaints.

But Rafizi said that such evidence has bigger implications than just proving the existence of phantom voters in the electoral roll, claiming that the National Registration Department (NRD) had failed to guarantee that the country's ICs are genuine and unique to all Malaysians.

"What comfort do we have that our ICs are now not subjected to counterfeiting, not subjected to fraud, where people can have multiple ICs to do various things with different identities?" he asked.

Rafizi challenged the NRD and the EC to answer these complaints, later urging newly sworn-in Home Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi to look into the allegations of fake ICs.

In Sabah, a royal commission of inquiry (RCI) today resumed its hearings on the state's illegal immigrants issue and allegations that foreigners were given citizenship in exchange for their votes.

Testimonies given by former high-ranking NRD officers during the RCI hearings had

previously cast a spotlight on the government department.

During today's press conference, Rafizi also said that the party will hold regular press conferences to reveal more evidence of electoral fraud, with such information to be spread through the use of leaflets and videos as well.

"Let SPR and JPN be judged by the court of public opinion," he said, referring to the EC and NRD by their acronyms in the Malay language.

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