

**Respondents In Election Petitions Given A Week To File Preliminary Objection**  
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KOTA BAHARU, June 27 (Bernama) -- The Election Court here Thursday set July 18 for case management of election petitions filed for the Ketereh parliamentary constituency and the state constituencies of Air Lanas, Kok Lanas, Mengkebang and Manek Urai. Election judge Datuk John Louis O'hara also gave the respondents named in the petitions a week from today to file their preliminary objections. The petition to declare null and void the May 5 general election results for Ketereh was filed by Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR), while the petitions for Air Lanas and Kok Lanas were filed by PAS. Barisan Nasional (BN) filed the petitions to protest the results for the Mengkebang and Manek Urai constituencies. At today's proceeding, the judge also set the dates to hear the petitions, if the preliminary objections were rejected. The hearing on the petition for Air Lanas is set for Aug 18 to 21, Kok Lanas (Aug 25-27), Ketereh (Sept 17-24 ), Mengkebang (Sept 30-Oct 9) and Manek Urai (Oct 21-24). In another Election Court, judge Datuk Zamani Abdul Rahim set July 10 for case management and decision on the preliminary objections for the petitions on the Machang and Bachok parliamentary constituencies and the state constituencies of Selising, Gaal and Jelawat. Zamani, who sat in chambers, also gave a week from today for the respondents concerned to file their preliminary objection. However, he did not set the date to hear the preliminary objection. Lawyer Mohd Ilias Mohd Nor, from the legal firm of Messrs. Mohd Ilias & Co, is the lead counsel for the petitioners from BN, while Hisham Fauzi, from Messrs. Hisham Fauzi Associates, lead the counsel for the petitioners from PAS and PKR.

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