

PAS Youth says EC deputy chairman playing "nursery politics"

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Pas Youth said Election Commission deputy chairman Datuk Wan Ahmad Wan Omar was "unprofessional and childish" for accusing Pakatan Rakyat leaders of being 'hypocrites'.

Its information division committee member Mohd Yusof Hadhari said Wan Ahmad was playing "nursery politics" for challenging PR leaders not to take their oaths as parliamentarians if they disputed the results of the 13th General Election.

"I am disappointed with his statement. It is no different as that from a minister who told Malaysians to leave the country if they did not agree with the laws here," Mohd Yusof said, referring to Home Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

"If a window in your home is broken, you do not move to another house when you can stay and fix the problem," he added.

Wan Ahmad was also reported as saying that Pakatan Rakyat leaders should not have "troubled themselves" by participating in the general election if they had no confidence in the process and regulations in the first place.

"But they contested because they believed we were fair, that they would win, break the monopoly of the ruling government and form the government as victory was in the hands of the rakyat," he said this to reporters after a luncheon talk in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Mohd Yusof said the issues surrounding the elections, including unclean electoral rolls and the caretaker Government misusing the mainstream media and their powers, were not something new.

"These are the things that the EC should seek to mend and not come out with emotional statements and challenge the Opposition about contesting," he added.

Mohd Yusof also questioned the usage of the indelible ink, saying that it was not properly implemented when it was widely and successfully used in countries like India, Indonesia and Egypt.

"The EC's numerous excuses for these irregularities are not consistent. So don't blame the people for thinking that the EC had intentionally messed up the ink to allow Barisan Nasional to win. This is enough for us to reject the results of GE13."

He went on to say that the EC should understand that PR was not rejecting democracy but was instead questioning the misappropriation to the system.

"Change and improvement have to be done and we have been championing this since Bersih 1.0 but our cries have fallen on deaf ears, and instead, we were called traitors," he said, adding that tomorrow's Black 505 rally would be the people's chance to reject the irregularities and fraud during the GE13. - June 21, 2013.

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