

EC to decide on dates soon
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KUALA LUMPUR: The Election Commission (EC) will hold a special meeting by early next week on the nomination and polling dates for the 13th general election.

Its deputy chairman, Datuk Wan Ahmad Wan Omar, said the meeting's time and date would be decided once they received notification from the speakers of the state legislative assemblies on their dissolution.

"EC expects to receive the notices either by this evening (yesterday) or tomorrow (today) latest."

Wan Ahmad said he wanted the dates to be decided on as soon as possible so the rakyat would not have to wait any more.

"People have been waiting for the general election for so long and as much as we do not want to delay, we still have to stick to procedures."

Wan Ahmad said the nomination day was important for the preparation of the parties.

"As soon as the parties are informed of the dates, they can be on their way to campaigning," he said, adding that it could be by tomorrow or early next week.

He said it would be the responsibility of every political party and candidate to find out the location of the nomination centres.

"In every parliamentary constituency, there will be one nomination centre.

"Details on the locations of the nomination centres will be announced in the 13th general election portal."

Wan Ahmad also confirmed that the Election Commission would be gazetting the polling centres starting today.

He said there were about 9,000 polling centres set nationwide, with a total of 24,000 polling stations.

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