

Pakatan Rakyat to sue Election Commission over indelible ink
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Pakatan Rakyat (PR) will file a civil suit against the Election Commission (EC) on Monday over the use of indelible ink in Election 2013, Lembah Pantai MP Nurul Izzah Anwar said today.

The PKR vice president said EC chairman Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Mohd Yusof and deputy chairman Datuk Wan Ahmad Wan Omar have allegedly lied regarding the indelible ink, making contradicting statements regarding its silver nitrate content.

"We have necessary documents and evidence against the EC. You cannot keep changing your statements regarding the silver nitrate from 5 to 7 per cent to only one per cent and later it is akin to food colouring," she told an electoral forum organised by the Malaysian Bar Council here.

Nurul described the Parliamentary Select Committee (PSC) failed to put forward Pakatan Rakyat's 22 proposals for better conduct of elections as it was headed and dominated by the Barisan Nasional MPs.

"PR was the minority in the PSC and we had small voice to make our objection known," she said.

She said suggestion from opposition MPs like Dr Mohd Hatta Ramli, Mohamed Azmin Ali and Anthony Loke did not receive due consideration from the PSC.

"Proposals like automatic registration upon reaching 21 years of age and that the Dewan Rakyat automatically dissolves after four years in session were not implemented," she said.

Nurul called on the EC to be more transparent in conducting the constituency delineation exercise at the year end.

"The EC is inclined to engineer wins for the BN by creating more seats for the ruling coalition like in Sungai Besar, Selangor. On the other the EC attempts to consolidate two parliamentary seats like Ampang and Pandan." she said.

Among the proposals forward by the PSC in April last year were to facilitate to overseas voters to cast their ballots via pos or vote in the Malaysian embassy.

The PSC also proposed that postal voting be extended to EC support staff and media personnel and allow for pre-registration of its citizens upon reaching the age of 20. - July 13, 2013.

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