

Kuala Besut By-election : Early Voter Turnout At 79.36 Per Cent
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KUALA BESUT, July 20 (Bernama) -- Turnout for early voting at the Multipurpose Hall of the Royal Malaysian Air Force base in Gong Kedak here Saturday was 79.36 per cent.

The Election Commission's (EC) director for Terengganu, Fakhrul Razi Ab Wahab said when early voting closed at 5pm, only 911 of the 1,148 military personnel and spouses and policemen eligible to cast their ballots turned up.

The ballot boxes for the early voting from the two voting streams provided at the hall will be kept at the lockup of the Besut police headquarters until polling day next Wednesday (July 24).

The by-election has been necessitated by the death of assemblyman Dr A. Rahman Mokhtar of the Barisan Nasional (BN) of lung cancer on June 26.

It sees a straight fight between BN candidate Tengku Zaihan Che Ku Abd Rahman, 37, a civil engineer with the Drainage and Irrigation Department who hails from Kuala Besut, and PAS candidate Endot @ Azlan Yusof, 48, a contractor.

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