

**EC Senior Officers From Every State To Assist In Kuala Besut By-election - Wan Ahmad**  
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KUALA BESUT, July 23 (Bernama) -- Election Commission (EC) directors or senior officers from every state have been assigned to the eight polling centres in the Kuala Besut by-election, Wednesday.

EC deputy chairman, Datuk Wan Ahmad Wan Omar said the stationing of EC directors and senior officers from every state was to ensure the polling process went smoothly, besides being a form of training for them in the eventuality of facing another by-election.

He said directors and senior officers placed at the counting centres would be the source of reference for the Counting Centre head if there were problems or when unexpected matters cropped up.

"We want to give them the exposure as this is the first by-election after the 13th general election and who knows there maybe be more by-elections," he told Bernama.

The EC set Wednesday as polling day for the Kuala Besut by-election that involves 16,534 voters who will cast their votes at eight polling centres, namely Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Kuala Besut; Sekolah Kebangsaan Kuala Besut; SK Alor Peroi; SK Kampung Nangka; SK Pulau Perhentian; SK Kampung Nail; SK Kampung Baharu and SK Bukit Puteri.

The by-election was necessitated following the death of incumbent Dr A. Rahman Mokhtar of Barisan Nasional on June 26, due to lung cancer.

The contest is a straight fight between Tengku Zaihan Che Ku Abd Rahman of BN and PAS candidate Endot@Azlan Yusof.

Wan Ahmad also assured contesting parties that the result of the Kuala Besut by-election would be transparent and that they need not worry even though the results would only be announced after 10pm.

"Every result will be recorded in a form signed by the respective candidate's agent and will be screened in the hall, meaning the result is public knowledge while the official result will be announced at 10pm," he said.

Last Saturday, Wan Ahmad had said at the Royal Malaysian Air Force hall in Gong Kedak that the official result would be announced after 10pm to give party leaders and supporters an opportunity to attend the Tarawih prayers.

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