

**Kuala Besut by-election results only out at 10pm due to Ramadan, says EC  
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The results of Kuala Besut by-election will be announced at 10pm at the earliest on July 24 to respect those performing Tarawikh prayers during the fasting month, Election Commission (EC) deputy chairman Datuk Wan Ahmad Wan Omar said today.

"Even when we know result, the official result will only be made known by 10pm. We have estimated that Tarawikh prayer should be finished by then.

"If we announce it earlier, they would think that we are not respecting them," Wan Ahmad told a press conference at the Royal Malaysian Air Force base in Gong Kedak in Kuala Besut today.

A total of 1,148 early voters from security forces including their spouses and 14 police officers were to cast their early votes today.

As of noon, 53% of the voters had already cast their ballots. About 95% of early voters are expected to turn up.

"We have planned with the camp officials to allow the voters to cast their votes in stages to avoid a large crowd."

He also said EC provided four bottles of indelible ink for the early votes. - July 20, 2013

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