

Kuala Besut voting in full swing
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More than 5,147, or 31% of voters, have cast their ballots as at 10am while the total votes cast with early voters is 6,059 or 34%, said the Election Commission today in Kuala Besut.

Voting in the by-election began at 8am. The voters were in high spirits and began queuing from 7.30am.

In a press conference this morning, the EC also said it expected the turnout to be between 75 and 80% by the end of polling.

The by-election will determine whether Barisan Nasional remains in power in Terengganu with a slim majority or Pakatan Rakyat's PAS realises its desire to get 16 seats, just like BN. PR has 15 state seats, with Pas having 14 and PKR 1.

The 13th General Elections saw BN come into power in Terengganu with a 2-seat majority from the 32 state seats contested. The by-election is being held because the Kuala Besut assemblyman, BN's Dr Abd Rahman Mokhtar, died last month.

BN has fielded an engineer with the local Drainage and Irrigation Department, Tengku Zaihan Che Ku Abd Rahman, while PAS went with a Class A contractor, Endut@Azlan Yusof, who is commonly known as Che Long. – July 24, 2013.

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