

**EC Dismisses Allegations Over Dates For Sungai Limau By-election**  
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PUTRAJAYA, Oct 3 (Bernama) -- The Election Commission (EC) on Thursday dismissed allegations it had set polling for the Sungai Limau state by-election after the tabling of Budget 2014 on Oct 25 to enable the Barisan Nasional (BN) fish for votes.

EC chairman Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Yusof said the EC had given the highest priority to holding the by-election well before the start of the Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) examination.

This was because many school halls and classrooms had to be used as the polling centres for the by-election.

"We do not want to inconvenience the schools as they would have to rearrange the desks," he told a news conference when announcing Oct 23 and Nov 4 as the nomination and polling dates for the by-election. The SPM examination begins on Nov 6.

He said the EC also took into account the dates for Deepavali, which falls on Nov 2, and Awal Muharram, which is on Nov 5.

Furthermore, it had considered the dates of the Umno elections, on Oct 19, and the PAS Muktamar from November 22 to 24, he added.

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