

**No IC checks, voters were given ballot papers, Bersih tribunal told
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Voters in one stream at a polling station in the Batu constituency were allowed to cast their votes in the last general election without producing their identification cards for verification, the Bersih People's Tribunal heard today.

PKR elections director for Batu constituency, Mohd Azli Hussain, said instead of asking for the MyKad for verification, the clerks asked voters for their identification card numbers to speed up the voting process because the queue at the station was too long.

Mohd Azli said he witnessed it himself when he went to check on complaints.

"The polling agent told me what had happened, so I went to the centre to check and confronted the election commission officer. When we approached the presiding officer, he told us the queue was too long so he decided that the voters did not need to produce their MyKad for verification," said Mohd Azli.

He said he warned the presiding officer that it was an offence not to verify the voters. He said the election commission reminded the presiding officer to adhere to the rules.

He said he had missed some 80 voters who had cast their votes earlier.

There were 400 registered voters for that particular stream, he added.

Mohd Azli said the polling agents also faced a problem when the Form 14 which was supposed to be handed to the agents was stuffed together in the ballot box.

"We found out about this when we asked the polling agent about their Form 14 which they were supposed to hand over at the counting centre," he said.

Form 14 is an official record of the number of votes obtained by each candidate and the number of spoilt votes. - September 22, 2013.

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