

EC Disqualifies PFP Candidate For Bukit Gelugor By-election

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GEORGE TOWN, May 12 (Bernama) -- The candidate from the newly-formed Penang Front Party (PFP) for the Bukit Gelugor parliamentary by-election was disqualified after he failed to pay the required deposit by 10 am today.

Lim Chee Khoon, 52, who was selected by PFP, a coalition of 44 Penang non-governmental organisations (NGO), expressed deep regret that his wish to contest the seat came to nought.

Lim, a native of the constituency, said he arrived at the nomination centre in Dewan Sri Pinang at 9.45 am but there was a misunderstanding over the deadline for the payment of deposit.

"We arrived at the centre at 9.45 am but found we did not bring the correct amount for the deposit.

"We asked another representative to rush over with the difference but he only arrived at 10.15 am and the EC (Election Commission) refused to accept it," he told reporters here.

"We did not know the deposit had to be paid before 10 am and according to the EC this is a new rule. Previously the deposit was payable by noon," he added.

Lim, who is also a PFP pro-tem committee member, said that the party would not give up, however, and will definitely contest in any future by-election in the state.

Meanwhile, EC chairman Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Mohd Yusof said the PFP representative's application had to be disqualified as it had not adhered to the requirements.

"The EC rule is each candidate has to deposit RM10,000 before 10 am and this candidate failed to do so. We had to disqualify him," he said.

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