

Allocation for Rela Uniforms Provided Through BN Parliamentary Members – Ahmad Zahid
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TELUK INTAN, May 25 (Bernama) -- Home Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi today stressed that the allocation to supply uniforms to members of the People's Volunteer Corps (Rela) is channeled through the Barisan Nasional's (BN) parliamentary members in their own constituencies.

Ahmad Zahid said the BN parliamentary representatives were encouraged to allocate RM50,000 to supply camouflage uniforms to Rela members in their constituencies as an incentive for the rebranding of the team.

"There are 133 BN Parliamentary members, so only Rela members in these 133 areas will get their supply of uniforms because these Parliamentarians have provided allocation for them," he told reporters.

Ahmad Zahid was commenting on a news portal report which claimed that if BN candidate Datuk Mah Siew Keong won the Teluk Intan Parliamentary seat by-election on May 31, all the RELA members who had not yet received new uniforms would immediately be given them.

Earlier, he had attended a session to meet police staff at the Tactical Base (MARTEK) here Sunday.

"What I said was that if the member of parliament was from the BN, it would be easier to provide the allocation to Rela in Teluk Intan," he said.

However, Ahmad Zahid said there was nothing to stop a parliamentarian from the opposition to provide the Rela uniforms in their own constituencies.

"I am using this opportunity to say that the BN MPs are considerate to supply uniforms to the Rela members in their own parliamentary areas, don't twist the story," he said.

Asked about his statement yesterday that 2,019 Rela members did not vote, he said what he meant was they did not go out to vote, and not that they did not vote BN or opposition.

"We know who went out to vote or not because we have a list," he said.

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