

Pengkalan Kubor By-Election: Nomination Sept 13, Polling Sept 25
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PUTRAJAYA, Aug 29 (Bernama) -- The Election Commission (EC) has set Sept 25 for the Pengkalan Kubor by-election, with nomination on Sept 13 and early voting on Sept 21.

EC chairman Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Mohd Yusof said the 2013 Master Electoral Rolls, combined with the supplementary electoral rolls for the first quarter of 2014 which had been updated until Aug 20, 2014, would be used for the by-election.

"A total of 11 schools, with 46 polling streams, will be used as polling centres and 422 election workers will be appointed," he told a media conference after chairing the special meeting on the Pengkalan Kubor by-election here, Friday.

The Pengkalan Kubor by-election is called following the death of its Barisan Nasional (BN) assemblyman, Datuk Noor Zahadi Omar, last Aug 20 due to liver cancer at a hospital in Guangzhou, China.

In the last general election, Noor Zahadi won the seat by defeating Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) candidate Saharun Ibrahim and an Independent, Izat Bukhary Ismail Bukhary, with a 1,736-vote majority.

Abdul Aziz said the Pengkalan Kubor constituency had 24,039 voters, comprising 23,929 ordinary voters, 109 advance voters and an absentee or overseas voter.

The deadline for voters to submit applications as postal voters in the country is Sept 15 and Sept 13 for those abroad, he added.

He said the Operations Room at the Tumpat Land and District Office would be the nomination centre and the vote tallying centre would be at Dewan Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Dato' Biji Wangsa, Tumpat.

The early voting centre would be Dewan Delima of the Tumpat Police District headquarters.

"The estimated cost of holding this by-election is RM696,750 and three election campaign enforcement teams will be formed," he added.

Voters can check their status by surfing the EC website at www.spr.gov.my or through the short messaging service (SMS) by typing SPRSEMAKIC NO and sent to 15888 beginning Sept 8.

They can also call the Election Office at 03-88856565 or 09-7482510.

Responding to a question from the media, Abdul Aziz said as in the previous by-election, the indelible ink would be used.

On preparation in case of a flood in Tumpat, he said the EC was well prepared for it.

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