

Permatang Pauh polls on May 7, nomination on April 25
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The Permatang Pauh by-election is on May 7 while nomination for the parliamentary seat has been fixed for April 25, the Election Commission said today.

EC chairman Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Mohd Yusof said the constituency had 71,890 voters.

The Permatang Pauh seat was declared vacant after opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim failed to get a pardon from the Yang di-Pertuan Agong for his sodomy conviction.

In the 13th general election in 2013, Anwar defeated Barisan Nasional's Dr Mazlan Ismail by 11,721 votes.

Last week, PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, who had contested and retained the seat twice while Anwar was in jail serving a corruption sentence, said she was willing to contest the seat again.

Aziz today said the by-election for the Rompin parliamentary seat in Pahang could also be held simultaneously with Permatang Pauh on May 7.

The seat fell vacant after incumbent Tan Sri Jamaluddin Jarjis was killed in a helicopter crash with five other people last Saturday.

"There is a possibility it can to be held simultaneously. But you have to wait until this Friday to find out." – April 8, 2015.

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