

No house but residential lots have voters!

Thorough electoral reforms needed!



Figure 1: Land lots with not a single standing structure, yet home to 2 voters

The recent discovery by Tindak Malaysia and our fellow NGO Johor Yellow Flame (JYF) about the inconsistencies between voting and current residential address of electors in Kampung Baru Paroi (Negeri Sembilan) exposed constitutional limits on EC to clean up the electoral roll

Electoral Roll in Kampung Baru Paroi indicated there are two electors who reside in lots 71 and 71A. A ground examination by Tindak Malaysia volunteers during the village elections revealed there are no physical structures that makes up potential houses for those residents (refer to picture) for those lots. It is a case of voters existing in a current non existing structure.

Similarly, Tindak Malaysia and Johor Yellow Flame detected four voters in the village have moved out for long time but their names still appear in the roll.

Similar stories were found in Rantau. Voters have left Rantau but their voting details indicate they are still in Rantau. Unrelated voters not recognizable to the owner were found in Rantau and this was confirmed by ground investigations by EC

Though Tindak Malaysia have lodged the reports to EC and EC have confirmed our Rantau sightings, we came to a realisation that the 2002 Registration of Electors (ROE) laws constrain EC from performing the necessary updates for these voters. EC is only able to update the voting details of the elector if the elector request to change such details. Hence, no change can be done for now.

We like to thank EC for performing investigations and confirm the problematic nature of the ROE.

We call upon ERC to ramp up their research on civil society's proposals to close this gap. In Tindak's proposal to ERC in March 2019, we propose few sub articles in ROE which compels EC to carry out fresh registration exercise to ensure the voter roll is current and undertake necessary verification for any doubtful records.

We call upon the Parliament of Malaysia to consult with ERC and to enact thorough electoral reforms, not mere partially complete exercises such as automatic voter registration amendment.

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