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USPA NEWS - I was a volunteer working last night for PKR. I acted as an observer then later as an 'escort', and I am here to tell you that it was almost impossible to smuggle in additional ballot boxes. For every constituency there was a fixed number of ballot boxes. To give you an example, for my area there

To give you an example, for my area there were 23 JDMs, 3 saluran, 1 parliament seat and 1 state seat, with a total of 138 boxes, plus additional 4 postal ballots, that would make 142 boxes. Hence if SPR dared to show us a 143th box then they must be really stupid. Even if the lawyer for the candidate did nothing the candidate himself would surely have made a big scene out of it. I mean, the candidate couldn't be that moronic as well, right? Of course, there might be ways to change the ballot boxes during transportation, but both candidates would have to sign a Borang 14 before delivery. Hence if the PACA forgot to retain the carbon copy and the boxes reached the counting center then he had only himself to blame.

I do not know about other constituencies, but there was 1 saluran in my area who forgot to get the copy then he had to run back to the ketua to ask for one, and the KTM gave the copy to him. Furthermore, there could not be that many representatives in the entire Malaysia 'forgetting' to retain the copies, right? The KTM would then use their own cars to transport the boxes to the counting centers and they would be escorted by policem. I asked the policemen if we as the representative for the candidate could follow them, guess what I got for reply? The police actually said : “Macam in lebih baik!! We are already late for the night (there had been some disputes when counting the votes at school

plus our school was far from the counting center, when we reached there it was almost 11pm) and there will be a lot of supporters there. They may think that we are trying to cheat and may attack us. Can you please ask more Keadilan volunteers to join us? That way when there is a dispute you can help by explaining to the penyokong.“ They were speeding all the way, fearing that we were the last to arrive at the counting center. I even laughed at the police for worrying too much. But when I saw on YouTube that someone actually surrounded the cars carrying the boxes I was totally speechless. As for the power-shortage ruse, I am really pissed! It has been the same trick used in every election, didn't they fucking know how to prepare for that?

have been telling my counting agents to bring a torch light, just in case. Guess how many turned up with one? NONE! I don't mean to blame them, but the team leader of our volunteers team had already spent so much money buying us food, why couldn't he just spend another few ringgit buying the team some torch lights? Luckily our area was blessed with a functional power generator that power shortage was not a problem for us. But if they played the trick and we came unprepared then who could we blame? We have only ourselves to blame!

For the past few days I had been telling our candidate and the PA where the pitfalls might be and they had better ask DAP for advice. After all, DAP has more experience than PKR and PAS. But he told me: “Without hantu we are sure to win! Just focus on keselamatan team to watch out for hantu,“. But the thing was, the team came back with only a handful of hantu. Some Malay comrades came back reporting that the voters in Malay Kampungs were actually not as enthusiastic. Guess what our boss (a Chinese) said? “Tak apa, kita banyak support dari taman orang Cina“. The Malay comrade actually looked very worried. Later he came to tell me that there were actually many people calling him stupid, “

There were 60000 plus votes in one constituency; had we given more attention to the Malay areas the win would have been a landslide that even the Bangla hantu would not change! To give you an example, let's say all Chinese supported DAP, but even as little as 50% of the Malays supported BN then we would face a 50:50 tie. In this case, if we could so much as garner 1.6% or 1000 Malay votes, that would give us a 2000-vote advantage over BN which we could then use to nullify the Bangla votes. Now you tell me, have you seen any constituency with over 1000 bangla hantu? Lastly, I would admit that there was indeed fraud in our election system, but I would urge that we do some reflection ourselves to know what we did wrong.

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