

**Pressure group sets deadline for Taib to step down**  
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A local NGO called Movement for Change Sarawak (MoCS) has given Abdul Taib Mahmud until Aug 13 to step down as chief minister of Sarawak.

If not, NGO chairperson Francis Paul Siah said, that they will mobilise the "people's power".

Siah said this to reporters this morning, after delivering a notice of demand to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) at its Putrajaya headquarters to investigate the numerous allegations of corruption and abuse of power made against Taib.

Asked what he meant by "people's power", Siah (on right in picture below) was coy and cryptic, saying: "Think for yourself. You know what I mean, don't you?"

He added: "But we still have time. MoCS asked Taib to step down last Sept 16. So we are giving him 11 months to reconsider.

"We're good people. The Egyptians gave (former president Hosni) Mubarak just 18 days."

At the same time, Siah reminded MACC chief Abu Kassim Mohamed about the promise he made nine months ago.

"He (Abu Kassim) said (on July 30 last year) that he would resign if there were accusations against any ministers that were not investigated.

"With that, we hope that the commissioner will start work immediately and investigate all charges against Taib," Siah added.

**PKR lawmakers report 'vote fishing'**

In another development, several PKR lawmakers went to the Kuala Lumpur office of the MACC to lodge a report on several reported incidents of fishing for votes.

Nurul Izzah Anwar (Lembah Pantai), Loh Gwo Burne (Kelana Jaya), Azan Ismail (Indera Mahkota), Abdullah Sani Abdul Hamid (Kuala Langat) and Yusmadi Yusoff (Balik Pulau) lodged the report based on the several newspaper articles.

According to Nurul Izzah's political secretary Fahmi Fadzil, the report lodged with MACC was also based on a statement by corruption watchdog Transparency International yesterday classifying election handouts as bribes.