

Phang says AG a stumbling block for BN

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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak has been urged to remove Abdul Gani Patail as attorney-general unless the latter publicly address a long list of allegations against him for abuse of power.

At a press conference today, former Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) advisory panel member Robert Phang said Najib should realise that Abdul Gani is a liability to BN.

lingam tape panel meeting 031007 abdul gani patail“Don’t become the biggest stumbling block to BN’s effort, especially since BN is trying to get the best goal in the upcoming general election.

“If you (AG) continue to keep quiet, not to address these serious allegations against you, it will definitely become a stumbling block to all of their efforts,” he said.

Phang alleged that Abdul Gani (right) had a vendetta against lawyer Rosli Dahlan; had close ties with Malaysia Airlines former chairperson Tajudin Ramli, who was probed for graft by the MACC; and took sides in Ho Hup Bhd’s boardroom tussle.

Phang said that because he had raised the above issues before, he had become the subject of “malicious attacks” by anonymous bloggers whom he believe were hired to defend Abdul Gani.

Probe book content

He also urged the police to investigate a book titled Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail: Pemalsu, Penipu, Penjenayah? by lawyer Zainal Abidin Ahmad which alleged a slew of abuses, corruption and criminal acts of the titular character.

“I challenge Abdul Gani to investigate, arrest and charge the author if the contents are untrue and also sue him for defamation.

“Otherwise, I challenge the MACC and the police to investigate these allegations against Abdul Gani,” he said.

Phang added that Abdul Gani must relieve himself of his duties pending a proper investigation in order not to compromise the probe.

He said that he will lodge a police report after the press conference to kickstart investigations.

Phang have been hot on Abdul Gani’s heel since it was alleged that the latter had travelled to Saudi Arabia to perform the pilgrimage with Tajudin’s apparent proxy Shahidan Shafie.

He also spoke up against Abdul Gani following allegations that he enjoyed close links with one of Ho Hup's directors and had a hand in investigations against the director's rival.

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