

**Four BN top guns fail MACC's GE screening**  
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Several BN top guns aspiring to contest in the next general election have failed a Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) screening.

According to a report by Malay daily Sinar Harian today, citing sources, the personalities include two federal ministers, a menteri besar and a chief minister.

The report did not mention which party the individuals were from, but only BN component parties had submitted their potential election candidates to the MACC.

Pakatan Rakyat had refused to follow suit, citing distrust of the commission.

This was discovered after a preliminary screening by MACC, and the individuals are expected to be dropped as candidates in the next general election, the report said.

The reason for the failed screening, the report adds, was due to their problems with the law, but no specifics were provided.

There are three BN chief ministers, namely Malacca's Mohd Ali Rustam, Sabah's Musa Aman (left) and Sarawak's Abdul Taib Mahmud.

Although Abdul Taib has been accused of amassing RM46 billion of wealth during his tenure as chief minister, it is unlikely for him to be the person mentioned in the report as the 2011 Sarawak state election had already concluded and he traditionally only contests in a state seat.

CMs embroiled in MACC investigation

Musa, too, had been in the centre of controversy after he was linked to timber tycoon Michael Chia who was allegedly detained while attempting to bring RM40 million in cash into Malaysia via Hong Kong.

The MACC had since cleared Musa while Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Nazri Abdul Aziz had defended the money as political funding for Umno.

Meanwhile, Mohd Ali was embroiled in controversy last year after being accused of using state machinery to throw a lavish wedding for his son last September which resulted in an MACC investigation.

There are a total of six BN menteris besar, namely in Perlis, Perak, Negri Sembilan, Johor, Terengganu and Pahang, none of which has known ongoing MACC investigation against them.

However, Negri Sembilan Menteri Besar Mohamad Hassan was in the spotlight in 2009 after Bank Negara Malaysia launched an investigation against a money changer for breaking banking laws by helping the politician to transfer RM10 million in funds to the United Kingdom.

There are 30 federal ministers, including Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak and Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin.

Meanwhile, the daily quoted MACC deputy chief commissioner Mohd Shukri Abdul as saying that the screening was ongoing, but declined to elaborate on the failed screenings.

"In 2012, MACC had screened 830 candidates from various parties, and we believe that the list will grow after the Parliament is dissolved," he was quoted as saying.

He added that a total of 891 candidates were screened in the 2008 general election, while 105 candidates were screened in the 2004 general election.

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