

## **Penang Pakatan polls candidates complain to MACC**

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Ten Pakatan Rakyat candidates in Penang who lost in the 13th general election have lodged a report with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, alleging that graft had been involved.

NONEspokesperson and Bayan Baru MP Sim Tze Tzin (left) said seven had contested in seats on the island and three on the mainland. The 10 comprise two PAS and eight PKR candidates.

"We are lodging the report according to Section 10 of the Election Offences Act which is related to corruption, before, during and after elections that could affect the results on polling day," he told reporters outside the MACC office in Jalan Sultan Ahmad Shah.

Last Friday, Penang PKR vice-chairperson Abdul Halim Hussein and Sim had lodged a report with the Election Commission on the same matter.

The PKR leaders have visited the location where lucky draws were said to have been conducted in Bayan Baru and Balik Pulau from Friday up to Sunday.

Abdul Halim claimed that the cash handout ranged from RM160 to RM200, depending on the constituency.

PKR's Balik Pulau candidate Muhammad Bakhtiar Wan Chik said BN voters were told they could redeem vouchers ranging in value from RM50 to RM250.

"Vouchers were distributed before the election, (recipients) were promised the money if BN wins in their constituencies," Bakhtiar said in a text-message.

"We went to the centre where they disburse the money, the persons in charge runaway with laptops [sic]."

wong hon wai ala wang han weiDAP's Ayer Itam assemblyperson Wong Hon Wai (right) has lodged reports with the police and MACC on alleged vote-buying activities in his constituency.

"The MACC just told us that the matter is under observation. No witnesses have been called and no arrests have been made," said a frustrated Wong.

"If they don't take any action, then such activities will occur on a bigger scale since (those involved) are not afraid of doing it in broad daylight, even in front of video cameras."

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