

## **MACC task force to probe indelible ink fiasco**

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The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) has formed a task force to investigate the indelible ink fiasco.

NONESinar Harian quoted director of investigations Mustafar Ali (right) as saying that the probe would be an in-depth one, and that the team would examine whether or not there were abuses in the purchase and specifications of the ink used in the May 5 polls.

The Malay-language daily reported that the investigating team was set up last week after Shahidan Kassim, the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, revealed that the ink contains food colouring.

Also according to the report, PKR's Batu MP Tian Chua has renewed calls for the top two Election Commission officials - chairperson Abdul Aziz Mohd Yusof and his deputy Wan Ahmad Wan Omar - to be suspended pending the outcome of the probe.

UNONEmno supreme council member Saifuddin Abdullah has welcomed the probe, saying this would alleviate the accusations levelled against the EC.

Wan Ahmad has reportedly said the EC is not worried and is prepared to be investigated.

The indelible ink, which the EC had claimed would last seven days, was found to come off easily within hours of the application on polling day.

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