

**Can BN find 82 new 'ailment'-free candidates?  
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In the past it would have been more difficult to secure a Barisan Nasional endorsed-candidacy than to win in an election.

The peoples' trust in the BN at that time was so strong that any Tan, Daud and Hari would have won had they contested in the election on a BN ticket.

But March 2008 gave the Umno-BN coalition a painful jolt. It lost its two-thirds majority in the Dewan Rakyat and five states to the opposition.

Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak attributed the opposition's success to four ailments which affected the BN's elected representatives – 'delusion, amnesia, inertia and arrogance.'

In the coming 13th general election, the BN will need 82 new faces to contest in the constituencies held by the opposition.

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