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PAKATAN HARAPAN ELECTION PLEDGE

ANWAR ONE OF 13 MPs YET TO DECLARE ASSETS

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THIRTEEN members of parliament and 24 government administrative officials, including political secretaries, have yet to declare their assets.

Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) deputy chief Commissioner (Prevention) Datuk Shamsun Bahrin Mohd Jamil yesterday said these were the latest numbers obtained by the commission.

Shamsun Bahrin said up to yesterday, 115 lawmakers and 63 government administrative officials had declared their assets.

"Some were asking if MACC would take action against them if they don't declare. The truth is, we cannot do anything about it.

"They should honour their promise (to declare assets).

"What they need to do is make the declaration to the prime minister and he will hand us (MACC) a copy. Whether or not they want to do it is up to them," he said after the 2018 International Anti-Corruption Day walkabout.

The event was officiated by MACC chief Datuk Seri Shukri Abdull.

Shamsun Bahrin said MACC would continue to wait for the officials to declare their assets.

"We don't have a law that compels them to declare their assets.

However, we are ready to assist MPs who want to do it."

He said parties concerned should comply with a new regulation on asset declaration, which is expected to be tabled in April.

Cabinet members, Pakatan Harapan members of parliament and government administrative staff are required to declare their assets under a directive issued by the Special Cabinet Committee on Anti-Corruption chaired by Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

They were given three months from the date they took their oath of office to submit the forms, which will be displayed on MACC's MyDeclaration portal.

PH, in its election manifesto, had stated that all members of the Dewan Rakyat, Dewan Negara and government officials



MACC officer Haliza Sahafai showing a banknote-like leaflet at the Go Green Run held in conjunction with the International Anti-Corruption Day celebration in George Town, Penang, yesterday. PIC BY DANIAL SAAD

with Jusa C ranking and above were obliged to make a declaration of assets and income.

Bernama reported that PKR president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was among the 13 parliamentarians who have yet to declare their assets to MACC.

The others are Sabah Chief Minister and Semporna MP Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal, Perak Menteri Besar and Tangau MP Datuk Seri Ahmad Faisal Azumu.

Besides Anwar, some PKR MPs have not declared their monthly earnings and assets, namely Datuk Abdullah Sani Abdul Hamid (Kapar), P. Prabakaran (Batu), Datuk Seri Dr Edmund Santhara (Segamat), Awang Husaini Sahari (Putatan), Ali Biju (Saratok) and Dr Michael Teo Yu Keng (Miri).

Besides Faisal, two other Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia MPs

who have not declared their monthly earnings and assets are Datuk Dr Noor Azmi Ghazali (Bagan Serai) and Datuk Dr Shahrudin Md Salleh (Sri Gading).

As for Parti Warisan Sabah, besides Shafie, Labuan MP Datuk Rozman Isli has not declared his monthly earnings and assets.

Upko president and Tuaran MP Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau has also not declared his monthly earnings and assets.

Checks showed that some MPs declared only their monthly earnings and not assets.

They include Tourism, Arts and Culture Minister Mohamaddin Ketapi (Silam), Ministers in the Prime Minister's Department P. Waytha Moorthy and Datuk Liew Vui Keong (Batu Sapi), R. Sanisvara Nethaji Rayer (Jelutong), Wong Tack (Bentong) and Mord Bimol (Mas Gading).