

**All BN Candidates For General Election Free Of Corruption, Crime, Says Sec-Gen
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PUTRAJAYA, Dec 29 (Bernama) -- All Barisan Nasional (BN) candidates for the 13th general election have been found to be free of corruption and other crimes, BN secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said Saturday.

He said the candidates for the 222 parliamentary and 505 state seats had undergone screening by the police, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) and Department of Insolvency to ensure that they were "clean" and did not have any problems.

Tengku Adnan spoke to reporters after presenting school aid and People's Volunteer Corps (Rela) uniforms at a gathering of the people here where a durian feast was also held.

He also said that the background of the candidates was subjected to scrutiny to ensure that they were the people's choice.

"We want the candidates to be whom the people want, not whom the party or individuals in the party want. We want candidates whom the people feel they can represent them," he said.

Asked about new faces and women candidates, Tengku Adnan said that was a confidential matter.

Recently, MACC's Consultation and Corruption Prevention Panel chairman Datuk Johan Jaaffar had proposed that all political parties send their list of candidates for the 13th general election for vetting by the MACC to ensure that they were free of corruption and to avert baseless accusations against any individual or party later.

Tengku Adnan, who is the MP for Putrajaya, said he would get the assistance of the Putrajaya Corporation to provide more facilities for the comfort of the residents here.

He apologised to the residents for any shortcomings on his part and reminded them to be a model society for the country, saying that Putrajaya was a sustainable city.

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