

**Najib: All potential Barisan candidates for GE must be vetted and cleared by
MACC
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NEW DELHI: Election candidates representing Barisan Nasional must be vetted and cleared by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC). Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, who is also Barisan chairman, said that it was the coalition's standard practice to send the names of potential candidates to MACC to be vetted.

"All Barisan candidates go through the vetting process by MACC. We refer their names to MACC, and if they have doubtful files, they will not pass the vetting process.

"It is the stand of Barisan that every candidate must pass the MACC vetting process," he told a Malaysian media delegation here on Friday.

He was responding to a proposal by the Consultation and Corruption Prevention Panel, who suggested that all political parties send their list of candidates for vetting by MACC.

Najib is in New Delhi to attend the two-day Asean-India Commemorative Summit, which celebrates 20 years of Asean-India relationship.

Asked if the electoral candidates list had been finalised, Najib said it was an ongoing process.

"Although we have a list, if we get the latest input or information, changes can be made as long as the announcement (of the candidacy) have not been made," he said.

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