

**2 more government officers face charges over bauxite issue, says
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Two more officers of the Pahang Land and Mines Department (PTG) will be charged in the Sessions Court in Kuantan tomorrow for corruption in connection with bauxite mining activities.

A spokesman for the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) said they would be charged under Section 17(a) of the MACC Act 2009, which carries an imprisonment for up to 20 years and fine of RM10,000 or five times the value of the gratification, whichever is higher, if found guilty.

On January 13, two officers of the department, assistant land officer Fadly Ab Malek, 35, and an administrative and diplomatic officer (PTD) Syed Umar Khalil Syed Khalid, 34, were charged with accepting RM30,000 in gratification from an unlicensed bauxite miner.

Both pleaded not guilty and were allowed bail of RM10,000 each pending mention of the case on February 5.

So far, MACC have detained and recorded statements from 10 Pahang PTG officers and four civilians to facilitate investigations into alleged corruption in bauxite mining.
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