

## **Ku Nan: BN candidates have always declared assets before elections**

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**Barisan Nasional secretary-general Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor says it is opposition parties which have not imposed such a practice on its candidates.**

KUALA LUMPUR: Barisan Nasional (BN) secretary-general Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor says the ruling coalition already practices having candidates for the state and parliamentary seats declare their assets before a general election.

He was responding to a warning from the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission's (MACC) chief commissioner Dzulkifli Ahmad yesterday against political parties putting up candidates that the graft body suspect of being corrupt

"Of course all of us (BN component parties representatives) have to declare our assets before we become an assemblyman or MP.

"This practice was done even before I became an MP in 2004," he said, when asked by reporters if BN would filter its candidates' background prior to the next general election (GE14).

Tengku Adnan, who is better known as Ku Nan, said this after officiating the KL Extravaganza programme at Taman Tasik Permaisuri, Bandar Tun Razak, here today.

He said BN had previously proposed for all election candidates to declare their assets before contesting in any election but that the plan was rejected by opposition parties.

Yesterday, Dzulkifli said the MACC will play a proactive role in dealing with the issue of the integrity of candidates in GE14.

"In cases where we have intelligence but not enough evidence to open a case against the potential candidate, we will advise the party against fielding him.

"It should never be about popularity, it should be about integrity," Dzulkifli had reportedly said.

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