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## Parliamentary Commission shortlists candidates for AMA chair

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The Parliamentary Commission on Media convened today as announced and shortlisted four out of the seven candidates for AMA chair. The Commission meeting took place only with the presence of ruling majority MPs. In spite of continuous appeals to the opposition to participate in the election process of AMA members and chair, the opposition continues its boycott of overall parliament activities.

The Commission announced that the opposition has been notified of the shortlisted candidates and repeated its invitation to the MPs to participate in election of two final candidates. According to the law, the opposition MPs are entitled to eliminate two of the four names already shortlisted, while the remaining two will be voted in plenary session. In case the opposition refuses to participate in the process, the deputy chair of the commission said that all four names will be sent to vote next Thursday in the plenary session and the parliament will decide.

The four candidates that were shortlisted include: Gentian Sala (lawyer), Gentian Skënderaj (economist), Anila Basha (journalist) and Bers Hado (lawyer.) Next week the commission will convene another meeting, where each candidate will be allowed 15 minutes to further present to the commission their vision on AMA and how it can improve.

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