

CONSTITUTION OF NEW PARTY APPROVED

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Datuk Asri . . . president-designate

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KOTA BARU, Fri. — The "Group of 13" and its supporters have unanimously approved the draft constitution of its new party to be called "Hisbul Muslimin".

The party will be officially announced in Kuala Lumpur by its president-designate, Datuk Asri Muda, either on March 13 or March 23.

Datuk Asri himself will be chairing an extraordinary meeting here in a few days time for a final discussion on the draft constitu-

tion before submitting it to the Registrar of Societies.

A spokesman of the "Group of 13" said today that the approval of the draft constitution was made at a meeting yesterday at the residence of former Menteri Besar Datuk Ishak Lofti, an expelled PAS member, the meeting was attended by various pro-Asri leaders and scores of supporters.

The spokesman said that it was agreed that the new party would include *ulama*s (theologians) as policy-makers, bearing in mind

that this was an Islamic party.

The spokesman said that former PAS secretary-general Datuk Abu Bakar Umar and former Kedah PAS commissioner Datuk Sudin Wahab, had been designated to hold important posts in the proposed party.

Although he did not elaborate, it is understood that Datuk Abu Bakar will be the deputy president and Datuk Sudin the secretary-general.

It is also understood that Datin Sakinah Junid, Datuk Asri's wife, will

head the *Dewan Muslimat* (Women's Wing) of the party.

The spokesman said that other leaders in the "Group of 13" would automatically be given the post of vice-presidents or committee members — depending on the strength of the leaders' previous post.

Various State PAS leaders who had resigned from the party have also been assured that they would be appointed to certain posts.

The spokesman said that the new party would be based in Kuala Lumpur and not in Kelantan, as earlier

indicated, to prove that it was not parochial in its outlook.

"Hisbul Muslimin will be opened to anyone, especially PAS members," the spokesman added.

He said that the party would also invite several founders of PAS, *ulama*s and other PAS politicians dissatisfied with the current PAS leadership to join Hisbul Muslimin.

It was learnt that all PAS divisions in Kelantan had been officially informed of the formation of the new party.