

# Pas to Umno:

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## Send those in authority:

ALOR STAR, Sat. — Pa3 deputy president Ustaz Fadzil Noor today asked Umno to send high-level representatives for an open debate with Pas on Islamic issues.

"We want them (Umno) to send those with authority to speak on the subject and be committed to their statements."

Ustaz Fadzil was commenting on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement that Umno was prepared to meet the Pas challenge for a public debate.

He did not want Umno to send representatives who could not speak with authority as they might not be responsible for what they say.

He was glad that Umno had finally accepted the challenge from Pas.

Meanwhile in Kota Baru, Pas ulamak chief Ustaz Nik Aziz Nik Mat said he was prepared to lead a Pas delegation to debate on "basic issues"

with Umno, Dr Mahathir included.

"Pa3 has been waiting a long time for a chance to hold a debate with Umno on basic issues, especially on religion and politics," he said.

Ustaz Nik Aziz, who is MP for Pengkalan Chepa, added that Pas however would only debate on "basic issues" on politics and religion.

"Pas will not debate on Issues like development because development exists even in Communist countries," he said.

He declined further comment on the matter, saying that "Pas headquarters in Kuala Lumpur would also have to issue a statement on it."

Ustaz Nik Aziz also confirmed that he would be giving a ceramah in Machang tonight.

Pas sources said that the ceramah is expected to be attended by the party's members and supporters from throughout the State.