

PAS - DENIAL

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ALOR SETAR, SEPT. 15 (BERNAMA) -- PAS TODAY DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF AN **+ASSASSINATION SQUAD+** SAID TO HAVE BEEN SET UP BY THE PARTY TO ELIMINATE UMNO LEADERS INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER **DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD.**

THE PARTY'S DEPUTY **PRESIDENT, ENCIK FADZIL NOR,** TOLD REPORTERS HERE THAT SUCH A SQUAD **+DOES NOT EXIST WHETHER AT STATE OR NATIONAL LEVEL+.**

HE WAS COMMENTING **REPORTS ON THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH A SQUAD IN PAS AND THE STATEMENT REGARDING IT BY THE PRIME MINISTER YESTERDAY.**

**ENCIK FADZIL** REGRETTED THAT **DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR** HAD TURNED THE MATTER INTO **+AN OPEN ISSUE+.**

HE ALSO EXPRESSED REGRET OVER THE STATEMENT BY FORMER **CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTAI SOSIALIS RAKYAT MALAYSIA (PSRM) ENCIK KASSIM AHMAD ON PAS' PRESENT POSITION.**

**ENCIK KASSIM,** IN HIS STATEMENT **IN KANGAR YESTERDAY,** CALLED ON PAS **TO IMMEDIATELY CEASE THEIR SLANDERINGS AND BE A HEALTHY OPPOSITION PARTY.**

**HE HAD SAID THAT AN IMPORTANT ROLE THAT SHOULD BE PLAYED BY AN OPPOSITION PARTY WAS TO MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISMS AND NOT TO SPREAD SLANDER THAT COULD CAUSE CHAOS IN THE SOCIETY.**

**ENCIK FADZIL** CLAIMED THAT **ENCIK KASSIM** ONLY HAD **INFORMATION ON PAS FROM UMNO MEMBERS AND NOT FROM PAS MEMBERS.**

**MEANWHILE, THE KEDAH/PERLIS POLICE REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE EXISTENCE OF THE ASSASSINATION SQUAD. -- BERNAMA**