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PAS DENIES SELLING "HARAKAH" OPENLY

ALOR SETAR, Sept 8 (Bernama) -- The public sale of "Harakah", a PAS-published newspaper, by bookshops is beyond the party's control, PAS president Haji Fadzil Noor said today.

He said the newspaper's agents might have given distribution contracts to the bookshops.

He, however, said the management of "Harakah" would remind its agents to sell the newspaper only to party members, he said when commenting on a statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that the government would enforce a ban on the public sale of the tabloid as it was only meant for party members.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Home Minister, said he would issue a directive to stop street sale of the publication which was being done illegally.

"Harakah" has a publishing permit from the Home Ministry to print the tabloid thrice a week with about 40,000 copies for each issue.

Fadzil said PAS would consider whether to get a permit for the public sale of the paper. -- BERNAMA

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