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MALAYSIA'S GENERAL ELECTION NEXT YEAR, ACCORDING TO PAS

LANGKAWI, Feb 23 (Bernama) -- Parti Islam SeMalaysia (PAS) has predicted that Malaysia will hold the general election next year.

"There is a big possibility that the election will be held next year," PAS President Datuk Fadzil Noor said commenting on the prediction by another opposition party that the election would be held this year.

"The election will not be held this year because of the economic downturn and disunity in Umno," Fadzil told reporters after giving a talk here, last night.

The talk was in conjunction with the two-day PAS central committee meeting which began yesterday. Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Haji Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat and PAS deputy president Haji Abdul Hadi Awang also addressed the meeting.

PAS had already directed party members to start making preparations for the election, Fadzil said.

Meanwhile Fadzil said no official reply had been given by the government to the party's proposal to deal with the economic problem.

"It is up to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. Dr Mahathir however had commented that the proposals could not be accepted," he said.

PAS was still hoping that one day the government would accept the proposal similar to its proposal made eight years ago asking the government not to neglect agriculture, he said. --BERNAMA.

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