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PAS GOING ALONE IN COMING POLLS, SAYS FADZIL

KEPALA BATAS, Oct 11 (Bernama) -- PAS will not enter into any pact with other parties to face the next general election to avoid being sabotaged as previously, its president Datuk Fadzil Mohd Nor said.

"Experience has taught us much. We once had cooperated with Umno and also an Umno offshoot party but eventually all of them played PAS out," he said.

Fadzil told reporters this after attending a dinner with Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat and launching the party's election machinery at the PAS base in Pongsu Seribu here last night.

He said the question of PAS collaborating with non-Malay or non-Islamic parties did not arise as there was already such teamwork with the DAP and Parti Rakyat Malaysia in the so-called Majlis Gerakan Keadilan Rakyat Malaysia (Gerak) or the Malaysian people's justice movement council.

He said Gerak was created not because of the detention of former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim under the Internal Security Act (ISA) since Sept 20 but to fight against injustice.

"The ISA is very cruel and runs contrary to Islam's and the universal concept of justice. That's why we oppose the wide use of the ISA by the government to intimidate citizens," he said.

Fadzil, who is also Gerak chairman, said the movement planned to launch a postcard campaign to urge Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to step down and immediately call for a general election to gauge how much of the people's support he still enjoyed.

Fadzil claimed that more Umno members and ordinary people were joining PAS because they have lost confidence in Umno's leadership.

At the function, Fadzil also received 500 applications to join PAS.

Meanwhile, Nik Aziz dismissed the notion that PAS was an extremist and a "trouble-making" party as evident by the people's acceptance of the PAS-led rule in Kelantan.

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