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Fadzil: Polls will be held this year

MALACCA, Sun. - Pas president Datuk Fadzil Nor expressed confidence that the general election would be called this year.

He said he believed that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would make the announcement soon as the latter feared that 70 per cent of new voters would vote for the opposition if the election was held next year.

Addressing a ceramah in Telok Mas last night, Fadzil said the party's prediction was also based on its assumption of unfavourable economic conditions next year.

"We predict the economy will fare badly, if not worse, next year following failure of the Government's selective measures and repatriation of foreign funds."

"Although he (Dr Mahathir) had said about RM3 billion had been taken out (of the country) and that the amount was small, yet this goes to show that new investors no longer have faith in our (economic) policies. So before the economy goes kaput he will call for the election."

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