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PAS SAYS MALAY SUPPORT FOR BN DROPS 20 PER CENT

ALOR SETAR, Sept 8 (Bernama) -- PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor has claimed that Malay support for the governing Barisan Nasional (BN) has declined by as much as 20 per cent but did not mention how he arrived at that figure.

Fadzil attributed this decline singly to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's criticism of faith-healer turned PAS politician and former academician Datuk Dr Harun Din.

By Fadzil's reckoning the declining Malay support for the ruling coalition, caused by the prime minister's criticism of Harun, prompted the government not to call for a general election this month as widely expected.

"I gathered this information from government officers themselves when giving a talk in Jengka, Pahang recently," he said at a political rally in Alor Janggus near here last night.

Meanwhile, speaking at the same gathering, Keadilan Youth chief Ezam Mohamed Noor, who had been harping on government documents being stashed abroad, again threatened to reveal their allegedly incriminating content.

He said these six box-loads of documents contained revelations about alleged malpractice by government and corporate leaders, including those from Kedah itself.

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