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Pas won't expel its members who are Al Ma'unah followers

ALOR STAR, Tues. - Pas will not expel its members for being followers of the Al-Ma'unah group.

Party president Datuk Fadzil Mohd Noor said the members instead would only be asked to leave the group if religious authorities declare it a deviant religious group.

He said Al-Ma'unah was registered with the Registrar of Societies and any Pas member who was a member of Al-Ma'unah was a member of a legal organisation.

"We do not plan to take any action against our members yet, not until the Islamic Development Department (Jakim) comes out with a ruling that the activities of the Al-Ma'unah group are against Islamic teachings and declare it a deviant religious group."

He said the recent arms heist at two army camps in Grik and the Sauk incident had no links to Pas or its struggles, although there was a possibility that some of the Al-Mu'anah members involved were Pas members or former Pas members.

"Pas rejects all forms of violence and force in achieving its political goals and in upholding Islam.

"Our struggles are through parliamentary democracy, which is through elections," said Fadzil, who is also the Opposition Leader.

On Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement that some quarters might defend the actions of the Al-Ma'unah, Fadzil said nobody would defend such violent acts.

Yesterday, Dr Mahathir said there would be people defending the motive and violent acts of the Al-Ma'unah who planned to topple the Government after the arms robbery.

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