

PAS raises new issue

It suggests two dates for committee meeting but questions Khalil's credibility

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Suggest another date, says Fadzil

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start and that there were still some technical loose ends, hence the technical committee meetings.

Meanwhile, Bernama reported Fadzil as saying in **PORT DICKSON** that if Umno does not agree, it can suggest other dates. "Whether or not it is possible, it is a matter between the PAS secretary-general and Umno to decide," he said.

Speaking to reporters after opening the Negri Sembilan PAS convention, Fadzil said PAS has proposed the names of 11 representatives, to be headed by PAS secretary-general Nasharuddin Mat Isa, for the meeting.

Commenting on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement yesterday that PAS was actively campaigning support for their pre-conditions for the talks, Fadzil denied the allegation.

Its pre-conditions now are the reinstatement of Terengganu's oil royalty and the bi-weekly publication of *Harakah*.

PETALING JAYA, Sun: PAS has suggested tomorrow or Tuesday for the technical committee meeting to discuss the proposed Malay unity talks between the party and Umno but raised another issue which could pose a stumbling block.

PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor, who suggested the new dates today, challenged the credibility of Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob to continue to head Umno's technical committee for the talks following allegations of abuse by an Umno member.

On Wednesday, Beserah state assemblyman Datuk Fauzi Abdul Rahman lodged a police report against Khalil for alleged misappropriation of state resources.

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Fauzi had also submitted his resignation letter to Pahang Menteri Besar and Umno state liaison committee chairman Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob.

"These allegations have raised doubts over Tan Sri Khalil's credibility to head the committee," Fadzil said, when asked to comment on whether the talks will take place.

The third meeting of the technical committee, scheduled for last Tuesday, was postponed indefinitely at PAS's request because several of its technical committee members could not be present.

Khalil had said then that Umno will wait for PAS to fix a new date for the meeting.

Fadzil said: "We have proposed two dates to Umno, April 2 and 3, and are waiting for their decision."

"But this new development casts a shadow over Umno and it has a new problem to deal with."

PAS had called off the Malay unity talks on the eve of the scheduled date, Feb 19, saying there should be a conducive atmosphere first before the talks could

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