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Fadzil wants to do it in House with TV coverage

ALOR STAR, Sat. - Pas will submit a memorandum detailing the party's definition of an Islamic state to the Prime Minister only if it is given the opportunity to explain it in Parliament, with the session aired live on television.

Pas president Datuk Fadzil Noor said it was futile for Pas to submit the memorandum, which the party was preparing if the media "manipulates" its contents.

"We will submit our memorandum on an Islamic state to Dr Mahathir but I want to ask him to allow us to present it on television.

"This is because he said that Pas must come up with this memorandum to let the rakyat know.

"We want a minimum of three hours (air time) - if he cannot give us that, then there is no need for us to send the memorandum."

Pas has been under pressure from the Barisan Nasional Government to come out with a clearly written concept on its proposed Islamic state.

Its leaders have said that a committee has been set up for this purpose, and Fadzil's statement appears to be the first condition the party is setting in this regard.

Fadzil said this in a ceramah last night at the Pas-run religious school, Muassasah Darul Ulum, at Pokok Sena, near here.

The ceramah was held after special prayers (sembahyang hajat) for the victims of the US-led bombings of Afghanistan.

Fadzil said that apart from airing its memorandum live, a forum should also be held on TV, whereby reporters can field questions on the matter.

Fadzil had previously been reported to have said that a Pas memorandum on its definition of an Islamic state will be submitted to the Prime Minister by year end.

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