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M'SIA YET TO MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS OF ISLAMIC STATE - HADI

KUALA TERENGGANU, Oct 3 (Bernama) -- PAS today acknowledged that Malaysia has met some of the key requirements of an Islamic state.

Its deputy president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang, however, maintained that there were other requirements that must be fulfilled before the country could be regarded as an Islamic state.

"The Muslims are in power but they have not incorporated the principles of an Islamic state in the constitution and policies," he told reporters after chairing the weekly meeting of the Terengganu State Executive Council.

Hadi, who is Terengganu Menteri Besar, was asked to comment on calls from various quarters for PAS to clarify the features of the Islamic state it wished to implement if it came to power.

Hadi claimed that Malaysia had not implemented the true concept of an Islamic state where laws were based on the Quran and hadis (sayings and practices of Prophet Mohammed).

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has taken PAS to task for refusing to acknowledge that Malaysia was already an Islamic state.

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