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NO NEED FOR PAS TO EXPOUND CONCEPT OF ISLAMIC STATE

KOTA BAHARU, Sept 7 (Bernama) -- PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor said his party need not categorically expound the concept of an Islamic state it aspires to establish as this is already self-explanatory in the party's constitution.

"This is what we have been saying generally, there is no need to say so specifically... what is important is explaining it to the masses," he told reporters after launching PAS' golden jubilee celebrations in Pengkalan Chepa here today.

He was asked about a recent call by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that PAS issue a white paper on the concept of the Islamic state that it would set up.

On allegations that PAS rather chose to remain silent over the activities of the so-called KMM militant outfit, Fadzil said there was nothing the party could do as it had no information on the group which was reportedly bent on toppling the government.

He said the issue was for the government to tackle.

"We have emphasised from the outset till today that we uphold democratic practices and do not choose to use force to gain power," said Fadzil.

Fadzil said PAS and the other members in the opposition alliance calling itself the Barisan Alternatif (alternative front) -- Parti Keadilan Nasional, the DAP and Parti Rakyat Malaysia (PRM) -- were striving to create a more democratic government.

"We are committed to making good our pledge in the BA manifesto .. if the people give us the mandate in the next general election," he said.

Towards this end, PAS would have to remain in the Barisan Alternatif to take on Umno and the Barisan Nasional (BN), Fadzil added.

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