

Pas chief may explain role in gathering at party assembly

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. — Pas leaders will explain to members the rationale behind its participation in the May 8 Syarahan Perdana on Palestine with Umno during its assembly, scheduled in Kota Baru, Kelantan, if asked to do so.

Pas Information chief Azizan Abdul Razak said the explanation, if needed, would be given by its president Datuk Fadzil Noor.

Pas party organ *Harakah* had published an article, criticising Fadzil for participating in the Syarahan Perdana, organised by Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka and the Muslim Youth Movement of Malaysia (Abim).

Fadzil had shared the same platform with Umno president and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to speak on "Palestine and Humanity".

The *Harakah* article described the event as a "a sham", stating that Fadzil should have walked out after delivering his speech. It also said Dr Mahathir's speech was driven by his own political agenda.

On the dissatisfaction of some Pas members over Fadzil's participation, Azizan said it was bound to happen in any political party.

"You cannot please everyone. There will be those who feel dissatisfied with us for participating and they have the right to feel that way."

Azizan said the decision for Pas to participate was approved by the party's central working committee.
