

Pas members have right to criticise me, says Fadzil

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Pas president Datuk Fadzil Mohd Noor said party members and supporters had the right to criticise him for sharing the same platform with Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in addressing the issue on Palestine recently.

“That’s the commentator’s opinion. People are entitled to their opinion,” he said when asked to comment an article published in the latest edition of the party’s official organ, *Harakah*.

Fadzil, who is taking a rest from official duties after a five-day stay at the Kuala Terengganu Hospital early this month, said he was aware of the criticisms, including from Pas members, but stressed that his participation in May 8 *Syarahan Perdana* was with approval of the party’s central working committee.

The Opposition leader was admitted to the Kuala Terengganu hospital’s cardiac care unit on May 10 after he complained of chest pains and is resting at home in Alor Star.

He will resume his party duties on May 29 where he will be attending an international seminar on Palestine organised by Pas as a prelude to the party’s 48th *muktamar* from May 31 to June 2 in Kota Baru.

The article in *Harakah* criticised Fadzil for participating in the forum which was organised by Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka and the Muslim Youth Movement of Malaysia (Abim).

Fadzil and Dr Mahathir were the main speakers at the forum on *Palestine and Humanity*.

The *Harakah* article criticised the event for being a sham, suggesting that Fadzil should have walked out from the event after delivering his speech.