

# PAS unveils model of Islamic state

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KOTA BARU: PAS has, for the first time, revealed a seven-point framework of its model of an Islamic state.

In his presidential keynote address at the 48th PAS muk-tamar yesterday, Datuk Fadzil Noor said the features of the proposed Islamic state are:

- A GOVERNMENT based on, and aims to achieve, justice (*al-idalah*), where justice encompasses all aspects of life and cuts across race, religion and culture;

- PROMOTING and pre-serving social justice, equitable distribution of wealth and economic opportunities;

- ALLOWING political freedom of the minority and indi-

viduals;

- THE right to choose one's beliefs;

- BRINGING prosperity through welfare and virtues;

- DISCARDING wastage, destruction or damage to life and the environment; and

- STANDING up and upholding the supremacy of the rule of law under the Islamic Syariah and jurisprudence.

Fadzil said the Islamic state was a civil society illustrated by the Medina Charter that symbolised a modern and cultured society.

He said that while the state and government envisaged by PAS would uphold the

supremacy of the rule of law under the Islamic Syariah and jurisprudence, the major provisions in the prevailing civil laws and Constitution were still applicable.

The Islamic state concept is now in the final process of completion following several reviews made after feedback from ulamas and professionals in the party, he said.

Early this year when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad stated that Malaysia was an Islamic state, he challenged PAS to "put in writing" its module of an Islamic state.

Fadzil said PAS was now responding to that challenge.