

Pas denies use of violence in any election

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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — Pas Youth chief Mahfuz Omar today denied that Pas had used strong-arm tactics in any election campaign.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's claims were baseless and made to implicate Pas with the use of violence when campaigning during the recent Pendang and Anak Bukit by-elections.

"Dr Mahathir's claims that Pas tried to intimidate non-Malay voters in Pendang and Anak Bukit are untrue and we are surprised how a Prime Minister could actually lie to the media and make a wrong analysis based on the data from the recent by-elections," he said in a statement.

Dr Mahathir said yesterday that the Government should take action to stop the use of violence and strong-arm tactics by Pas during elections.

He had said that Umno was concerned that if nothing was done to check the trend, future elections could be marred by trouble and disturbances.

Mahfuz said Dr Mahathir should not make such allegations without providing proof.