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PAS PRESENT PROPOSED MEMORANDUM ON ISLAMIC NATION

KOTA BAHARU, May 31 (Bernama) -- PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor today announced seven major principles to be contained in the Memorandum on Islamic Nation proposed by the party which he claimed was the best model for Islamic administration for the 21st century.

He said the seven major principles were not explained in detail for the time being but they were sufficient for everyone to understand that Islamic administration was fair to all races and religions.

The proposed memorandum, the first by PAS, was to enable the various quarters in the country to obtain information and clarification on the position of Islamic administration ala-PAS, he said in his speech at the 48th PAS annual general assembly at the Kelantan Islamic Education Centre, Pengkalan Chepa here.

Speaking to reporters later, Fadzil said: "The memorandum has been completed, we (PAS) are only waiting for the right time to announce it to the people."

He said the announcement was in response to the challenge by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last year that PAS presented a model of an Islamic nation according to the party's mould.

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The seven principles stated by Fadzil were * Civil Society and Developing nation (negara Hadhari); * Principle of Fairness (Al-Musaawah); * Sovereignty of the law based on Islamic legislation and syariah; * Administration that was based on fairness (Al Adalah); * Administration that upheld the principles of actual qualification or "As Solahiyah"; * Nation that was compassionate; * and a dynamic and innovative system of administration.

He said the civil society was among the main qualities that characterised appreciation of the Islamic administration that was based on logic, election and democracy while the developing nation stressed on the development of a civilisation and humanity based on good morals and strong value system that was supported by a system of faiths or "Aqidatul Tauhid".

"We hope the memorandum on Islamic administration can be released earlier so that we can get feedback including comments from the public and we can provide more detailed explanation," he said.

Fadzil said PAS would also give explanation to non-Muslims on the Islamic nation ala-PAS to dispel their doubts and fear.

"I don't believe that with the explanation, PAS would distance itself from the other communities...for the general election, we will issue a joint manifesto decided by the BA (opposition pact) which would certainly take into account all views," he said.

When asked whether the memorandum on Islamic state would eliminate the special status and privileges of the Bumiputeras, Fadzil said the matter did not arise now because PAS only wished to clarify on the main principles contained in the memorandum.

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