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PAS- warns Harakah editor

KLJALA TERENGGANU: Zulkifli Sulong, the chief editor of the PAS newsletter *Harakah*, has been warned by the party over a caricature which insulted the prime minister.

Acting PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang admitted yesterday that the publication of the cartoon was a mistake and has advised Zulkifli to be more careful in future.

"It's a normal thing in life . . . we make mistakes . . . something unintentional which must be corrected," he said after chairing the weekly meeting of the state executive council here.

Hadi, who is the Terengganu menteri besar, was commenting on the call by many Barisan Nasional leaders for the Home Ministry to revoke the publishing permit of

Harakah for publishing a two-frame cartoon entitled "Masalah SARS" (SARS 'problem), comprising a caricature of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, and another of a pig.

Harakah, in a two-paragraph statement on Tuesday, said it was withdrawing the cartoon, drawn by cartoonist Zunar, which was published in the June 16-30 issue. The paper also apologised for the caricature.

In KOTA BARU, PAS spiritual adviser Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said the publication of the cartoon was in bad taste.

"I agree that the apology was proper. When we do something wrong, we should not be stubborn, especially when it comes to something personal like this," the Kelantan menteri besar said after chairing the state executive council weekly meeting.