

# Noh: It's another PAS gimmick

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PAS has been politicising Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's decision to resign in order to discredit him and his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister's Department parliamentary secretary Datuk Noh Omar said.

"They keep saying that Dr Mahathir will retract his decision in order to paint him as someone who does not keep his word.

"At the same time, they also question his deputy's credibility to lead the nation," he said at the lobby.

Noh said PAS would continue to use such political gimmicks.

"For example, PAS had attacked for-

mer Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim with many allegations when he was holding his post but suddenly PAS became his saviour after he was no longer in the Government," he said.

Earlier in the Dewan Rakyat, Noh said Dr Mahathir would be stepping down from his post at the end of October.

He said Dr Mahathir had not changed his mind despite being asked by many parties including international leaders to reconsider his decision.

He said this in reply to a question from Zawawi Ahmad (PAS - Padang Terap).

To another question, Noh said there

were still more men than women in the country.

"Currently, the ratio of men and women are 50.9:49.1, the ratio of men and women in the age category of between 15 and 44 is also the same," he said in reply to a supplementary question from Datuk Mohamad Aziz (BN -Sri Gading).

Mohamad earlier drew laughter in the Dewan when he suggested that the Government ease polygamy rules if there were more women in the country.

Noh then said that it had not stopped men from practising polygamy even if there were fewer women in the country.