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HADI EXPECTS PAS-UMNO TIES TO BE THE SAME WHEN ABDULLAH TAKES OVER

PASIR MAS, June 22 (Bernama) -- Acting PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said that the relationship between his party and Umno will be the same when Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi takes over the helm of the country's administration and Umno.

"Even during Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's time our relationship is normal in that we support what's good and reject what's negative," he told reporters after a ceramah at the PAS headquarters in Rantau Panjang, here, last night.

Abdul Hadi, who is Terengganu Menteri Besar, said this when asked to comment on the Umno general assembly which ended in Kuala Lumpur and the impending transfer of leadership in Umno and the government from Dr Mahathir to Abdullah in October.

He said it was Dr Mahathir's prerogative to step down and PAS did not deny that the Dr Mahathir had made achievements.

Asked why PAS was still targeted at the Umno general assembly, he said this showed that PAS was strong.

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