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`Cheap publicity stunt by Hadi'

PENANG, Thurs. - Penang Umno Youth today dismissed as a cheap publicity stunt a statement by Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang that he is ready to contest against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for the Kepala Batas parliamentary seat in the general election.

Movement leader Datuk Roslan Saidin recalled that Hadi pulled a similar stunt when Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was Prime Minister.

Hadi who is Pas president, had then declared that he would contest in Kubang Pasu, the seat Dr Mahathir held and still does.

Roslan was commenting on media reports today quoting Hadi in Kuala Terengganu as saying that he "is ready and willing" to contest in any constituency in the general election, including the Kepala Batas seat.

In Kuala Terengganu, Umno vice-president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said Pas was losing its grip in Terengganu and that was why Hadi had to pull such a cheap stunt.

"This is just Hadi's mind game," he remarked.