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Hadi hopes SAR and use of English issues will be resolved

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Opposition Leader Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang hopes that issues such as the People's Religious School (Sekolah Agama Rakyat) and the use of English to teach Science and Mathematics will be settled in the new year.

"We hope there will be a solution to these issues and that it will not continue to burden the people," Hadi, who is also acting Pas president, said in a statement.

He said the decision of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to let go all his political posts in October next year would create a power struggle in Umno.

"The change in the leadership will have implications on the country. We hope that the problems in Umno will not affect the country's stability."

Meanwhile, DAP secretary-general Kerk Kim Hock, in his New Year's message, said Malaysians should begin the new year by being united in facing threats of terrorism.

He said the Government should initiate a programme involving all political parties as well as non-governmental organisations to fight terrorism.

"Malaysia has been incorrectly reported and unfairly perceived as a centre for terrorists and such negative reports will certainly harm our economy.

"Thus, we should start the new year by declaring our total support towards a united effort to combat terrorism," said Kerk, who is also the Kota Melaka Member of Parliament.

Parti Keadilan Nasional president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, in her message, urged Malaysians to ensure the continuity of freedom and justice for all citizens.

"That should be our aim to ensure all Malaysians live in peace and democracy.

"All should be given equal justice and freedom must prevail."