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Hadi: No need for Pas to issue memo on Islamic state

reports on "Pas Muktamar 2003" by Zubaidah Abu Bakar; Sajahan Waheed; PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said there is no need for the party to issue a memorandum on the Islamic state it intends to set up when it comes to power.

He said this was because Pas felt the interpretation of an Islamic state as voiced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was different from the party's version.

"There is no need for us to respond to Dr Mahathir's challenge that we announce our memorandum on the Islamic state.

"There are many books on Islamic states which the people can refer to to get a clear picture of the real concept of an Islamic state," he said when winding up the debate on the acting president's keynote address at the closing of Pas muktamar at its headquarters in Taman Melewar yesterday.

Hadi, who is also Terengganu Menteri Besar, said the Institute of Islamic Understanding of Malaysia (Ikim) should come out with a proper definition of an Islamic state.

Vice-president Datuk Mustafa Ali said there was a need for the party to have two manifestos - one for the Federal and another for the State - as there were many different issues to address.

Mustafa said that there were certain issues under the State jurisdiction such as those involving land and civil servants.

He also said that Pas was unable to come up with a blueprint as certain details concerning the administration could only be obtained after the party comes to power.

Mustafa also said the main aim of members should be to defeat Umno so that the party would come to power in the next general election.

He said that Pas could win the election and form the next government with the support of friends in the opposition coalition.

Spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat said that there were protests and demonstrations in the country because people were not happy with decisions made by the Government.

"If the Government up-holds justice in its action and decisions, then there will not be any demonstration as the people would have nothing to protest against.

"For instance, concerning the Internal Security Act (ISA), people are not happy with it as it curbs our freedom and that is why they are protesting against it."

On the reshuffle in Kelantan Umno last year, he said: "It is like changing the tyres of a car that has broken down. The car cannot move as there is no petrol."