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Hadi: Dr Mahathir's retirement not an issue

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PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's confirmation that he will be stepping down as Prime Minister at the end of next month did not mean any change to the country's leadership which will still be under the Barisan Nasional.

He said whether or not the Opposition was convinced that Dr Mahathir would retire as promised was not an issue.

"To us, it is not an issue whether he steps down or not. It is like what Dr Mahathir has said before that the country would still remain under the BN rule," he said at a Press conference.

Hadi said he had never said that Dr Mahathir would not step down.

On Saturday, Dr Mahathir had said that his decision was final and that some people just could not accept the fact that he would be stepping down when he was at the top.