

Nik Aziz: Hasan Ali should watch his mouth
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PAS spiritual leader Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat has warned former Selangor PAS commissioner Hasan Ali to be mindful of his words when making statements.

"My advice to him is to watch his mouth, if there are any problems in the party, raise it in meetings - there are proper channels," he said.

pas muktamar 130610 nik abdul aziz 4Weighing on Hasan's sacking in an interview, Nik Abdul Aziz (right) who is also Kelantan Menteri Besar, said it was normal for a party to sack problematic members.

"There is no political party that does not sack its members when problems arise. Even in Kelantan, Umno has sacked two to three of its members," he said.

Nik Abdul Aziz said as a result of Hasan's move to engage Umno-related media, the problems within the party had been amplified and exaggerated.

"I would not say stupid, but going to the press, especially the Umno-owned press which magnified the problem was not smart."

Noting that some PAS members had turned up at Hasan's residence to support him shortly after the sacking, Nik Abdul Aziz reminded them that their actions were being observed by party members.

"That is up to them, I cannot comment, but obviously there are people who are looking...he is matured enough to know the rules," he said in reference to former PAS deputy president Nasharuddin Mat Isa who was among those at Hasan's residence.

'Up to Hasan'

Nik Abdul Aziz said it was up to Hasan to decide whether he would appeal the decision or not.

"It is his wish, but we will give him the opportunity to appeal then we will see how the situation develops," he said.

Last week, PAS surprised party members when its president Abdul Hadi Awang announced Hasan's sacking.

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However, Hasan who is also Selangor exco in charge of Islamic affairs has attributed his sacking for refusing to support opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim and describing the latter's sodomy trial as a personal affair.

PAS deputy spiritual leader Haron Din (left), the No 2 in the syura council which is the highest decision making body in the party, has urged Hasan to appeal the decision.

The Syura Council is led by Nik Abdul Aziz which is expected to call both Hasan and the party's central committee members who decided the sacking if an appeal is filed.

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