

'PAS' current political ties only with PKR'

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PAS has no immediate plans to cooperate politically with Umno or Pakatan Harapan.

The Islamist party election director Mustafa Ali said the only political cooperation they have is with former Pakatan Rakyat ally, PKR.

He was responding to a question on whether the Islamist party will forge a political cooperation with Umno, after bridging ties with Malay NGO Perkasa on matters of mutual interest today.

"At this time, from the political point of view, our only political cooperation is with PKR; no other.

"We are not involved with Pakatan Harapan, not even with Umno," he said at a press conference at PAS headquarters in Kuala Lumpur today.

He said that since Umno-PAS relations went sour in 1977, the Islamist party only cooperates on a non-political platform, with the BN anchor party.

"We don't have political cooperation (with Umno) but we have no problem cooperating on issues such as the Palestine crisis or the nuclear issue. We cooperate with the government on issues that benefit the people" he said.

Perkasa president Ibrahim Ali, at the press conference suggested PAS take bold steps, including cooperating with Umno, for the sake of Malay unity.

He said this after a meeting with the Islamist party which among others focuses on Malay and bumiputera issues.

"Perkasa asks PAS to be more proactive and cooperate with all quarters including even Umno.

"The ideological and political differences should not divide Islam," he said after congratulating the Islamic party for severing ties with DAP.

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