

Hadi warns Malays not to be fooled by 'rights' slogans
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KUALA LUMPUR - PAS has again reminded Malaysians that the current sloganeering about Malay rights by Umno and Barisan Nasional was an attempt to hide its mismanagement and abuse.

PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang (left), in a statement Tuesday, said Malays who still support Umno should realise this tactic and shift their allegiance to PAS so that the concept of Islamic justice, which ensures fairness to all, can be applied.

"Umno has used the question of special position of Malays as a weapon to defend their own party. Umno robs the country's treasuries in the name of Malay and Bumiputera privileges.

"To all the Malays in the country who are still with Umno, the time has come for them to make that important decision for the sake of the next generation, to be with PAS to make a change for a fairer country in accordance with Islamic justice for all," said Hadi, adding that the Malays and Bumiputeras were the real victims of such politics.

Hadi cited the refusal of the BN government to channel the oil royalties during PAS's rule in Terengganu, and now in Kelantan.

"All these are the discriminatory and evil acts by then UMNO General Assembly against the states, 95% of whose population are Malay-Muslims," he stressed.

Hadi said the position of the Malays and Bumiputeras as enshrined in the Federal Constitution should be taken into consideration before the implementation of any policy, as long as such a policy did not victimise other races in the country.

"This is what we have agreed in the first Pakatan Rakyat's Convention held last year," he reminded.

The PAS president's stance on the recent proposal by DAP MP Tony Pua, to abolish Bumiputera discount for properties worth more than RM500,000, was recently taken out of context by mainstream dailies, claiming that Hadi opposed the idea.

Hadi had, however, stressed that such a practice (of giving discounts to poor to own properties) should be extended to all poor Malaysians, and lashed out race-based affirmative policies as un-Islamic. - HarakahDaily.net

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