

**PAS Rejects Collaboration With Umno On Malay Unity**  
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KUALA LUMPUR -- PAS is rejecting any form of collaboration with Umno in forging Malay unity, but will continue its partnerships with allies in the opposition pact.

Party president Abdul Hadi Awang said that PAS, along with DAP and Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR), would chart strategies to face the general election.

"I've gone to the ground where there's good cooperation among Pakatan Rakyat partners. So, we're sticking to Pakatan Rakyat," he told reporters after delivering his policy speech at the party's 57th muktamar (general assembly) here yesterday.

He said despite differences in terms of ideology and religion, PAS could work with DAP as they shared similar views on how to tackle people's problems, such as poverty.

Abdul Hadi did not rule out the possibility of PAS-Umno talks on issues affecting the people, such as what he described as the need to improve the electoral system.

"We may collaborate with Umno, for example, on issues such as the Palestinian struggle against Israel," he said, adding that it may also cover anti-nuclear and economic issues.

Meanwhile, Abdul Hadi said PAS was not ready to let go of its desire to establish an Islamic state.

He said any such move would be in line with the concept of developing a welfare state.

"There was no mention of Islamic state in the Quran, but there was a mention of welfare state," he added.

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