

**DAP, PKR Have Influenced PAS To Change Principles**  
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JERLUN -- DAP and the Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) have succeeded in influencing PAS to the extent that the party's objective of setting up an Islamic state, which was the party's struggles all this time, has been changed to a welfare state.

Deputy chairman of the Kedah Umno Liaison Body, Mukhriz Tun Dr Mahathir said PAS was also seen as lacking a fixed stand when it changed the principle of struggling for an Islamic state to a welfare state because it wanted to realise the aspirations of the DAP and PKR in championing the cause of the multi-racial society in Malaysia.

"Congratulations to the DAP and PKR for succeeding to influence PAS to the extent that only those aligned to them (no ulama) were elected as PAS vice-presidents and even the deputy president.

"The influence of the DAP and PKR in PAS is very substantial. This does not reflect that PAS is free from the influence of those who are actually against Islam," he told reporters after launching a programme, "Undergraduates With the People", here on Saturday.

He said the results of the PAS election which was announced today certainly did not reflect the support of the PAS members or delegates for the ulama in PAS.

The results of the PAS election announced yesterday showed that PAS grassroots leader Mohamad Sabu sprang a surprise by beating three-term deputy president Nasharuddin Mat Isa and Pahang PAS commissioner Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Mat for the number two post.

The new vice-presidents Salahuddin Ayub, Husam Musa and Mahfuz Omar, are also from the non-ulama group.

Mukhriz said the formation of a welfare state announced by PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang at the PAS general assembly had actually been fought for by Umno and Barisan Nasional (BN) ever since independence.

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