

Pas, PKR to combine forces come general election

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KUALA LUMPUR: Pas and Party Keadilan Rakyat are working on an electoral pact for the next general election that does not include the DAP.

Pas president Datuk Seri Hadi Awang said the two parties would co-operate to ensure that they did not contest against each other.

He said they would place

candidates in all constituencies using a common manifesto.

"The thrust will be welfare of everyone. We also want to emphasise justice for all," he said after the party's monthly central committee meeting yesterday.

Pas has finalised the list of candidates for almost 80 per

cent of constituencies with the rest to be confirmed soon.

Hadi said the party had instructed branches and divisions which had yet to submit their list of candidates to do so by September.

"Some states have finalised their list, while others are working on them."

He said the party was confi-

dent that elections would be held soon but declined to be drawn into predicting a date.

"The signs are there that the general election will be held soon," he said.

On how the party expected to perform at the polls, he said it was confident of a better showing this time around.

"We are hopeful of making

headway in non-traditional states. For example, we won the Kajang state seat in the 1999 election. It is a mixed seat comprising 50 per cent Muslims voters."

He said the party would continue to focus on the traditional frontline Malay belt states of Kedah, Kelantan and Terengganu.