

Nasharuddin retains No. 2 post

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KOTA BARU: PAS's reform agenda remains on course with the re-election of Nasharuddin Mat Isa as deputy president yesterday.

In the keenly contested party elections, British-educated Nasharuddin - seen by many as a bridge between PAS and the outside world - beat 64-year-old veteran and Dewan Ulama head Datuk Harun Taib. Nasharuddin received 574 votes, to Harun's 367.

The results were announced by election committee deputy chairman Wan Mutaib Embong at the party's *muktamar* (convention) in Pengkalan Chepa.

The win by the 45-year-old law lecturer is seen as a stamp of approval from 1,125 delegates who wanted him to continue helping PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang with the party's reforms.

Two vice-presidents who retained their posts were Kelantan public administration, economic planning, finance and community development committee chairman Datuk Husam Musa (831 votes) and Mohamad Sabu (666 votes).

The third post of vice-president, vacated by Selangor PAS commissioner Datuk Dr Hasan Ali, was won by PAS information chief Ahmad Awang,

the former Ulama Association of Malaysia president.

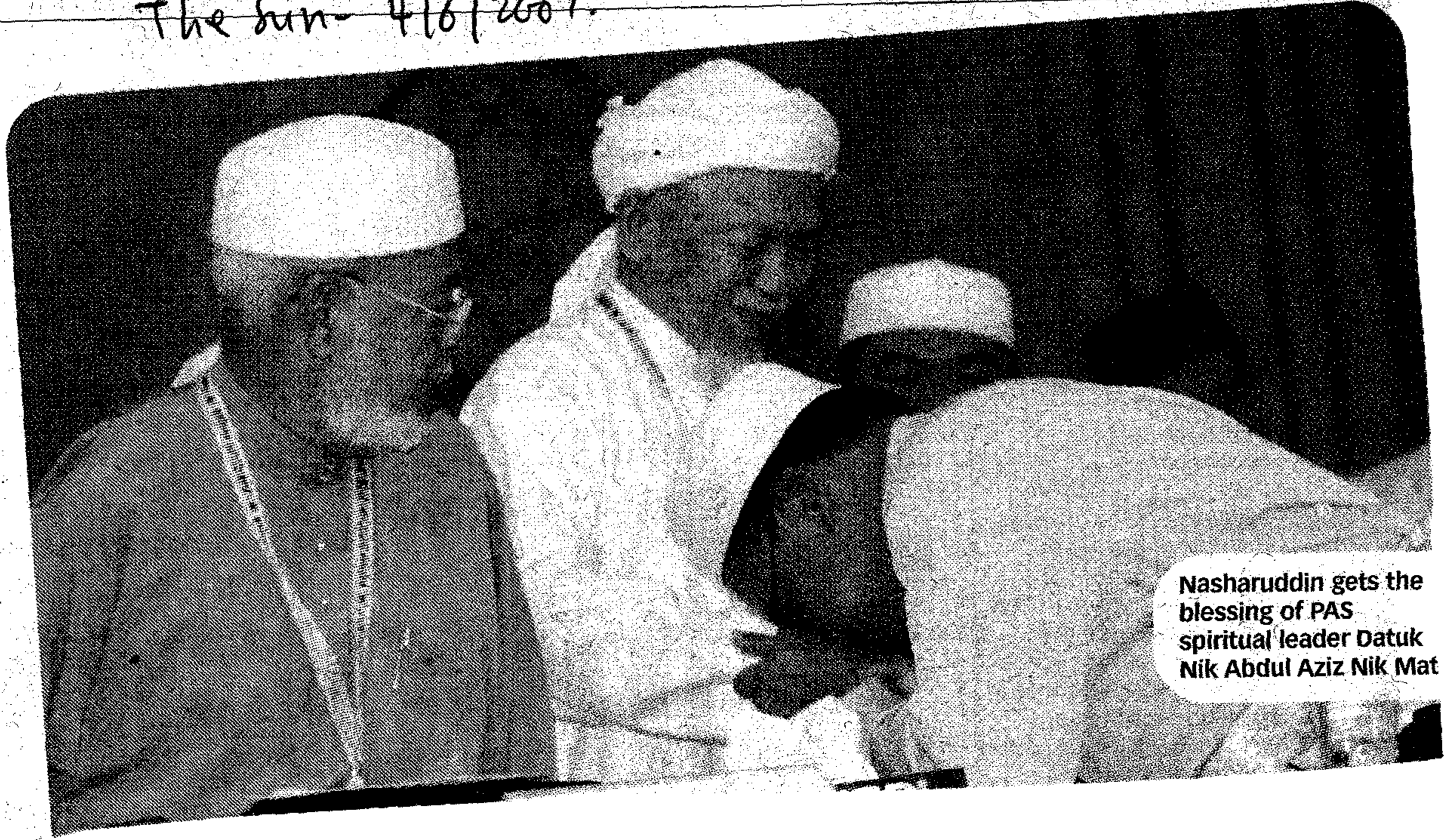
Ahmad received 427 votes while the votes of two other candidates, central committee member Mahfuz Omar and Johor PAS commissioner Datuk Dr Mahfodz Mohamad were not announced.

Also announced were the names of 18 members of the PAS central committee comprising six new faces and 12 incumbents.

Pahang PAS commissioner Datuk Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man received 821 votes, the highest among the candidates.

The new faces were Kelantan executive councillors Datuk Anuar Tan Abdullah, Datuk Takiyuddin Hassan and Mohd Amar Nik Abdullah, legal committee chairman Hanifa Maidin, former youth vice-head Mazlan Aliman and research centre director Dr Zulkifli Ahmad.

The incumbents re-elected are Tuan Ibrahim, Dr Syed Azman Syed Ahmad Nawawi, Taib Azamuddin, Dr Lo'Lo' Mohd Ghazali, Abdul Ghani Abdul Rahman, Mujahid Yusof Rawa, Azizan Abdul Razak, Idris Ahmad, Datuk Abu Bakar Chik, Amiruddin Hamzah, Datuk Abdul Halim Abdul Rahman and Abdul Ghani Samsuddin. - Bernama



Nasharuddin gets the blessing of PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat

