

# 'Anwar as Keadilan chief will benefit Opposition'

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** PAS believes the Opposition will benefit from the appointment of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as Parti Keadilan Rakyat president as he is a respected and influential man.

PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said Anwar was capable of attracting more voters to support the Opposition in the next general election, including those from within Umno.

"We have information and we know for a fact Anwar still has supporters in Umno who will vote for him. He also does have some influence over the government.

"This will more or less help us in the next election, similar to the situation in 1999," he told reporters after chairing the PAS Central Committee monthly meeting at the party's new headquarters here yesterday.

Abdul Hadi was asked to comment on Keadilan's plan to appoint Anwar, now party adviser, as party president at its annual assembly in May.

The PAS chief said yesterday's meeting focused on the party's preparation for the next general election. He said PAS has decided to contest despite the dissatisfaction with the electoral process.

"It is like when driving on a very bad road with holes and cracks everywhere. We cannot decide not to use the road. We still have to go through the road and face whatever obstacles on the way," he said.