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**Mat Sabu supports Najib to remain as PM**

**'MANDATE':** He is democratically elected, says Pas deputy president

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**P**AS No. 2 Mohamad Sabu has voiced support for Datuk Seri Najib Razak to remain as prime minister as he had been elected by the people through a democratic process.

He said Najib's position as the country's top leader should be best decided by the people. A resignation, if it were to take place, he said, would only make the prime minister seem to be shirking his responsibilities.

"Let the people decide in the next general election. He should stay in office as he had been elected democratically," said Mohamad yesterday.

He was echoing Pas president Datuk Seri Abdui Hadi Awang's statement that there was no reason for Najib to step down as he was chosen by the people. Hadi also said Umno members who had pressured Najib to quit

should be ashamed of themselves.

Mohamad said: "Whatever it is, they should not ask for his removal since there should be a collective responsibility for any arising issue. If they want him to quit, Parliament should be dissolved as well to pave way for an election."

Meanwhile, Kelantan Pas concurred with Hadi's views that Najib should be allowed to serve the people's mandate as prime minister.

Kelantan Deputy Menteri Besar Datuk Mo-

hd Amar Nik Abdullah, who is also state Pas commissioner, said it was only right for changes to be made through the ballot boxes.

He agreed with Mohamad that shouldering party responsibilities should not be a task relegated to select individuals.

"In this issue, as deliberated by the Pas president (Hadi), while Najib is the president (of Umno), each and every member of Umno represents the party."