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It's a selfish act, says Pas chief

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KUALA LUMPUR: Several opposition members have described the Ma-hathir-Kit Siang declaration as a "pointless" and "selfish act".

Pas president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said the declaration would not meet its objective without the support of Barisan Nasional leaders.

"There are things that we (Pas and other opposition parties) agree on and oppose. There is no 100 per cent agreement on this.

"We agree to changes. But, to us, that must be done democratically. What we don't agree on is that this is being done in haste," Hadi said, adding that changes should come through the balloting box or votes of no-confidence.

"The no-confidence vote must be from those in Parliament, involving Umno members of parliament themselves. If Umno leaders refuse, what is the point of doing this? It is pointless."

In **George Town**, DAP's Tanjung Bungah assemblyman Teh Yee Cheu lambasted the declaration as it was not done in the interest of people.

"The declaration is just a show-piece. It is a political gimmick to deviate attention from the people.



Pas president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang fielding questions outside the Parliament building in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Pic by Mohamad Shahril Badri Saali

"The declaration is said to be 'to save Malaysia'. But my question is, what are we saving Malaysia from? What's next following its signing?

"The declaration must be done for the good of the people and not for the benefit of individuals."

Former DAP member Rahmad Isahak said the declaration would

not resolve issues affecting people.

"Those who signed it have their own agenda. There was no mention of concrete steps to address people's plight.

"The government in power has the final say in deciding the future of the nation. The declaration will not change policies."