

# Pas must withdraw 'Amanat Hadi' to work with Umno, says Dr M

**ALOR STAR:** Pas has been urged to withdraw the "Amanat Haji Hadi" mandate before it finalises its political cooperation with Umno this weekend.

Both parties are expected to ink a memorandum of understanding (MoU) charter on their cooperation this Saturday.

Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Pas had

previously accused Umno as being an infidel party (*parti kafir*) through remarks contained in the "Amanat Haji Hadi".

He said this would make the political cooperation between the Malay and Islamic-based parties tough to be implemented.

"Pas, in the past, had accused Umno as being an infidel party.

If it works with an infidel, they, too, become an infidel.

"If you want to cooperate, there is a need to withdraw the 'Amanat Haji Hadi', and state that Umno has returned to Islam.

"The statement (by Pas president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang) is still there. He never retracted it officially."

Dr Mahathir, who is Pakatan Harapan and Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia chairman, said this at a press conference after opening the National Padi Convention 2019 here yesterday.

He said Hadi needed to make a public apology to Umno for turning it into an infidel party before he entered into the agreement with the Barisan Nasional com-

ponent member.

Before this, Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Annuar Musa and his Pas counterpart, Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan, in a joint statement, announced that the political cooperation between both the former political nemesis would be sealed though a MoU to be signed by the respective presidents of the parties.