

# Pas not against Anwar, respects Dr M as PM, PH chairman

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**KOTA BARU:** Pas is not against PKR president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim. Instead, the Islamic party said it backs Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad because he is not only the prime minister but also the Pakatan Harapan (PH) chairman.

Deputy Pas spiritual leader and Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Ahmad Yakob said this was the reason behind Pas and its members backing Dr Mahathir.

“At the moment, Pas has given its support to Dr Mahathir and whether we (Pas) are trying to act against Anwar or not is not an issue. As party members, we will follow whatever decision made by our president.

“Our president recently agreed to give undivided support to Dr Mahathir as he is the leader of PH

and Anwar should wait for the transition of power.”

Ahmad said this during his weekly Friday ceramah here yesterday.

Pas recently reiterated its stand to continue supporting the leadership of Dr Mahathir in recognition for his effort of bringing in continued development amid political uncertainties.

Pas president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang gave his assurance that 18 members of parliament from the party, which is part of Muafakat Nasional with Umno, would back Dr Mahathir, in the event the prime minister faces a vote of no-confidence or any move to support such a motion, in the event it was raised in the Dewan Rakyat.

Hadi, who is Marang MP, had

said that Pas’ stand was for Dr Mahathir to stay on as the prime minister until the end of his term.

On another note, Ahmad welcomed the move by Dr Mahathir to reshuffle the cabinet, which he said was the right move.

“The move (to reshuffle the cabinet) is his (Dr Mahathir’s) right and as far as Pas is concerned, the time is also right for him to do so.

“We can see that the majority of the cabinet ministers are not helping the government and, therefore, Dr Mahathir must form a new cabinet for the country’s future.”

He said a cabinet reshuffle would assist Dr Mahathir to resolve the problems faced by the country, including the dissatis-

faction from the younger generation who were unhappy with the unfulfilled promises by the government.

“The recent loss at the Tanjung Piai by-election is a signal that the time has come for the government to change its cabinet.”



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	SUBUH <small>(am)</small>	SYURUK	ZUHUR	ASAR <small>(pm)</small>	MAGHRIB	ISYAK
<b>Melaka</b>	5:37	6:58	1:00	4:22	6:59	8:12
<b>Penang</b>	5:49	7:08	1:07	4:29	7:02	8:15
<b>K. Lumpur</b>	5:41	7:00	1:02	4:24	7:00	8:13
<b>Johor Bahru</b>	5:30	6:51	12:54	4:16	6:54	8:07
<b>Kuantan</b>	5:35	6:56	12:57	4:19	6:55	8:08
<b>Ipoh</b>	5:45	7:04	1:05	4:27	7:01	8:14