



*Pas president Tan Sri Abdul Hadi Awang (left), secretary-general Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan and former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the opening ceremony of the party's 69th muktamar at the Ideal Convention Centre in Shah Alam yesterday.*  
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## 'Pas has moved on from past episodes'

**SHAH ALAM:** Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad made an appearance at the Pas muktamar yesterday, with party president Tan Sri Abdul Hadi Awang acknowledging that the party has "moved on" from "past episodes" between them.

Hadi emphasised that Islam taught Muslims not to harbour excessive hatred for those who have wronged them.

"People change, the same goes for politics. Islam does not teach Muslims to love another human being excessively. At the same time, our religion also does not teach us to hate someone (who has wronged them) excessively.

"In some situations, the person who we hate to see their faces will turn out to be someone who we will in turn help us. This is the

change that is taking place around the world," he said after attending the launching of the party's 69th muktamar at the Ideal Convention Centre (IDCC) here.

Dr Mahathir is now the unofficial adviser to the four states held by Perikatan Nasional — Kelantan, Terengganu, Perlis and Kedah.

Hadi, who is Marang member of parliament, was asked if Pas had already accepted and forgotten the party's previous rivalries and disagreements with Dr Mahathir following the latter's maiden appearance at the muktamar.

Apart from Pas top leaders, also present during the opening ceremony were Perikatan Nasional chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin

Yassin, coalition secretary-general Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainuddin, Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia deputy president Datuk Seri Ahmad Faizal Azumu and Gerakan president Datuk Dr Dominic Lau.

Among the foreign dignitaries was Palestinian ambassador to Malaysia Walid A.M. Abu Ali.

To another question, Hadi alluded that Pas was unlikely to field Dr Mahathir to represent the party during the Kemaman parliamentary seat by-election.

"No. That is not reasonable," he said, adding that Pas had yet to decide its candidate for the by-election in Kemaman.

Pas secretary-general Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan yesterday said the party would likely announce its candidate before nomination day on Nov 18.