

**OK If Not Renominated, Says Hasan Ali  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 13 (Bernama) -- PAS' Gombak assemblyman Datuk Dr Hasan Mohamed Ali said Monday that it did not matter to him if his party did not re-nominate him for the next General Election (GE).

Hasan, who is also the Selangor state executive councillor for Islamic affairs, said it was unimportant to him to be recognised for his efforts by the party or its president as his loyalty only lay with Allah.

"This (candidacy) is a small matter. Championing Islam, the Malay struggle and defending the institution of the Malay rulers is the bigger agenda.

"In championing Islam, seeking riches, posts and titles are secondary matters," he told reporters at his home here.

He was commenting on a newsreport yesterday which said that he would be dropped as a candidate by his party for the next GE.

However, PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang has denied the report.

Hasan, who had been Selangor PAS commissioner for eight years, also said that he felt hurt reading the news report as it came two days before he was to be conferred the Datuk Paduka Mahkota Selangor (DPMS) award by the Sultan of Selangor in conjunction with the Sultan's 66th birthday celebration.

"With hundreds of people congratulating you on being conferred the award, how would you feel when suddenly a news report like this (being dropped as a candidate) comes out," he said.

He also did not fault Selangor PAS information chief Shaari Sungib for revealing the matter about his (Hasan's) candidacy to the media, saying Shaari might have had good intentions in doing so.

Apparently, the report had said that Hasan had not received the required nominations from the party branches concerned to be re-nominated.

On this, Hasan said the nominations were not the sole criteria to determine a person's candidacy as the final decision lay with PAS' central leadership following an evaluation process by the party's Majlis Syura Ulama.

"As such, it is not appropriate for anyone to jump the gun and make announcements pertaining to candidacy for the next GE," he said, adding that he hoped PAS' top leadership would look into this matter (pre-mature announcements).

Asked further if he was still loyal to his party and the opposition coalition, Hasan said: "I am

loyal to Allah. To mankind, in this context, I do not like to use the term loyal, but cooperate.".

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