

**I Will Not Defect To Umno, Says Nasharuddin
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 21 (Bernama) -- Former PAS deputy president Nasharudin Mat Isa said he would not leave the party to join Umno.

"Do not make a simplistic conclusion from my action, opinion or political gambit," he said in a statement today.

The Bachok member of parliament said allegations that he was entrapped in the web of Umno agenda was baseless and far from the truth.

Nasharudin and former Selangor PAS commissioner Datuk Dr Hassan Mohamed Ali's dissenting views of late were construed by some PAS members and sympathisers as having steered from the party's course and deemed as a calculated move to join Umno.

Nasharudin said he would remain steadfast in PAS' struggle.

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