

**PAS claims Nasharudin, Hasan 'disappointed' in losing posts**  
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SHAH ALAM, Dec 20 — Nasharudin Mat Isa and Datuk Dr Hasan Ali's hostile tone towards PAS is due to their "disappointment" in not winning top party posts and state seat nominations, party leaders have charged.

Selangor PAS commissioner Dr Abdul Rani Osman and deputy Khalid Samad said today that both Hasan and Nasharudin have been incommunicado, and have not responded to attempts made by PAS leaders to contact them.

Khalid said it was "surprising" that Nasharudin and Hasan were making strident criticisms against PAS, when both leaders were previously supportive of the Islamist party's principles and direction.

"There is a question mark here. We understand the disappointment of losing the party election. But this should not be an issue.

"Nasharudin was a party leader, why attack the party now? He was party to all our directions and principles... and everything they are saying right now, there is no concrete proof," Khalid said, referring to the former PAS deputy president.

Hasan was a former Selangor PAS commissioner.

An embattled Nasharudin broke his silence over the weekend, accusing PAS of deviating from its Islamic principles and agenda.

In an exclusive interview with Berita Minggu, the weekend edition of Berita Harian, Nasharudin said the PAS leadership should not be too obsessed with the party's political goals and abandon its Islamic ones.

He lamented that PAS was no longer seen as "consistent" with its Islamic image and that it could not afford to continually change "terminologies" to suit its political direction.

Dr Rani said he considered Hasan as his "idol" and urged the former Selangor PAS commissioner to reconcile matters with the party.

He said Hasan should first "reflect" on why he did not receive enough nominations to contest the Gombak Setia state seat in the next general election, saying that perhaps he needed to improve on any shortcomings.

Both Nasharudin and Hasan have become increasingly critical of PAS, using Umno newspapers to attack the party while pushing for Umno-PAS unity.

Khalid and Dr Rani stressed however that the party would not take action against the two, believing that they can still be "saved."

"We want to save both, Hasan especially ...

"There are other seats that can be offered, so even if (Hasan did not get nominated for Gombak Setia) ... the party leadership can put him elsewhere," said Khalid.

Both leaders said PAS had made its position on rejecting PAS-Umno unity talks very clear, and that the party would not change its stand.

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