

**PAS to demand explanation from renegades**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 22 — Embattled PAS leaders Datuk Hasan Ali and Nasharudin Mat Isa have been summoned by the party to explain their recent outbursts and public criticisms against it.

The PAS leadership will also summon Selangor PAS information chief Saari Sungib to appear before them, possibly due to his remarks made in the media concerning Hasan not receiving enough nominations to contest in the next election.

“An explanation has to be done so that the party does not waste time entertaining fissures that arise due to unhappiness towards a small mistake, big egos and the unwillingness of some people to accept the decision of the party and its council,” said PAS information chief Datuk Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man in a statement today.

Tuan Ibrahim stressed that PAS would not compromise on any attempts to “sabotage” the party that would derail its preparations for the next general election.

“All focus must be given to the party’s final preparations rather than entertain the attitudes of a small number of leaders who differ in opinion from the party’s principles which has been set by the Syura Council,” added the PAS leader.

He said while PAS was a democratic party, decisions were not decided by any one individual, but by the council run by party ulamas.

“Throw away your unhappiness, set aside individual interests and move forward to bring victory to PAS,” said Tuan Ibrahim.

National leaders from the Islamist party have taken great pains to deny accusations by Hasan and Nasharudin that PAS was deviating from its Islamic struggle. In turn, it alleged the two leaders were frustrated over their inability to secure top posts within the party.

Hasan, the ex-Selangor PAS commissioner, has demanded his party’s top leadership settle the thorny question about establishing Malaysia as an Islamic state with its Pakatan Rakyat partners now rather than later.

The Gombak Setia assemblyman charged that the party had deviated from its original fight, pointing to the shift towards pushing the “Negara Berkeadilan” concept at the party’s annual general meeting earlier this year.

Similarly, Nasharudin had during the weekend told Umno-owned Berita Minggu that 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, saying it could not afford to continually change “terminologies” to suit its political direction.

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