

Nothing wrong with using mainstream media, says Hasan Ali
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 24 — Datuk Hasan Ali has defended his numerous appearances in Umno-linked media as the best way to reach out to a wide audience, regardless of their political loyalty.

The PAS central committee member said it was appropriate to make use of media like TV1, TV2 and TV3 as they had the greatest reach and were keen on giving space to “people like him”.

“Whoever can best spread the news, can reach the most people, that’s the media we will choose...,” he told reporters at his residence here today.

“If I only use PAS media, I can only reach PAS supporters. Umno supporters and others won’t be able to read it because of limited circulation.”

The Selangor executive councillor also criticised PAS party organ Harakah for allegedly sidelining him in favour of other factions within the party, even when he was still Selangor PAS chief.

“How much space did they allocate to me compared to others? Sometimes the space was given to (Pakatan Rakyat) component parties and not PAS people,” he said.

Hasan cited as an example Harakah’s interview with PAS deputy spiritual leader Datuk Dr Harun Din on the Damansara Utama Methodist Church (DUMC) raid in August, which had yet to be published.

“Imagine, if the deputy spiritual leader can’t make it to print, Hasan Ali is only a small fry. If the big whales aren’t published, what about the small fry?” he said.

Hasan and former deputy president Nasharudin Mat Isa have criticised PAS for deviating from its Islamic agenda in interviews with Umno-linked dailies Utusan Malaysia and Berita Harian.

Hasan has also been featured almost nightly on TV3, criticising the party that removed him as Selangor PAS chief after its general assembly in June.

PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat later urged party leaders to resolve their differences internally without airing their grievances in Umno-controlled media.

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