

Azizan denies pressured to quit by Hadi
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ALOR SETAR, Sept 4 — Datuk Seri Azizan Abdul Razak today denied being asked to step down as Kedah menteri besar by Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang, saying he has not seen the PAS president since his hospitalisation in July.

“But I will be going to Kuala Lumpur for the party’s meeting on September 11 and would inevitably, meet him and others as well,” Azizan was quoted as saying by Bernama Online today.

Azizan’s position fell victim of speculation on Friday when English-language daily The Star reported that the Islamist party was moving to replace him as Kedah MB due to his ailing health.

The article quoted Azizan as confirming that some leaders have told him to take a rest because of his health, but also that he has purportedly refused to do so, saying that he has many things to do.

Hadi as well as two named replacements have since denied the report, with the PAS president insisting that Azizan would remain as menteri besar.

Azizan also maintained on Friday that he is healthy and has no problems continuing as MB.

Today, he clarified that he had not suffered a heart attack as reported following his hospitalisation at the National Heart Institute in July.

“I went to the National Heart Institute for a regular medical examination as a follow-up every four months to my by-pass surgery, six years ago,” he was further quoted in the Bernama Online report.

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