

**PAS President To Determine Hasan Ali's Replacement - Mahfuz
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PETALING JAYA, Jan 11 (Bernama) -- The person qualified to replace former Selangor Pas commissioner Datuk Dr Hasan Ali as state executive councillor will only be decided by party president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang.

Pas vice-president Datuk Mahfuz Omar said the matter would be discussed by Pas at its central committee meeting soon.

"When is the meeting, I do not know. But at the moment, we (Pas) have not made a decision. The dismissal letter has been sent to Hasan Ali," he said at a news conference, here, today.

Last Sunday, Hasan who is state Islamic Affairs, Malay Customs, Infrastructure and Public Utilities Committee chairman, was sacked as Pas member.

The sacking was announced by Abdul Hadi in a statement posted on the party's website which reported that the decision to sack Hasan was made at a Pas central committee meeting based on Clause 82(9) of the party's constitution.

Mahfuz who is also Pokok Sena Member of Parliament, said Hasan could still appeal to the party's Syura Council if he was not satisfied with the decision.

On the third opposition pact's convention on Saturday in Kedah, Mahfuz said the discussion of the three parties would now focus more on preparations for the coming general election.

"We expect Parliament to be dissolved in February after Chap Goh Meh for the general election to be held at the latest in June.

"All this will depend on political reading. If it benefits Barisan Nasional, then the election will be held. But we in Pakatan are ready," he said.

Also present were DAP vice-president Tan Kok Wai and Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) vice-president N. Surendran.

Asked on the proposal that each DAP candidate could only contest one seat in the coming general election, Tan who is also the member of Parliament for Cheras, said the matter had still not been finalised.

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