

**PAS sacks Hasan Ali**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 8 — The PAS central working committee has sacked Datuk Hasan Ali as a party member with effect from today, party organ Harakahdaily reports.

President Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said in a statement today that after weighing up all views from its central working committee in today's monthly meeting, it decided to revoke the Selangor executive councillor's membership.

"The decision was made based on Datuk Hasan Ali's actions which have wronged and damaged the party's interest as provided for in the PAS constitution," the Marang MP said.

Last month, Hasan (picture) criticised PAS in Umno-controlled media such as Utusan Malaysia, Berita Harian and TV3 for purportedly abandoning its Islamist credentials for the sake of political gain.

Hasan accused PAS, which removed him as Selangor chief after its general assembly in June 2010, of straying from its original struggle for an Islamic state by pushing for a welfare state.

The Gombak Setia assemblyman again earned the ire of his colleagues this week when he said tomorrow's rally in support of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as the opposition leader learns the verdict of his two-year-long sodomy trial was a waste of time.

Abdul Hadi had already backed the rally and other party leaders said Hasan had insulted the party president by going against his decision.

It is not known whether the Pakatan Rakyat (PR) Selangor government will drop him from the state executive council where he is in charge of religious affairs.

PAS women's wing chief Siti Zailah Mohd Yusoff told The Malaysian Insider that the decision was reached unanimously.

"The decision was made after careful study, discussion and advice given to Hasan but he still ignored orders and still went against the party's policies," she said.

Hasan can still appeal to the party's Syura Council, its powerful decision-making body made up of religious scholars.

PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat also attended today's monthly meeting.

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