

**Hadi raps rep for divulging candidates' list first**  
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KUALA LUMPUR: Pas president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang reprimanded Hulu Klang assemblyman Saari Sungib for announcing the list of candidates for the next general election before the central leadership did so.

The verbal warning was delivered at a meeting attended by top leaders on Sunday.

Pas information chief Datuk Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man confirmed this through text message yesterday.

He, however, denied that it had anything to do with the sacking of former Selangor Pas commissioner Datuk Dr Hasan Ali.

Early last month, Saari, who is also Selangor Pas information chief, was reported to have said that Hasan, the state executive councillor in charge of religious affairs, might not be chosen as a candidate for the general election.

This was because the Gombak Setia assemblyman had not garnered enough nominations from the branches to secure his candidacy.

Saari's statement caused controversy in Pas, which ended with Hasan's sacking a month later without a hearing. Despite retracting his criticisms of the party, Hasan, who had claimed Pas had strayed from its original struggle for an Islamic state, was sacked two weeks after issuing an apology.

Hadi, in sacking Hasan, said Pas' central working committee acted against Hasan for actions deemed detrimental to the party, adding that the decision was in accordance with the party's constitution. Saari could not be reached for comments.

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