

**PAS-Umno Talk Was Never To Discuss Forming An Alliance - Nasharudin
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KUALA LUMPUR, 17 Jan (Bernama) -- Former PAS deputy president Nasharudin Mat Isa today said suggestions for talks between Umno and PAS was not about forming an alliance but merely engaging for the betterment of the country.

The Bachok MP said such talks should not be confined to PAS and Umno as other political parties too should be included.

"I believe in the need for dialogue...I believe in the need for everybody to participate for a good cause," he said, answering a question from the floor at the International Conference on Global Movement of Moderates here, Tuesday.

Nasharudin had earlier presented a paper titled "Between Moderation and Extremism: Challenges and Responses".

Nasharudin and some PAS leaders had been accused in the past of favouring and pushing for Umno-PAS unity talks.

Several Umno leaders had expressed support for such talks but PAS' top leadership had dismissed such suggestions.

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