

**PAS Has No Intention To Hold Talks With Umno - Abdul Hadi
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 21 (Bernama) -- The proposed PAS-Umno 'muzakarah' (dialogue) appears to be going nowhere as PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat and party president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang are making contradictory statements on the issue.

Abdul Hadi rejected the proposed dialogue despite Nik Aziz on May 16 having said that PAS was willing to hold talks with any party, including Umno, in the interest of the people and the country.

"I would like to stress that the proposal for PAS to hold talks with Umno is a non-issue. Instead, we want to hold talks with NGOs (non-governmental organisations) to counter allegations made on PAS' struggles," he told a press conference at PAS headquarters here.

He said the 'muzakarah' issue was just one of Umno's political agenda in view of the upcoming 13th general election.

"PAS has no intention to hold talks with Umno. What's the point? We are now in the midst of preparing for the next general election," he added.

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