

**PAS Deviates From Struggle For Islam, So Members Should Quit Party - Mohd Ali Bernama**  
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MELAKA, Oct 9 (Bernama) -- Melaka Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam has suggested that PAS members leave the party as its prime political struggle is no longer for Islam by collaborating with DAP.

He said PAS' fight was now seen as focusing on gaining votes and power by whatever means rather than struggling for Islam.

"Some time back we (Barisan Nasional) had told PAS that it was no longer struggling for Islam but would support any group even if it insulted Islam while also allowing any quarters to ridicule the Prophet."

He told this to reporters after being asked on the admission by PAS life member Prof Emeritus Datuk Dr Shahnnon Ahmad that PAS was bowing to DAP's political demands and this stance was in conflict with Islam.

Mohd Ali praised the national laureate for his frank admission and described it as apt to overcome confusion among Muslims over PAS' political struggle.

He believes that more PAS leaders and members will come out to openly state their stand on PAS' current struggle.

Earlier, Mohd Ali handed out the Melaka government's contribution of RM250,000 as school fees to 118 underprivileged students of Sekolah Menengah Pay Fong, here.

He said the private Chinese school was also expected to start fruit and vegetable farming activities in November on a 0.3ha land rented out by the state government to the school.

The initiative was to help the school generate additional income to meet the rising cost of managing the school, he added.

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