

**Directionless PAS Dominated By DAP**  
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KOTA BAHARU, April 10 (Bernama) -- PAS, established about 62 years ago as an Islamic political party, is now seen by many as deviating far from its original struggle.

Several Islamic religious figures found that PAS has strayed far from its original struggle as it was willing to sacrifice anything for political power, and not to uphold Islamic teachings holistically in the country.

The concept of political consensus among PAS, Parti Kedilan Rakyat (PKR) and DAP is said to have worsened the situation and heightened the anger of Muslims in the country, especially on the issue of the usage of the word, 'Allah', by non-Muslims.

Even private religious teachers in Kelantan have openly rejected PAS although at one time, they used to be staunch supporters of the party.

Unable to stomach the attitude of PAS and its Spiritual Leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat anymore, private religious teachers have issued statements that it was sinful for Muslims to vote for the opposition coalition in the 13th General Election, based on the 'unholy alliance'.

They have, in fact, asked the people to support Umno and Barisan Nasional (BN).

Their stand caused Nik Abdul Aziz to fume and issue a ruling that Umno was an apostate party. He also alleged that prayers of Umno members would not be blessed with merits.

In this regard, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin highlighted that PAS was actually a party of deviationist teachings and asked the people to reject PAS in the general election.

Mohd Shamsul Mohd Yusuf al-Hafiz, a religious activist representing Minda Pondok, a non-governmental organisation comprising 20 private religious teachers in Kelantan, said PAS, in its alliance with DAP, had steered far from the principles of Islam.

"PAS is just a member of the coalition, a follower of DAP. This was proven in the Dewan Rakyat before it was dissolved, with PAS having only 23 seats while DAP holds 29 seats," he said when contacted by Bernama here Wednesday.

Mohd Shamsul said PAS was now willing to lower the status of Islam that they had been championing all along, merely to realise their dream of gaining power without a thought of the negative impact on the younger generation.

Meanwhile, Universiti Utara Malaysia Adjunct Prof Datuk Hassan Harun said the significant difference between PAS under the late Datuk Fadhil Muhammad Noor (1989-2002) and now, was that Fadhil's PAS genuinely struggled for Islam without sacrificing its principles to gain power.

He said PAS was working in cohorts with other parties to bring down Barisan Nasional, with the Islamic party not having a clear policy, PKR with its liberal Islam while DAP made use of both parties to gain power to rule the country.

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