

PKR-PAS talks to resolve tussle over Sungai Acheh state seat
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GEORGE TOWN, April 11 — Top leaders from PKR and PAS will hold talks to resolve a possible three-cornered fight in Sungai Acheh following the announcement by both parties to put up candidates for the state seat.

PAS deputy chairman Datuk Mohamed Sabu, popularly known as Mat Sabu, said the issue will be resolved before nomination day on April 20.

“Our leaders will discuss this and resolve it by then,” he said in a brief press conference at the Penang DAP headquarters today.

Last night, Penang PAS commissioner Datuk Salleh Man announced that the party would be fielding state PAS Youth chief Yusni Mat Piah for the seat.

A day before, Penang PKR chairman Datuk Mansor Othman announced that the party would be fielding blogger Chegubard or Badrul Hisham Shahrin in Sungai Acheh.

PAS and PKR, both in the Pakatan Rakyat coalition, have been in discussions for this seat.

PAS has traditionally contested the seat prior to 2008 but in Election 2008 it made way to PKR to contest there.

In Election 2008, Barisan Nasional’s Datuk Mahmud Zakaria won the seat by a slim majority of only 250 votes.

“We have resolved more than 100 seats for the elections and this is just one seat, so we can resolve this,” Mat Sabu said.

He added that the parties’ central leadership would meet soon to resolve this.

Earlier, DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng also said the discussions would be between the top leaders from PKR and PAS.

“It is better for the top leadership to resolve this,” he said.

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