

**Dewan Ulama PAS wants Hadi as MB if party wins Kuala Besut by-election**  
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The PAS Dewan Ulama wants its president to stake a claim for the Terengganu menteri besar position if the party wins the Kuala Besut by-election tomorrow.

Dewan Ulama PAS secretary Dr Khairuddin Aman Razali said Abdul Hadi (pic) had the experience for the job.

"He was a menteri besar for one term when PAS held the majority of seats contested in Terengganu. So if we are deadlocked at 16-16, can we re-elect him?," Khairuddin, who is also Kuala Nerus member of parliament, told a ceramah at Kampung Tok Saboh here last night.

Although Abdul Hadi had previously said PAS had no interest in the mentri besar position if the party wins the by-election, current Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Said predicted that PAS will have a tilt at the post.

"If they get to 16-16, it is impossible they do not want to rule," said Ahmad Said after a meet-the-people session near the Kuala Besut jetty.

Abdul Hadi, who is the Rhu Rendang state assemblyman for the past 35 years, had said the party wants 16-16 to happen so the people can benefit from it.

PAS campaign director Datuk Husam Musa had also echoed Abdul Hadi's view and said a deadlock in the state assembly would mean that the party would be able to keep the Barisan Nasional (BN) government on its toes.

The Kuala Besut state seat will determine the direction and future of Terengganu.

PAS wants it to achieve its 16-16 agenda which will see the party to hold an equal number of seats in the state assembly while BN wants it to retain the status quo.

In the recent general election, BN won 17 seats while PAS 14 and PKR 1.

The by-election tomorrow was called after the death of Kuala Besut state assembly Dr A. Rahman Mokhtar on June 26.- July 23, 2013.

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