

PAS president to be sued for alleged drugs slur in May's election
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The PKR Bukit Besi candidate in May's general election is filing a suit against PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang for allegedly accusing him of selling drugs.

Mohd Shamsul Mat Amin, 27, who withdrew from the contest after the allegation, said although his name was not mentioned, he felt humiliated and distressed as it was widely publicised on the internet and in mainstream media.

He claimed Abdul Hadi's speech was also uploaded on YouTube.

"My image was tarred by the allegation. My business was also badly affected," Mohd Shamsul, a developer, said at a press conference today in Kuala Besut.

He said people also treated him differently after it was allegedly said that he sold methamphetamine pills. "It also affected my family."

He added that Abdul Hadi should have checked his facts before making such a statement as spreading lies is equal to murder.

During campaigning for the general election, Abdul Hadi launched an attack on several PKR candidates, labelling them drug dealers and communist sympathisers as well as "devils and troublemakers".

That speech was made before 200 PAS supporters at Kampung Tebakang, Bukit Payung.

In Terengganu in May, PAS and PKR pit their candidates against each other in the Kota Putera, Seberang Takir and Bukit Besi state seats.

Mohd Shamsul said the issue was also brought to the attention of the PKR top leadership and they assured him that it would be discussed with PAS.

PAS won 14 seats out of 32 contested while won PKR 1 in Terengganu in May. - July 22, 2013.

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