

**PAS rejects "unity government", says Youth chief**  
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PAS has rejected unity talks with Umno after Putrajaya rebuffed earlier overtures following the 2008 general election.

Youth chief Nasrudin Hassan said the party's stand on a "unity government" is clear after the subject was debated at two PAS muktamar (annual general assembly), a special political seminar and several PAS central committee meetings.

"Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang, as PAS president, has made our stand clear and it has been agreed by PAS central committee members. Other PAS members will take a similar stand," said Nasrudin in a statement today.

Talk of a unity government with the Barisan Nasional resurfaced when opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim confirmed through the Asia Sentinel news portal that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak offered to form a unity government with Pakatan Rakyat.

Putrajaya refuted the claim in a statement last month.

However, on Friday, Anwar called for a dialogue between Putrajaya and Pakatan Rakyat on issues affecting the country.

Najib has yet to comment on this but some Umno leaders have rejected it and questioned Anwar's motives in calling for a dialogue.

Nasrudin said PAS should not allow anyone to drag the party into any unity talks that involve policies and political action.

"If PAS wants to be a part of this, then it will need the approval of the Ulama Syura Council. Hence, it is illogical for any PAS leader to make an early decision, so as to avoid a similar conflict from repeating itself. We have learnt this from past experience," he said. – September 4, 2013.

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