

Utusan columnist urges PAS to "manipulate" Umno for the good of Islam
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A columnist with the Umno-owned Utusan Malaysia has urged PAS to leave the Pakatan Rakyat coalition and work together with Umno as the Malay party was in limbo and can be manipulated.

Dr Mohd Ridhuan Tee Abdullah (pic) said working with PKR and DAP in PR would not strengthen Islam's position in Malaysia as the two parties were against Islam.

"Isn't it better for us to be friends with those who are prepared to discuss and carry out the Muslim agenda, like Umno? Umno today is different from the party of yesteryears.

"Such a situation can be manipulated for the good of Islam. Such cooperation would bring about good rather than working with those who are against Islam," said the controversial columnist in his article titled "PAS must leave Pakatan" published today.

"Take the first step and discuss a unity government for the benefit of Muslims. Let DAP fear," he added.

Ridhuan's suggestion echoed that of Dewan Ulama chief Datuk Harun Taib in Alor Setar, Kedah three weeks ago when he said PAS was reviewing its relationship with PKR and DAP.

"It is still not too late for PAS. I hope Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat is clear on this," Ridhuan said.

He added, "PKR does not want Islam as its policy and DAP clearly rejects Islam."

Making a reference to conversion cases brought before the court and the current Allah issue, he said: "From the way they are defending court cases involving Muslims and non-Muslims, they have completely disregarded any respect for Islam. We can see it in the current religious case."

Yesterday, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the Barisan Nasional government had no qualms working with PAS.

He said BN was always open to discussions with PAS on matters of Muslim unity.

The idea of an alliance between Umno and PAS is not new as it had been mooted previously during the 2008 general election.

However, the idea had been rejected by Nik Aziz, who said that as long as he was alive, he would not allow any cooperation between PAS and Umno.

Nik Aziz had also said that Umno had in earlier days rejected Islamic policy and the party had made many mistakes in its struggle. – September 18, 2013.

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