

Take it with a pinch of salt, says PKR veep on Hadi's backing for Najib to stay on as PM

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KUALA LUMPUR, PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang's backing for Datuk Seri Najib Razak to remain as the Prime Minister was deemed "irrelevant" by a PKR vice-president.

In fact, the opinions of others over the notion of Najib stepping down was not the issue and would not be a factor, as only the Umno president and his party could determine the premier's future, Tian Chua explained.

"Tactically, a lot of people, including from the Opposition, say keeping Najib will be good for Pakatan. That is quite sure. Even Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad agrees with that.

"So if you hear it from Pakatan, it can be a tactical reason. You always have to take it with a pinch of salt when people from different political parties say something," the Batu lawmaker told The Rakyat Post.

According to a report by The Star Online recently, Abdul Hadi said Najib should be given the chance to finish his term as the Prime Minister as he was elected through a fair system.

He added that Najib should not succumb to the pressure surrounding him with regard to recent controversies and be allowed to resolve his problems.

Najib has been facing repeated calls to step down over the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax as well as issues related to the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB).

Hadi's endorsement also came after the Umno Supreme Council had earlier this week renewed its support for Malaysia's sixth Prime Minister.

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