

'We are confident Allah will understand our actions'
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KUALA LUMPUR, The situation the country is in and the change in PAS' direction means it is permissible for members who have joined Gerakan Harapan Baru to continue as lawmakers.

While confirming PAS lawmakers had indeed taken a religious oath to resign from their parliamentary post and that allowances they received were subsequently 'haram', Khalid Samad pointed out that when the pledge was made, PAS was a different party.

The promises made, he added, were also for the people.

Thus when the Islamist party adopted a different approach it created a conflict between the promises made to the people and that of the party, Khalid said, alluding to the pact PAS had with then Pakatan Rakyat partners, DAP and PKR.

The Shah Alam lawmaker added the oath made to PAS was based on Islamic principles.

PAS recently severed ties with DAP over implementing hudud in Kelantan which led to the Opposition coalition being declared defunct.

The former central committee leader said since PAS left the pact on its own accord, some members had no choice but to leave the party in order to fulfil promises made to their voters.

"Besides, in Islam there is a provision whereby we are allowed to break the oath as long as we pay a penalty which is to feed 10 poor people and that, is something that we will definitely do once we leave the party.

"We are confident that Allah will understand our action and know why we acted the way we did. He is fair and He wouldn't punish us especially since we are doing this for the right reasons," he told The Rakyat Post

He was commenting on a statement made earlier by the party's ulama chief Datuk Dr Mahfodz Mohamad.

Mahfodz, in his statement, had demanded for PAS' lawmakers who had chosen to join the party's splinter group GHB to resign from their seats.

He had warned that their salaries and allowances would be considered forbidden if they remained in their parliamentary seats.

Khalid is one of the pioneer members of GHB and is expected to be an important figure in the political party.

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