

## **'GHB needs to establish party first before members can leave PAS'**

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**KUALA LUMPUR**, "How are we to leave PAS when a new party is yet to be established?" asks Gerakan Harapan Baru's (GHB) assistant secretary Suhaizan Kiat.

He said this in response to the statement by PAS vice-president Datuk Mohd Amar Nik Abdullah, who seemed to challenge the liberal PAS faction that has formed GHB to not wait until Sept 16 to leave the party.

According to Suhaizan, GHB would need to establish a party before the decision to leave PAS could be made.

He said that GHB had never thought of PAS as a political enemy because their fight was against Umno and Barisan Nasional.

Furthermore, the former PAS Youth chief said GHB was established to complete the "empty spaces" left by PAS, especially after Pakatan Rakyat ceased to exist.

"Therefore, PAS does not need to be enemies with us as GHB does not intend to make PAS its political enemy.

"In fact, when I met the PAS' Dewan Ulama chief Datuk Dr Mahfodz Mohamad, it went well and he had also mentioned that PAS and GHB should always remember each other and not become enemies."

Additionally, Suhaizan acknowledged the *bai'ah* (oath of allegiance) issue does exist in PAS.

"When I was a candidate during the previous general election, there was *bai'ah* but in Johor there was no *taklik* (addendum), as was said to have happened in Kelantan."

PAS assemblymen and Members of Parliament were reported to have been required to take an oath to divorce their wives if they ever left the party.

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