

**Haron Din is new PAS spiritual leader – Bernama
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The PAS shura (consultative) council had last Sunday, unanimously agreed to appoint Datuk Haron Din as the party's new spiritual leader after the death of Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat.

The 15-member shura council which made the decision at a meeting held at the PAS national headquarters in Kuala Lumpur also appointed the party's dewan ulama acting head Datuk Ahmad Yaakob, who is also Kelantan menteri besar, as deputy spiritual leader.

PAS assistant secretary-general Datuk Takiyuddin Hassan said the decisions were made based on the party's constitution which gave the power to the shura council to appoint individuals most qualified to be the party's spiritual leaders.

"Based on our party's constitution, the shura council will determine the positions (spiritual leader and deputy) every five years," he told reporters when met at the Parliament lobby today.

The Perlis-born Haron, 74, has a master's degree in shariah from Ain Shams University in Egypt and a doctorate in the same field of study from Cairo University. In 1986, he was made a professor at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

He has written several books on Islam and Islamic jurisprudence including hudud, and sits on various shariah and fatwa bodies.

Nik Aziz, who was also former Kelantan menteri besar, died from prostate cancer on February 12.

He was the PAS spiritual leader since 1995. – Bernama, March 11, 2015.

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