

**More youths choosing PAS over Umno, says Hadi**  
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PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said more youngsters are joining the party, despite talks of internal bickering and widening rift with its Pakatan Rakyat partners.

He said, in his Facebook post today, that the Islamist party has so far recorded a total of 1,000,300 members which he says, showed that PAS is still being preferred by many over rival Malay party Umno.

Hadi said based on the latest tally, a total of 8,000 registrations have been approved.

"This shows that there is progress in our struggle, day-by-day more people are joining PAS," he said.

He added the majority of the new members were highly-educated youths and a few non-Muslims too.

"Although we are being attacked on all fronts by Umno, PAS is still the choice of many, including non-Muslims," he said.

Lately, PAS is seen struggling with internal problems including allegations that some among the party leadership are trying to oust Hadi, and also that there are those who want to leave the Pakatan coalition.

The on-going polemic on the implementation of hudud by the Kelantan government has led to the souring of ties between DAP and PAS.

It is currently preparing to debate amendments to its Shariah laws at the state legislative assembly sitting this Wednesday despite calls by its partners to re-evaluate the proposed changes.

Its Hudud Technical Committee chairman Datuk Mohd Amar Abdullah said the party would not make any changes to the draft amendments which was presented to the Pakatan Rakyat presidential council last Thursday.

"We will proceed to amend the laws based on the draft in the coming state assembly meeting," he said. – March 15, 2015.

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