

DAP childish to cut off ties with Hadi, says PAS's Mustafa Ali
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DAP's decision to cut ties with PAS President Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang is childish and immature, says Datuk Mustafa Ali.

The PAS secretary-general said today that in Pakatan Rakyat (PR), parties dealt with other parties and not with the leader alone.

"This is a childish and immature decision," Mustafa told The Malaysian Insider.

"Each party elects its own leader. So if the parties want to work together, they must accept the leader chosen by each party."

He said if DAP were mature, it would have made its decision with the party, and not among the party's leaders alone.

DAP's decision, which it announced today after its central executive committee met last night to discuss its future with PR, also drew flak from other PAS leaders.

Although it affirmed its commitment to the opposition pact, DAP said it could no longer work with Hadi, who was "dishonest and dishonourable" for breaking promises and violating PR's common policy framework as well as decisions made collect by the PR leadership council.

In a separate statement, PAS vice-president Salahuddin Ayub said he could not accept DAP's decision to cut ties with Hadi, yet wish to work with PAS and remain in PR.

"He is the president of one million PAS members," Salahuddin said.

He said PR leaders should now hold a special meeting to discuss developments arising from DAP's decision.

"Cutting ties with the PAS president is not the way nor the best solution to overcome this issue," Salahuddin said.

He acknowledged DAP's refusal to concede to Kelantan PAS's move to enact hudud and to Hadi's tabling of a private member's bill in Parliament, but said isolating the PAS leader would not solve anything.

"The best platform to discuss and make decisions remains in the PR leadership council."

Another vice-president Datuk Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man earlier said DAP should be the one to leave PR, not PAS.

"For PAS, no party can ask another in PR to leave, other than that party to withdraw itself," he said, adding that DAP's decision was an odd one as it could not expect to stop working with Hadi only and not the rest of the party.

PAS central committee member Nik Abduh Nik Abdul Aziz also said it was better for DAP to leave PR and said Kelantan's hudud enactment should not be used as an excuse for breaking up the seven-year-old opposition pact. – March 24, 2015.

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