

PAS leaving Pakatan not a topic at muktamar, says leader

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PAS will not leave Pakatan Rakyat after its muktamar or annual general meeting this week, its secretary-general Datuk Mustafa Ali said, as there was no motion tabled on such a matter.

Amid observations that the Islamist party was likely to split or leave the opposition pact over differences with its allies on its conservative leadership and hudud, Mustafa said none of the delegates had brought such a motion and neither would the president's policy speech touch on the matter.

PAS's 61st muktamar begins tomorrow with the meeting of other wings ahead of the main body's assembly on Thursday, when it will also elect new office-bearers.

"In terms of the muktamar procedure, it is unlikely that any decision will be made to leave PR because we have not received any motion proposing that PAS leave PR.

"There is nothing to say that PAS should leave PR and there is no room to say that PR will split up because of what will happen at this muktamar," Mustafa told the press at the PAS headquarters in Kuala Lumpur today.

Commenting on the muktamar selection process, Mustafa said that his office had not received any complaint of misconduct on the part of the candidate or party leaders from the selection committee chairman Asmuni Awi.

He said although there were rumours on social media, he gave his assurances that no PAS leader felt that the Islamist party should leave the opposition pact.

"The statement issued saying that the muktamar will decided if PR lives or dies is not true.

"There are also statements about groups in PAS said to be pro- and anti-PR, that is also untrue.

"There is no one among the party's highest leadership rooting for PAS to leave PR."

When asked whether the matter could be brought up through an emergency motion, he declined to elaborate, but said that it would still not result in PAS making a decision to leave PR.

He also rejected the assumption that the Syura Council had met to discuss relations with PR.

Although he said there were issues with DAP, he added that it was not easy for PAS as there was still sentimental value for them when looking back at how the party had

linked up with PKR and DAP.

"I don't think PKR wants PR to break up and I don't think PKR wants to break away from PAS," he said.

Meanwhile, director of the PAS muktamar Datuk Takiyuddin Hassan said the 192 divisions throughout the country, including Sabah and Sarawak, were participating in the muktamar, making up around 1,195 delegates. – June 1, 2015.

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