

Good news if Nazir Razak forms new party, says Mat Sabu
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With Pakatan Rakyat (PR) near death, former PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu said it was good news if it were true that the prime minister's brother had plans to form a new party.

"It is good news. It is good if he is going to set up a party. We will see what develops from that. It is good.

"It is an indication there is a big problem in the country that there is need to form new parties apart from Umno.

"That is a huge development," Mohamad, better known as Mat Sabu, told reporters at the Butterworth Sessions Court this morning.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's brother Datuk Seri Nazir Razak is said to be mulling a new party with Global Movement of Moderates chief Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah as the head, according to a report by portal the Asia Sentinel.

Mat Sabu himself is also said to be keen on setting up a new party, possibly with other progressive PAS leaders ousted in the Islamist party's recent general assembly.

The intention was expressed last night in Muar when Mat Sabu and other progressive leaders, now dubbed the G18, began their nationwide tour.

Today, he said the matter was still at the discussion stage.

"We are still talking. We have to discuss with our friends. There is no decision on it yet," he said.

Mat Sabu also said he was still a PAS member when asked if he would quit the party.

"Not yet. I am still a PAS member."

PAS splinter cell Persatuan Ummah Sejahtera (PasMa), a non-governmental organisation, is also talking about turning into a political party.

However, Mat Sabu said it was unlikely for anything to happen very soon.

He said there would not be any political party coming up yet due to the fasting month which starts tomorrow.

"That (PasMa becoming a political party) is still being discussed. Tomorrow puasa (Ramadan) begins so for the whole month we may not see any new parties emerging."

Yesterday, DAP declared PR was dead, a resolution it had adopted at its central executive committee meeting on Sunday night.

Earlier this month, the new PAS leadership that is dominated by the ulama faction led by president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang passed a motion to sever ties with DAP without debate. – June 17, 2015.

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