

I'm still with Pakatan, Hadi says of Kit Siang's doomsday prediction
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Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said today he is still with Pakatan Rakyat for now, after the latest warning by DAP's parliamentary leader that the informal opposition coalition would disintegrate in two weeks.

The PAS president however refused to say anything further on Lim Kit Siang's prediction, adding that he could not comment on things that had yet to happen.

"Right now, I am still with Pakatan, I am still seated in the same place," he said, referring to his Marang parliamentary seat which is at the opposition bench.

On Sunday, Lim had said the seven-year old pact was on the "brink of disintegration" and that it would cease to exist in two weeks' time, after PAS holds its party elections in early June.

"This is a most ludicrous political development," Lim had written.

Hadi said today he did not know if Pakatan, made up of his Islamist party, DAP and PKR, would split, adding that he also did not know if he would be alive tomorrow.

Hadi said for now, his focus was on the party's coming election, scheduled to take place next week.

"We will wait and see," he said when asked about the best ways to resolve the differences between his party and its ally DAP.

However, he said it was not unusual for any political party, including PAS, to be on its own.

"We all have been on our own, been with the government, left the government, but usually old incidences will not repeat themselves. Moreover, our concept is we must be with Malaysia's multiracial society, we cannot be alone," he said.

The differences between PAS and its allies manifested itself last year during the PKR-initiated "Kajang move" to replace former Selangor menteri besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim, which morphed into the six-month Selangor menteri besar saga.

PAS's insistence on implementing the Islamic penal code hudud at its east coast state of Kelantan further widened the crack with its partners, who said hudud was not part of PR's common policy framework.

On March 25, the DAP national leadership announced its decision to cut ties with Hadi over his party's insistence on implementing hudud in Kelantan, although it was still committed to PR.

PAS leaders reacted angrily, saying it was not possible to boycott Hadi and still expect to work with the party.

Since then, Sarawak DAP has frozen ties with PAS in the state, as has Perak DAP with its PAS counterpart, and both Sabah PKR and DAP with the state's PAS chapter.

Federal Territory PAS has also frozen ties with Federal Territory DAP, calling it "insolent". – May 26, 2015.

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