

**PAS says it's with PKR, DAP and Amanah in opposition bloc**  
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PAS today said that it had reached a consensus with PKR that the two parties along with DAP and Parti Amanah Negara (Amanah) would work together as part of an opposition bloc.

PAS secretary-general Datuk Takiyuddin Hassan said their meeting with PKR had not resulted in the setting up Pakatan Rakyat 2.0, or a formal pact with the other opposition parties.

"The consensus we reached is that we are all opposition parties. So we are operating on the opposition platform.

"We are an opposition bloc," said Takiyuddin after their meeting at PKR's headquarters in Petaling Jaya.

Takiyuddin, party deputy president Datuk Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man, and elections director Datuk Mustafa Ali had represented PAS in its meeting with PKR today.

On PAS's relationship with Amanah, Takiyuddin said: "Amanah is not even registered yet. We don't even know if it's Amanah or not."

PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail said they were still in the process of establishing a formal pact.

But, in the meantime, the four parties would unite over national issues, such as the upcoming Budget 2016 announcement and continue to oppose Barisan Nasional in the Dewan Rakyat.

"I'm not going to sugar coat it, we have our differences. And then we just speak about the differences they face... the issues that PAS brought up to us, about our other political parties in the opposition."

Yesterday, PKR secretary-general Rafizi Ramli said the party was prepared for the possibility PAS would refuse to join the new coalition.

If that happened, the "new Pakatan" and PAS could establish an electoral cooperation to ensure that they would not contest the same seats, said Rafizi, comparing it with the opposition's strategy in the 2008 general election.

Rafizi added that Dr Wan Azizah would create a new common policy framework with clearer principles, to prevent the new pact from going down the same path as Pakatan.

Pakatan was declared dead in June after delegates at the PAS muktamar approved a

motion to cut ties with DAP while remaining in the coalition.

The decision came after DAP announced it would no longer work with PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang.

The two parties were also locked in a protracted row over hudud, the Islamic criminal law that PAS intends to implement in Kelantan.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng has said the party would not accept PAS in the new coalition as the two had reached a point of no return. – September 14, 2015.

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