

Zaid says Hadi not even invited to March 27 meet

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Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang reportedly said that PAS still wants to stay on good terms with Umno leaders, even though it may not be supportive of the ruling party. — Picture by Saw Siow Feng

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 28 — After Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang was reported in the media as saying he will not attend the coming March 27 gathering against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, Datuk Zaid Ibrahim took to Twitter to say the PAS president was never on the invite list in the first place.

Zaid, the event organiser, was also reported as claiming in *The Star Online* that he has already mentioned this before, suggesting that it was no big surprise that the PAS president said he would not turn up.

“I have said much earlier that he was not on the list of invitees. So it’s just as well that he says he is not coming,” for former law minister was quoted saying in the news portal.

On Twitter, Zaid wrote: “Hadi not attending 27th March rally? Of course not. He was never on the list.”

In *The Star Online’s* article, Zaid reportedly said later that invites have been extended to Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad as well as Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who was on Friday suspended from his Umno deputy president’s post by the party supreme council.

Earlier today, PKR’s Rafizi Ramli urged Hadi to attend the March 27 gathering of leaders to oppose Najib’s leadership, saying it would clear any misconceptions about PAS’s support for the prime minister.

He was responding to Hadi’s remarks in *Sinar Harian* today where the PAS president was quoted as saying that he does not plan to attend any anti-Najib gathering such as the one to be held on March 27.

The Islamist party leader reportedly said that PAS still wants to stay on good terms with Umno leaders, even though it may not be supportive of the ruling party.

“I am anti-Umno but not (anti) Umno people. We want to be good with Umno people. Even though the party has made mistakes. (Therefore) I do not want to be a part of that (anti-Najib) rally,” he was quoted saying.

The March 27 meeting was mooted recently by Zaid and is expected to be “closed-door” gathering of those in support of the campaign against Najib.

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