

No plans to join BN, PAS says again
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PAS today reiterated that it will not join the ruling Barisan Nasional pact after concerns were raised following the Islamist party's president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang's remarks that he was ready to work with different organisations on common issues.

PAS secretary-general Datuk Takiyuddin Hassan insisted that PAS would be an opposition party and that the question of joining BN did not arise.

"We remain as opposition, we will work together with all parties including DAP and the federal government, on good things, things that are beneficial to the people.

"'Kerja sama' means cooperate, not joining BN. Cooperate in terms of issues, views and opinions, not on politics," he told reporters at the Parliament lobby.

On Tuesday, Hadi told reporters that his party was ready to cooperate with any party, but only on "good issues", not "bad issues".

This was taken by some organisations to mean that PAS was ready to work with or even join BN in the future.

Takiyuddin today stressed that his party would never be an ally to BN.

"We will never work together with BN in the next elections – that has been very clear. We have been alone, if we need to be alone we will be. That doesn't mean we don't have a partner, maybe we have a new partner."

However, the Kota Baru federal lawmaker remained coy over the identity of its partner, and asked for patience.

"That I cannot reveal yet. Just wait and see. If not party, maybe individual. Still negotiating. Of course, from another party. Wait for the next announcement."

He said while PAS could reconcile with the new opposition pact Pakatan Harapan, it would not join the coalition which comprised PKR, DAP and Amanah.

"Not at all," he said when asked if PAS would enter into an alliance with the pact.

"We will remain (in the) opposition, but we are open for negotiations and views with all parties." – October 29, 2015.

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