

**PAS welcome to work with Umno but under BN terms, says MIC leader**  
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PAS must adhere to the terms and conditions of Barisan Nasional (BN) if it wants to work with Umno to build a "perfect" Malaysia, the MIC youth wing says.

Its chief C. Sivarraajh Chandran said BN's political stand was always the middle path and PAS was welcome to join the coalition.

"But they must adapt to the belief system like 1Malaysia and take a moderate approach when it comes to religious matters," he told The Malaysian Insider.

Sivarraajh was commenting on Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Razak's offer today to the opposition Islamist party the chance to work with Umno to build a "perfect" Malaysia.

In his policy speech at the Umno annual general assembly, Najib, who is also prime minister said PAS had been unceremoniously "kicked out" of the opposition coalition.

"We in Umno were relieved and happy when PAS was no longer with the opposition coalition.

"With an open heart and independent soul, we offer them a relationship (tali silaturahmi), we offer a brotherhood (ikatan ukhuwah) towards building a perfect Malaysia," said Najib, prompting cheers from delegates.

PAS is not part of the opposition pact, Pakatan Harapan, which was formed recently to replace Pakatan Rakyat which collapsed after PAS and former ally DAP had a fallout.

Sivarraajh said what Najib did was politically good in the the interest of strengthening BN but warned that PAS had their own ideology like implementing hudud (Islamic penal law).

He said this has also created dissatisfaction among BN component parties.

Najib's father, former prime minister Tun Razak Hussein, had in 1973 invited PAS to join BN, an extension of the Alliance (Umno, MCA and MIC), but the Islamist party was expelled four years later. – December 10, 2015.

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