

Pakatan Harapan will not get into polemics with PAS
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Pakatan Harapan parties will not respond to criticism by fellow opposition party, PAS, as it believes that such "political polemics" will only distract it from important national issues.

In a statement today, the secretary-generals of Pakatan's three parties said bickering with PAS would only alienate the public and benefit Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, whose administration had been under severe pressure due to cost of living issues.

"The Pakatan Harapan secretary council is aware of the statements made by PAS during its election conference in Selangor today.

"Although some of those statements were directed at our parties, the council believes that the main mission of Pakatan Harapan is to focus on the public's welfare as the rakyat are being squeezed by the policies of the Najib administration.

"The biggest priority in the country is to stop the suffering caused by the Najib administration."

The statement was signed by the secretary-generals of PKR (Rafizi Ramli) and Amanah (Annuar Tahir), DAP organising secretary Anthony Loke and Pakatan chief secretary Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah.

At a rally in Kuala Selangor today, PAS leaders made veiled criticism towards Amanah and Pakatan.

PAS is not part of the coalition but remains a governing partner in the Selangor government and has ties with PKR.

PAS also considers Amanah, which is formed by ex-PAS leaders and members, as a party of traitors.

Selangor PAS chief Datuk Iskandar Abdul Samad told party members to prepare to contest against Amanah in the next general election while PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said it was not intimidated with the prospect of contesting against Pakatan.

PAS has also ordered all members to stay away from Amanah and DAP events.

Pakatan Harapan said its leaders were concentrating on two important developments in January, which would have a large impact on the public.

These issues are the Budget 2016 revisions as Putrajaya's revenue estimates will be off target, and the special parliamentary sitting to debate the Trans-Pacific Partnership

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