

**Gagasan Sejahtera not open to DAP and Amanah, says PAS veep**  
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**Mohd Amar Nik Abdullah says PPBM and PKR are welcome to work with Gagasan if they are not keen to be with Pakatan Harapan.**

PETALING JAYA: The PAS-led Gagasan Sejahtera, which sees itself as the third major political bloc in the country, is open to any party except Amanah and DAP, says PAS vice-president Mohd Amar Nik Abdullah.

The Kelantan deputy menteri besar said the coalition, which was rebranded with its current name in August last year, would serve the Islamist party's interests in facing the upcoming 14th general election due by the middle of 2018.

He said PAS was ready to contest the polls, no matter how many cornered fights it would have to reckon with, if Pakatan Harapan (PH), comprising PKR, DAP, Amanah and PPBM, did not mount a serious challenge against the Umno-led Barisan Nasional (BN)

"We can cooperate with anyone except Amanah and DAP," he was quoted as saying in the Harakah Daily portal today.

He said the collaboration could take place in various forms of partnerships and agreements.

"We even offer PPBM and also PKR to work with us if they are no longer keen to be with PH," he said during a media dialogue at a buka puasa event at the Kelantan menteri besar's office yesterday.

He said if the two parties could make such a decision and join Gagasan, the alliance would become a formidable force with added strength to topple the ruling BN.

Present were Menteri Besar Ahmad Yakob and his state executive councillors.

The other parties in Gagasan are Parti Ikatan Bangsa Malaysia (Ikatan) and Barisan Jemaah Islamiah Se-Malaysia (Berjasa).

On May 15, PAS deputy president Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man had said another outfit, Parti Cinta Malaysia, had expressed interest in joining the coalition.

PAS has refused to work with DAP, after the termination of the Pakatan Rakyat coalition in June 2015.

Disgruntled former PAS leaders set up Amanah in September 2015.

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