

Hadi denies grudge against DAP over PM candidate issue
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PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang denied holding a grudge against the DAP over the party's refusal to back him or Gua Musang MP Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah as the then Pakatan Rakyat's prime ministerial candidate if it won the 2013 general election.

"It's not true, not true. There is no need to comment (because) it's not true," he is quoted as saying by *Harakah* (*image below*), the print version of the PAS organ.

Hadi was responding to DAP parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang, who claimed the Marang MP was still angry at the DAP for refusing to back him as the prime minister candidate.

Apart from Hadi, PAS had also proposed Umno's Tengku Razaleigh as a possible leader for the coalition, now defunct.

Lim claimed Hadi approached DAP with the proposal on the eve of the 13th general election.

"He was very disappointed when DAP did not agree," he said.

The DAP had backed PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim as its choice of prime minister if Pakatan won the general election.

Lim **claimed** DAP's refusal then was the beginning of Hadi's attempt to "scuttle and destroy" the coalition.

Pakatan Rakyat fell apart in 2015 and was subsequently replaced by Pakatan Harapan, which comprises PKR, DAP, PAS' splinter Amanah and Bersatu.

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