

PAS committed to religious agenda, Pakatan alliance

Party president defends Islamic credentials, dispels rumours of split

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Senior PAS leaders, including party president Abdul Hadi Awang (third from left) and spiritual leader Nik Aziz Nik Mat (third from right), at the party's annual convention in Kelantan yesterday. Mr Hadi says the party's philosophy of the "benevolent state" was in line with Islam, which requires followers to act with fairness and justice. -- PHOTO: SIN CHEW DAILY

By Carolyn Hong, Malaysia bureau chief

KOTA BARU (Kelantan) - Opposition Parti Islam SeMalaysia (PAS) president Abdul Hadi Awang has launched a stout defence of the party's Islamic credentials that have come under challenge, saying its current focus on a "benevolent state" was not a deviation from its religious agenda.

This philosophy is, in fact, in line with Islam, which requires followers to act with fairness and justice, he added.

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"Datuk Seri Hadi also reiterated PAS' commitment to the PR, dispelling speculation that the party might ditch the opposition alliance after it was attacked for purportedly shelving its Islamic agenda under pressure from its political partners."