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# PAS should do away with political cooperation

**KUALA LUMPUR:** PAS must totally implement its decision to sever political cooperation with DAP and ensure all its members who are holding posts in the Selangor and Penang state governments resign, according to a political analyst.

Associate prof Dr Ahmad Martadha Mohamed said if this was not done, it reflected the party as not firm in severing ties with DAP and lead to questions on the decision.

"I think the decision is weird because the PAS's Syura Council (highest decision-making body) has finalised the cancellation of ties with DAP but PAS members are still holding posts in Selangor and Penang. "If they (PAS) truly want to cut ties with DAP, they should

do so totally by asking their members to quit from their posts in the administration of the two states," he said when contacted by Bernama here, yesterday.

On Saturday, the party's Syura Council decided to sever political cooperation with DAP following DAP's continuous provocations, flouting the spirit of cooperation of the opposition pact and interfering over the issues of faith, policy and aims of PAS.

PAS secretary-general Datuk Takiyuddin Hassan yesterday, however, was reported as saying, no directive had been issued to party members who were serving in the state government of Penang and Selangor to quit although the Syura Council had made the de-

cision.

Dr Ahmad Martadha, who is also Universiti Utara Malaysia College of Law, Government and International Studies dean, said there is confusion over the true meaning of PAS' severing of ties with DAP when its members remained in the state governments of Selangor and Penang.

On the other hand, University Kebangsaan Malaysia's Social Science and Humanity Faculty lecturer Associate Professor Dr Mohd Fuad Mat Jali was of the opinion that PAS's action in severing ties with DAP was only temporary in nature because of the hudud issue.

"But I am confident they will get back together for the 14th general election because if they are not united they will have no chance of going to Putrajaya," he said.

Meanwhile, in Kepala Batas, Penang UMNO Liaison Committee deputy chief Datuk Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican said the break-up in Pakatan rakyat was expected since early on.

He said this is because the cooperation between the three parties, namely, Parti Keadilan Rakyat, PAS and DAP was only based on temporary convenience. - Bernama