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JAKARTA: The National Mandate Party (PAN) has narrowed down its list of candidates to replace graft suspect Taufik Kurniawan as House of Representative deputy speaker to two party members, according to PAN politician Dradjad Wibowo.

"We haven't [formally] discussed Taufik's position at the House. But Mulfachri Harahap and Hanafi Rais have been mentioned [as his replacement] in informal conversations," Drajad said recently as quoted by *kompas.com*.

Drajad was referring to Mulfachri, PAN's faction leader at the House, and Hanafi, the deputy chairman of the House's Commission I overseeing defense, who is also the son of PAN chief patron Amien Rais.

Both Mulfachri and Hanafi are PAN's deputy chairmen, like Taufik, who was detained by the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) on Friday after being named a suspect in a bribery case linked to special allocation funds (DAK) for Central Java's Kebumen regency in the revised 2016 state budget.

PAN secretary-general Eddy Soeparno said the party had yet to decide on a replacement for Taufik and it continued to search for the right person fit for the job.

"Of course [we need] those who have experience and [a good] track record [...]; who are well known by House members and have demonstrated a commitment to the party and the coalition," Eddy said on Sunday.

PAN was a member of the ruling coalition but decided to defect shortly before the registration deadline of the 2019 presidential election by announcing its support for President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo's rival Prabowo Subianto. —JP