

# GOVT SAYS NO TO PAS HUDUD

PM: We won't amend Constitution to allow for implementation

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Federal Government does not recognise the "hudud" laws approved by the PAS government in Kelantan because they do not reflect justice according to Islamic laws, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said

yesterday.

As such, he said, the question of amending the Federal Constitution to provide for their implementation "does not arise at all."

The laws passed by the Kelantan State Assembly were not the true hudud laws but a PAS-brand of hudud laws, the Prime Minister told reporters after chairing an Umno Supreme Council meeting yesterday.

The Umno president was asked to comment on a newspaper report yesterday that the Kelantan Sultan had given his assent to the Syariah Criminal Code (II) 1993 (Hudud) which was passed by the state assembly last November.

Dr Mahathir said the draft of the laws was submitted to him by Kelantan Menteri Besar Haji Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat at a recent meeting.

"I had explained to him that the Federal Government could not accept the draft.

"It is very clear that what has been drawn up by PAS is unfair and unjust (to the people).

"Islam repeatedly stresses the importance of fairness and justice and there is no place for unjust and cruelty in the religion," he added.