

Kit Siang: **Two-thirds majority** of BN the **issue** 32

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PETALING JAYA: The PAS leadership has agreed that the issue of an Islamic state will not be a common objective to enable the opposition parties to co-operate, the DAP said yesterday.

Its secretary-general Lim Kit Siang said the DAP stand on the issue was clear and consistent.

He said an Islamic state was unsuitable and inappropriate

for Malaysia's plural society. "That is why the PAS leadership has agreed that the issue of an Islamic state is not one of the common objectives providing the basis for co-operation among the opposition parties," he said in a statement.

Lim accused the Rarisan Nasional of trying to create the impression that the coming general election was whether Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Moha-

mad or PAS spiritual adviser Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat would become prime minister.

He said the biggest issue of the elections was whether the two-thirds majority of the Barisan could be denied.

MCA Youth chief Datuk Chan Kong Choy, however, said DAP's pact with PAS would help the latter to become stronger.

"Why should the DAP help

PAS to become stronger and in the process help make its demands louder in Parliament?" he said.

Chan said the DAP should make clear its stand on some of the statements made by PAS leaders.

He said moderate Malaysians, irrespective of their race and religion, should reject the policies advocated by PAS.