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DAP refutes Pas claims of interference

SEREMBAN, Sat. - The DAP today refuted Pas' claim that it was interfering in its affairs, particularly the latter's plan to establish an Islamic State, saying it did not want the people to be hurt.

DAP life adviser Dr Chen Man Hin said Pas called itself an Islamic party but did not understand issues concerning Islam.

"Its leaders must know that the party's idea of an Islamic State does not concern only Pas or Umno but everybody in this country.

"As far as the DAP is concerned, Pas is not good enough to understand the issue.

"And as far as the (Islamic State) issue is concerned, Pas is confusing the people. We do not want the masses to be hurt further by Pas."

Yesterday, Pas information chief Azizan Abdul Razak said Pas would decide what was best for the party and did not need to listen to DAP's views on what it should or should not do.

Telling DAP to stop interfering in its affairs, particularly on issues related to the concept of an Islamic State, Azizan said Dr Chen should keep his views to himself.

Dr Chen then said Pas should allow the people to know what it wanted to offer, adding his views were that of the people and that, as politicians, Pas leaders should be moderate and liberal in their plans and approaches.

Dr Chen also challenged Pas to hold an open dialogue with other political parties in the country on the issue.

Pas deputy president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said recently that Pas would submit a memorandum detailing its concept of an Islamic State to Umno president and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, as soon as possible.

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