

# Resolution on religion, socio-economy

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THE Umno general assembly adopted a six-point resolution on religion and socio-economy, calling on government agencies and religious bodies to work together to spread the correct teachings of Islam.

The motion, tabled by Kedah delegate Mohamed Kamal Saidin, urged for:

- GOVERNMENT agencies and religious bodies to combine forces to provide true Islamic teachings based on *Hadharatul Islam* (essence of civilisation) to all segments of society;

- THE injection of Islamic values by promoting unity and co-operation among the people;

- THE rejection of articles in the mass media which contain sacrilegious and lewd elements that obstruct efforts to create a moral, self-respecting and knowledgeable society;

- THE creation of Islamic knowledge programmes and leadership training for Umno members so that they will understand their responsibility to Islam as leaders and party members;

- INCREASED efforts to eradicate those bent on spreading narrow-minded political views and exploiting the sacred teachings of Islam for political gain; and

- THE people, including Umno members, to join forces to eradicate social diseases through planned action programmes.

In tabling the motion, Kamal accused PAS of deviating from Islamic principles and criticised the party as "the source of division among Muslims".

The delegate, from Umno Pendang division, alleged that the opposition party had com-



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mitted many wrong-doings against Islam and had turned its back on the religion by co-operating with the DAP even though DAP leaders had fought against a PAS-planned Islamic state.

He described the planned *hudud* laws by PAS as "cruel and unfair" and asked how Terengganu and Kelantan (both controlled by PAS) could have separate *hudud* laws.

"This clearly shows that Kelantan and Terengganu bend the laws at their whims and convenience," he said.

Kamal alleged that the PAS-planned enactment on *hudud* was cruel because it had proposed that rape victims be punished if they could not prove they had been raped.

"PAS has committed treason against Islam and insulted Allah for its own views on *hudud*," he alleged.

The delegate also alleged that PAS had declared that Allah allowed cursing and that by voting for PAS, voters would be guaranteed a place in heav-

en. This, he said, was another example of misusing the religion.

Kamal said when the Government arrested members of the militant Al-Ma'unah group, PAS members organised special prayers for the detainees.

"I'm sure PAS will pray for thieves if they fit into the party's agenda," he charged,

Kamal said that PAS leaders went round the country trying to impress them by wearing *jubah* (robes) and *ketayap* (religious caps) but it was not for the religion and only for their own ends.

"They are friends of the devil for using Islam for their own political benefit," he claimed.

Kamal showed a copy of a letter, purportedly from Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to Kelantan Menteri Besar and PAS spiritual advisor Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat, which said that Islamic laws should be fair and just.

"The letter said if PAS continues to implement unfair and unjust laws on the people, non-Muslims will lose trust in Islam and Muslims.

"The letter added that the Federal Government will defend Islamic values and teachings but will not collaborate with PAS in implementing its own version of Islamic law.

"This is clear that Umno will continue to protect Muslims and Islam in the country," Kamal said, adding that government agencies and religious bodies co-operated with each other to disseminate Islamic teachings to society.