

Driving PAS out a matter of dignity, women told

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ALOR STAR: Women voters should uphold their dignity by chasing PAS out of Kedah for passing the party's version of the hudud law in Terengganu, MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said.

He said by supporting Barisan Nasional in the Anak Bukit and Pendang by-elections, they could show that women should enjoy equal rights with men in the eyes of the law.

Dr Ling said the hudud law passed by PAS was an insult to women, particularly where a woman who makes a rape allegation must produce four witnesses.

"Women, especially the Chinese voters, should show their disgust by voting against them," he told a press conference after visiting the Anak Bukit MCA operations centre.

On the opposition harping on the split in the MCA in its campaign, Dr Ling said their assumption had been proven wrong as the party had closed ranks and reunited to help the Barisan win in Ketari and Indera Kayangan.

"It will be the same in Anak Bukit and Pendang," said Dr Ling, adding that he was confident that Umno could regain both seats.

He said the MCA was working hard to ensure that all registered Chinese voters would cast their ballots for Barisan.

Asked whether the Chinese community would support Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi when he takes over as the prime minister, Dr Ling said Abdullah had been a prominent leader for a long time.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would not have picked Abdullah as his successor if he did not have the qualities to lead the country.