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DO NOT USE RELIGIOUS ISSUES TO CONFUSE THE PEOPLE- HAMID

KOTA BAHARU, July 3 (Bernama) -- PAS was today reminded not to raise religious issues that will add to the confusion among Muslims during the Anak Bukit state and Pendang parliamentary elections for which polling is on July 18.

The Adviser on Religion to the Prime Minister, Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Othman said it had become the PAS practise to raise religious issues during every election and this had confused the people and the people were facing a serious crisis of understanding Islam.

"Islam prohibits its followers to hurl abuse against each other or against leaders. The Rasulullah had said Muslims must have noble character and should not abuse each other," he told reporters after a get together with civil servants here,

In the course of the election campaign, Abdul Hamid said the contesting parties should put forward to the voters their respective administrative and development programmes.

"If you do not agree on the question of the economy, say so and put forward your alternative plan but we have never heard these things but only suspicion and allegations," he said.

Abdul Hamid said to handle the crisis on the understanding of Islam, the dakwah approach would be revamped with the setting up of more monitoring units in government departments and the private sector.

"The Dakwah programme will be intensified as Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had agreed that the dakwah programmes be reorganised so that it it will be understood that Malaysia is an Islamic Fundamentalist state."

Asked about the move by the Islamic Institute of Understanding Malaysia (Ikim), to undertake a study on Hudud Law, Abdul Hamid said the study would act as a guide for the government for the comprehensive implementation of Hukum Syarak in the country.

He said there should be intense preparations for the implementation of Hudud Law as the objective was to ensure justice.

Yesterday the Director-General of Ikim, Datuk Dr Abdul Monir Yaacob said the four-year study of the Hudud Law was done in collaboration with the Johor Government and encompassed the experience of other countries in the implementation of the Hudud Law.

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