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Umno-Hudud (Terengganu)

UMNO ASSEMBLYMEN TO OBJECT TABLING OF HUDUD BILL

KUALA LUMPUR, June 19 (Bernama) -- Umno assemblymen will stage an all out objection when the the proposed Syariah Criminal Enactment Bill (Hudud and Qisas) is tabled in the Terengganu state legislative assembly next month.

Terengganu Umno deputy liaison committee chairman Datuk Idris Jusoh said despite having only four state assemblymen, Umno would not allow injustice to happen as the proposed bill was clearly unjust.

He was commenting on yesterday's statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who said PAS would be insulting Islam if it implemented the proposed bill which was clearly against Islamic teachings.

All enactments to be implemented by any state should be based on justice, he told Bernama when met at the Wanita Umno general assembly in the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here today.

Idris represented the Umno Supreme Council at the event.

The Prime Minister was reported as saying that all Islamic laws were fair and just and if there were any laws which were unfair and unjust, then they were unIslamic.

Idris said the Bill was more of PAS's political interest as the party responded to people's queries on when they would implement the Hudud laws, as pledged in the last general election.

"PAS has always liked to use religion for their political interest, I hope they do not simply table the bill as they need to answer to Allah over their responsibilities to the people," he said.

Idris said if the PAS-led Terengganu government was sincere over the issue, then they would have asked the Attorney-General for his views on the proposed bill.

He said the Terengganu Umno wanted the people to be given the accurate information on the bill before it was tabled and passed to prevent them from being hoodwinked by the PAS' political ploys.

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