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CRUCIAL FOR M'SIA TO HAVE ONE SINGLE JUSTICE SYSTEM, SAYS TAIB

KUCHING, July 12 (Bernama) -- It is fundamental for Malaysia to have only one single justice system and as such, there is no place for the hudud laws passed by the Terengganu Pas government, Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud said today.

He said a single justice system provides equal treatment for every citizen as opposed to the Pas-style hudud laws.

"If Pas wants a one and just Malaysia, they got to think about accepting only the present justice system bound by the Federal Constitution," he said when opening the 14th Harakah Islamiah (Hikmah) 14th delegates conference, here.

He said Pas should heed the advice of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to re-think about going ahead with the hudud laws.

Taib said criminal matters were under the federal government's responsibility and applicable to all Malaysians.

"The moment you have differences, you punish one lightly than the other, it will invite feelings of injustice," he said.

He said Pas, which received criticisms from throughout the country, should not ignore the views of a large section of the population.

He said an Islamic country must be fair to all, including to non-Muslims.

On Hikmah's role in Sarawak, he wanted the body to streamline its activities to be relevant with the times.

"Sarawak opposed any attempt that is anti-Islam and laws based on religion because such laws are insensitive to the multi-religious society of Malaysia and incompatible with democracy, human rights, justice and freedom," he added.

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