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Hadi: Don't cast doubts on Islamic laws

MENTERI Besar Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said the implementation of hudud would allow non-Muslims to appreciate the beauty of syariah laws and the essence of Islam.

"Muslims should not worry if non-Muslim offenders escape punishment from hudud as there would be justice from God in the hereafter."

He said Muslims should not cast doubts on Islamic laws as those who did so would be afflicted by a "spiritual disease".

"Being Muslims, it is required of them to have faith in God's justice in the hereafter," he said in his winding-up speech.

He said as prosecution under hudud required 100 per cent proof against offenders, it was very difficult for anyone to be punished under the law.

"Even if there is a one per cent doubt, punishment under hudud can no longer be imposed," he said.

He added that success of hudud would be measured by a drop in crime rate as the law instilled fear in potential offenders.

"The success of hudud will not be seen with the rise in the number of amputees."

He said the State Government had twice written to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, asking for a meeting to discuss the matter but had yet to get a response.

"Our effort to arrange a meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi also proved futile."

He said the State Government only wanted God's blessings and not the praise of man when enacting syariah laws.

Meanwhile, Education, Dakwah and Syariah Implementation Committee chairman Harun Taib, in his winding-up speech, said the public had no problem in accepting hudud.

"During the seminars on hudud, I have not met any woman who has expressed sorrow over its implementation.

"Instead, they have all expressed their confidence that hudud would bring better living conditions. Even Puteri Umno representatives who attended our dialogues said they were happy with our explanations."

He also refuted claims that Pas was implementing hudud to attract support in the general election.

"If that allegation is true, then the State Governments ruled by Barisan Nasional should also implement hudud."

He said the Pas State Government has no intention to discriminate against women through hudud.

"Our mothers, sisters, wives and relatives are also women."

Earlier, Rozali Muhammad (Pas-Permaisuri) while debating the Bill, challenged the Opposition to prepare its own hudud.

"The Opposition claims that our Bill is the Pas version of hudud. If that is the case, then it should come forward and prepare hudud as stipulated in the Quran."