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PAS MOVE MAY AFFECT ELECTORAL UNDERSTANDING, SAYS DAP

KUALA LUMPUR, June 20 (Bernama) -- PAS's insistence in enacting the Syariah Criminal Enactment in Terengganu may have serious repercussions in the DAP's electoral understanding with the opposition alliance, said DAP deputy chairman Karpal Singh.

He said although it was important for the opposition to put up a united front against the Barisan Nasional (BN) in the coming general election, his party might be forced to go it alone.

"The DAP will not sacrifice principle at the altar of expediency," he said in a statement here today.

Karpal said PAS should not "get on to the verge of political lunacy" in its aim to topple the BN.

"The DAP has proven in the past that it can stand on its own. I call upon PAS to change its ways," he said.

Karpal said PAS's partners in the opposition alliance, Parti Keadilan Nasional and Parti Rakyat Malaysia, should not be accessories to moves by PAS to "embark on extremism in defiance of the Federal Constitution by insisting on setting up an Islamic state".

This is particularly so as Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had "chosen to defy that law by proclaiming that the country is already an Islamic state", he said.

Karpal insisted that the DAP would not hesitate to take PAS to court if it persisted in resorting to extremism at the expense of the non-Muslims in the country.

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