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PAS PREPARED TO HEAR VIEWS ON PROPOSED SYARIAH CRIMINAL ENACTMENT, SAYS  
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KOTA BAHARU, May 30 (Bernama) -- The Terengganu PAS government is prepared to hear views on its proposed Syariah Criminal Enactment from all parties including Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang today.

However, he said discussions must be confined to technical matters only, such as on the question of evidence.

"It was supposed to be tabled this June but we have decided to defer it to a later date to update it after academic review on technical matters," he told reporters after opening the 43rd PAS Youth delegates' conference at the Pusat Tarbiah Islamiah Kelantan (PUTIK), Pengkalan Chepa here.

Abdul Hadi, who is also PAS deputy president, was commenting on the opposition from 12 women organisations to the move by the Terengganu government to table the bill on Hudud and Qisas (revenge crime restitution) which they said were grossly unfair to women.

He said those who opposed the proposed enactment lacked the knowledge as they did not attend a seminar to discuss the bill two weeks ago.

"We invited everyone to attend the seminar, including mufti, academicians, political parties and the Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM) but none came," he said.

He said he also held a meeting with the National Fatwa Council four days to refine the proposed enactment.

Abdul Hadi said the people should not worry as the proposed enactment would serve more as a deterrent to criminals while Islam also encouraged disputes to be settled outside the court.

On approval of the federal government needed before the proposed enactment could be enforced, he said the state government was positive in the matter especially after the Prime Minister declared that Malaysia is an Islamic country.

Abdul Hadi also said a memorandum on social contract would be issued soon for non Muslims in the state.

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