

Ex-PAS leader: Party will never implement hudud

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KUALA TERENGGANU: Former Terengganu PAS deputy commissioner Latif Mohamad, 63, has claimed that the party would never implement hudud law in Terengganu.

"PAS does not have the experience or expertise to implement the law which was gazetted in October 2002," he said.

The party only introduced the hudud enactment following pressure from the grassroots.

"The party knows the national leader-

ship would not allow the implementation of the enactment.

"It all boils down to hypocrisy," he said in a press conference yesterday.

Latif, who left the party in early 2002, was Terengganu PAS deputy commissioner for four years in the 1980s under Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang, who is now PAS president.

He said he was heading the *Selamat Tinggal PAS* (Goodbye PAS) campaign to convince PAS supporters to support Barisan Nasional in the next general election.

Latif said PAS had aimed to set up an Islamic state since its formation in 1951.

But, he said, following the announcement by former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad that Malaysia was already an Islamic nation, the need for the party to continue with its aim did not arise anymore.

"Now, they want to set up an Islamic state within an Islamic state only to seek political mileage. The move would cause a split among Muslims," he said.

The PAS talk will be held at SK Padang Luar in Jerteh tomorrow at 9pm.