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`We'll act if Federal law is violated'

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BANGI, Mon. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Government will take action if Pas' version of hudud in Terengannu violated Federal laws.

"They (the Pas-led State Government) can implement ...but if it violated the Federal laws, we can take action," Dr Mahathir said.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president, said Umno did not regard Pas' hudud as one which was in accordance with Islamic teachings.

The Prime Minister was speaking after receiving a 5.5km-long banner bearing the wishes and gratitude penned by Malaysians over the past four months.

The project was organised by Puteri Umno.

The Terengganu Government today went ahead with its plan to gazette and implement the Terengganu Syariah Criminal Enactment (Hudud and Qisas).

The Sultan of Terengganu has given his assent to the law, passed by the State Assembly last year.

Kelantan Umno deputy chief Datuk Zaid Ibrahim had last Tuesday filed a petition at the Federal Court for leave to hear an application to determine whether or not the law could be gazetted and implemented.

The enactment, which covered offences such as theft, robbery, murder and rape, ran contrary to Article 75 of the Federal Constitution, which states that criminal laws come under the Federal Government's jurisdiction.