

PAS plea to King: Reject new traffic law
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PAS is appealing to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong to intervene in the federal government's intention to award a traffic regulating system contract even as parliament was debating an amendment to the Road Transport Act.

Six of the party's parliamentary representatives handed over a memorandum on the matter to an Istana Negara official this morning, parts of which was released to the press today together with a statement.

Pokok Sena MP Mahfuz Omar who acted as the spokesperson for the group quoted Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin as having said that Commercial Circle Bhd and Beta Tegap Sdn Bhd had been offer the opportunity to install the Automated Enforcement System (AES) as parliament was still debating the controversial amendment to the Act.

The others accompanying Mahfuz were Shah Alam MP Khalid Samad, Kuala Krai MP Hatta Ramli, Paroi assemblyman Mohd Taufek Abd Gan together with their counsel Zulhazmi Shariff and party member Wan Johani Wan Jaafar .

Describing the AES as a repressive system, he said that it will capture pictures of offending vehicles and process them before summons are issued to the owners.

Tsuaram forum on police 260910 mahfuz omarhe law also allows the pictures to be offered as evidence in court.

However, the government has pledged not to go beyond its budget in introducing the system nationwide, said Mahfuz (right).

"This means the AES concessionaires, who bear the equipments costs, will issue as many summonses as possible to cover their high modals.

"High number of compounds does not mean people will drive safely. The system only serves to collect summons profits but not to educate the road users.

"Hence, we appealed to Agong to reject the bill and pass it back to Parliament for further debate," he said.

Parliament adopted the Road Transport (Amendment) Bill 2010 on Dec 16 after a heated exchange which saw 71 lawmakers for and 40 others against the legislation. The Senate approved the bill yesterday.

Mahfuz claimed the amendment has given rise to legal confusion on whether the pictures captured before the law was amended can be tendered at court.

pIt does not solve the core issue of tougher sentences on reckless drivers as its punishments are aimed at only technical offences, he added.

Itis ridiculous to see those who fail to provide their addresses can be jailed whereas there is

no mention of those responsible for fatal accidents.

The anti-postal summon campaign (saman ekor) committee member also reiterated the call for the authorities to stop issuing postal summon.

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