

**PAS: Supporter's club chief, explain hudud criticism**  
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PAS will seek an explanation from the head of its non-Muslim PAS Supporters Congress, Hu Pang Chaw, on criticisms he has made in the media against the party leadership over the hudud law controversy.

pas muktamar 130610 tuan ibrahim tuan manIts information chief Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man (left) said in a statement today PAS wanted Hu's side of the story because, while his reported statements appeared to be not in line with the party's stand, PAS leaders have also been wrongly quoted by the media.

"As such, in order to improve relations and give him the benefit of the doubt, the PAS central committee will call him (Hu) soon to give (us) the actual facts about his public comments in the media that go against the party's policies.

"As a large political party, we understand that sometimes there are erroneous reports in the media relating to the statements of our leaders. As such, the best approach would be to get the explanation directly from those involved," said Tuan Ibrahim.

He was responding to Hu's remarks reported in the media that have been critical of the party leaders' statements over the implementation of hudud.

Among his grievances was the failure of the party to explain the matter to non-Muslims at the grassroots level before making their pronouncements to the national audience.

pas forum 170609 hu pang chaw 02Kelantan PAS Youth leader Abdul Latiff Abdul Rahman reacted by directing Hu (right) not to issue statements 'threatening' the state government or the party over the issue.

Abdul Latiff also urged Hu to discuss his complaints through internal channels rather than vent them in the media.

The PAS Supporters Congress was set up to shore up support for the Islamist party after the 2004 general election and demonstrate its acceptance by non-Muslims.

Tuan Ibrahim said the issue showed the party's accommodation of differences.

When relating to internal party matters, however, he urged its members to use the channels already in place to resolve any dispute.

"Don't let internal issues become external issues, which are often used by enemies to attack the party.

"Don't ever let the mainstream media, particularly those controlled by the enemies, to take advantage and create things that don't exist and enlarge matters that are small, more so given the impending 13th general election," Tuan Ibrahim added.