

Deputy minister: BN can beat PAS to hudud reality
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Deputy Minister Mashitah Ibrahim said she supported the call to implement hudud law in Johor, which would make BN the first to do so rather than PAS.

The deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Department said she personally backed Johor Kemelah rep Ayub Rahmat's recent call for the state to implement hudud law.

"If this effort could be carried out, BN will be the first party to implement this law, compared to Kelantan which is all talk," she was quoted saying in Sinar Harian today.

She, however, admitted that the country still lacked the infrastructure from courts, judges to enforcement officers to implement the Islamic law.

Mashitah added that the federal constitution did not need amending should Johor push forward with hudud law, as the matter fell under the state's legislation.

She, however, did not specify whether she supported hudud only for Muslims, or for non-Muslims as well as suggested by Ayub.

The Kemelah rep raised the matter during the Johor legislative assembly on June 20, saying implementing Islamic law only for Muslims was discriminatory.

MCA chief Chua Soi Lek blasted, albeit only on Twitter, that Ayub was "out of his mind", but left netizens unconvinced if he had the mettle to stand up against BN's dominant coalition partner, Umno.