

**Gerakan slams Pakatan's 'Islamic-type' policies**  
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Gerakan has slammed Pakatan Rakyat-led governments for attempting to promote Islamisation in its policies.

The party's vice-president Dr Teng Hock Nan said it was important to understand the sensitivities of multi-racial Malaysian society.

Teng, who is also Penang Gerakan chief, said these policies are implemented without considering the impact it has on non-Muslims.

"They just do it. They seem to ignore the fact that some of their policies can have direct or indirect bearing on non-Muslims in terms of democratic rights, freedom of religious beliefs and practices, and way of life," said Teng.

Teng was commenting on the latest ruling by the Kuala Selangor District Council (MDKS) which decreed that unmarried Muslim couples should not sit together in cinema halls.

Recently, Lotus Five Star, the only Cineplex in Kuala Selangor, had reportedly put up notices informing unmarried Muslim couples that they would not be allowed to sit next to each other.

The ruling however has been frozen by the Selangor's local government, research and study exco member Ronnie Liu (right) who said the ruling was made without the knowledge of the state government.

Umno support for hudud

Meanwhile, Teng was asked about the recent comment by the Kepala Batas Wanita Umno wing which plans to table a motion at its divisional meeting to support the implementation of hudud in the country.

Teng said that "supporting" hudud is different from PAS saying that it would enforce Islamic law once Pakatan comes to power at Putrajaya.

"Anyway, hudud is not suitable for a multi-racial society like ours and will not be acceptable," he told Malaysiakini.

PAS insistence on the issue has been tempered by DAP, one of its coalition's partners, who strongly opposes it.

Teng urged the public to analyse the situation clearly and carefully consider the policies beneficial or detrimental to them or their future generations.

He cited instances where Pakatan administrations seem to be enforcing Islamic-type policies in the states.

"In the past four years, the Kedah government (under PAS), for instance, had demolished the only pig abattoir in the state, placed a ban on fatwa being challenged, and insisted that

advertising billboards must have Jawi script.

"In Penang on December 2008, PAS leaders only gave approval for the I-Dance Campaign to go ahead only after the state government agreed that female and male Muslim participants would not be allowed to perform dances together," he stressed.

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