

**Haram to support DAP, screams Utusan front page
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Malay daily Utusan Malaysia today front-paged the call of a controversial cleric that it is haram (forbidden) for Muslims to support the DAP, since DAP is clearly against hudud law.

The daily quoted Abdullah Sa'amah, the founder of traditional grassroots learning centre Pondok Geting in Tumpat, Kelantan, as saying that DAP consists of kafir harbi (non-believers who are hostile to Islam).

Abdullah said this was opposed to the MCA and MIC, which were not harmful.

"DAP's struggle is not acceptable under the federal constitution. They want equal treatment for Muslims and non-Muslims, for temples and mosques to be treated the same.

"It's compulsory for Muslims in PAS, Umno and PKR to reject DAP, which is looking for a way to control the country through the ballot box," Utusan quoted Abdullah as saying.

He added that it was also "sinful" for other political parties to cooperate with DAP as this would lend public support for the DAP.

Conversely, he said, MIC and MCA have successfully shown that they supported a Muslim government and have cooperated well with Umno in the BN.

However, Abdullah did not comment on MCA's repeated threat to quit the ruling coalition if Umno pushes for hudud to be implemented.

MCA has also publicly campaigned against the hudud, particularly against PAS, which it claims is vying for a theocratic state.

PAS: We need DAP to unseat un-Islamic Umno

Umno-owned Utusan in its edition today also reported Kelantan PAS ulama council chief Mohamad Daud as agreeing that it was principally forbidden to vote into power a government that went against Islam.

However, Mohamad told Utusan, this should be seen in the context of unseating an existing government which he claimed was un-Islamic.

"We are clearly aware that Umno and BN reject the Islamic struggle, the hudud, and have presided over wrongdoings such as corruption, abuse of power, etc.

"So PAS, which fights for Islam, must reject such a government that allows such travesties and we cannot do that unless there is an opposition coalition, such as (what we have) today.

"If we do not vote for DAP, we cannot win, so we need this coalition to unseat Umno and BN," Mohamad is quoted as saying.

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