

**Dr M: Unlike DAP, I declared M'sia an Islamic state**  
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Former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad rejected claims that he is anti-Islam for not implementing hudud when he was in power, as he had in his time declared Malaysia an Islamic state.

As such, he said, he cannot be equated to the DAP, which some Islamic scholars have deemed haram (forbidden) for Muslims to support due to their anti-hudud stance.

"There are two things, not agreeing with the hudud and not agreeing with Islamic state.

"I declared Malaysia an Islamic state and we are now acknowledged by everyone as such, including in Palestine," he told reporters in Kuala Lumpur today.

Mahathir added that his objection is not for hudud per se, but hudud as "interpreted by PAS".

"That, I cannot support," he said at a Perdana Global Peace Foundation event.

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