

PAS Youth: Anti-hudud Karpal will cost us Malay votes
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DAP national chairperson Karpal Singh's ongoing criticism of proposed implementation of the hudud will cause PAS to lose Malay votes in the next general election, warned deputy PAS Youth chief Nik Mohamad Abduh Nik Abdul Aziz.

According to Malay daily Berita Harian, he said the DAP leader's remarks have given an impression to the people, especially Muslims, that the party does not support Malay Malaysians.

"From a sentimental point of view, it looks as if Karpal is confident that DAP does not need Malay votes to win comfortably. Whether it is a risk worth taking by DAP or not, I think that it will definitely affect the votes of its partners, especially PAS," he told the daily.

Nik Mohamad, the son of PAS spiritual leader Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat, also said that Karpal's previous statements on the hudud have gone against the Pakatan Rakyat's mutual stance.

PAS Youth chief Nasrudin Hassan also commented on Karpal's anti-hudud comments, claiming that the latter has gone overboard by belittling its capacity to deter crime.

He said Karpal's approach to the hudud "will cause uproar among Muslims".

"I want DAP to advise Karpal not to belittle the hudud, (and to) respect Muslims' sensitivity and to maintain the good relationship among Pakatan parties," he said on Twitter last night.

Former Kedah mufti Muhamad Baderudin Ahmad also urged Karpal to stop criticising the move to bring in the hudud.

He shared Nasrudin's view that Karpal's objections are being portrayed as disrespectful towards Muslims.

"Karpal should stop all criticism regarding hudud as it has created confusion among many parties," Sinar Harian quoted him as saying.

"In this situation, he should respect the sensitivity of all religions, especially Islam, since it is Malaysia's official religion."