

## **'Differences between PAS and DAP only five percent'**

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The differences between PAS and DAP are only "five percent" and they agree on a host of other issues, leaders from both parties said today.

PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang and DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said in a joint statement that both parties also recognise their right to practise their respective ideologies.

"We stress that the cooperation in Pakatan Rakyat is based on our common manifesto," the statement says.

"PAS has the right to fight for the formation of an Islamic country on its own, while DAP has the right to fight for a national system that is not in line with an Islamic country, on its own."

Both parties were agreeable on 95 percent of the common issues, which included freedom, justice and integrity, among others.

The statement attempts to allay fears of disputes between PAS and DAP, something that has been played up by their opponents the BN ahead of the country's most tightly-contested general election ever.

PAS' desire to implement hudud and DAP's vocal objection to it have been brought to the fore yet again, and this was intensified after a recent article posted on a blog by Johor DAP deputy chairperson Norman Fernandez, saying Johoreans should not vote for PAS.

BN has used the hudud issue to illustrate a lack of cooperation between DAP and PAS, and has raised doubts over their ability to work together well should they form the federal government together.

However, Pakatan leaders insist that the coalition works well together on a common manifesto based on issues agreed upon by all three parties, including PKR.

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