

'BN can destroy Pakatan with hudud weapon'
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With the fissures widening in Pakatan Rakyat over the hudud issue, another DAP leader has warned PAS about the perils of pressing ahead with its theocratic ambitions.

Warning PAS not to fall into the trap set by Umno, Teresa Kok said the hudud issue is now the most potent weapon in their political rival's arsenal.

"The hudud controversy has provided BN with the biggest ammunition since the last general election to work towards the disintegration of Pakatan," the Seputeh MP added.

Not dismissing the possibility of the opposition bloc falling apart over this issue, Kok said that it would be a setback for the people's struggle for a better Malaysia if that happened.

PAS has announced its intention to table two Private Member's Bill in the next Parliament sitting to remove obstacles at the federal level for the implementation of hudud law in Kelantan.

Kok said Pakatan supporters, including those who had returned from overseas to vote for the coalition in the last general election, are now in disbelief over the possibility that Pakatan might break up.

"Hence, PAS should immediately announce that it will respect the Pakatan common policy and drop its plan to table the (Private Member's) Bill," she said.

Kok reiterated that hudud law is not part of Pakatan's common policy framework and PAS had to respect that as a coalition member.

Previously, two senior DAP leaders, including acting chief Tan Kok Wai, told PAS to exit the coalition if it was determined about its hudud agenda.

Despite the public altercation between the two parties, Pakatan supremo Anwar Ibrahim continues to downplay the rift.

In 2001, DAP had severed ties with PAS in the loose opposition pact known as Barisan Alternatif over the latter's intention to establish an Islamic state.