

**Penang DAP rep doubts PAS' sincerity about hudud**  
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A DAP lawmaker has expressed concern over the "sincerity" of the party's ally, PAS, towards the people in its bid to push forward a Private Member's Bill for hudud to be implemented in Kelantan.

DAP's Tanjung Bungah assemblyperson Teh Yee Cheu said PAS' propaganda during last year's general election stated it wanted to establish a welfare state, not an Islamic state.

"This is why the voters gave them their support. However, we are now doubtful about their actions, they are not being sincere with the voters," Teh told a press conference in Penang today.

Recently, PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang called on all Muslims not to question PAS' bid to strengthen the Syariah (II) Criminal Code 1993, so that hudud could be implemented in Kelantan through a Private Member's Bill in Parliament.

PAS' decision to propose the Bill in Parliament has been strongly rejected by DAP and BN components Gerakan and MCA.

Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin proposed the formation of a task force to iron out issues on implementing hudud in Kelantan and the move has been backed by PAS spiritual adviser Nik Aziz Nik Mat.

Teh said he was very worried that the implementation of the Islamic penal code would be the preliminary step to PAS' ultimate goal to create an Islamic state.

"Gender equality, human rights, social, economic and cultural rights will deteriorate," he said, adding that he firmly rejects hudud as it went against the Federal Constitution.

Teh wants the Penang government and the state BN coalition to make a stand on whether they support the implementation of hudud.

He wants Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng to state the state government's stand on the matter and to explain the decision to the people, and he wants state BN chief Teng Chang Yeow to do the same as well.

Hudud conflicts with the Constitution

"I disagree with the law as it is in conflict with the Federal Constitution and it is not appropriate to be implemented in a multi-racial society," he said.

"Hudud is a backward approach, it goes against current and international trends of civilised societies," he added.

Teh cited countries that have implemented Islamic criminal law, such as Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Nigeria and Somalia, saying that most of these countries were not progressive.

In response, Teng (right) said Teh should take the matter up with his own boss and his colleagues in DAP and Pakatan Rakyat, instead of pushing the ball to the BN's court.

"It's Pakatan's ally, PAS, that is pushing the Bill. So why is Teh asking BN to make a stand?" he asked.

"It is DAP that went around during the last general election to convince the Chinese to support PAS, saying the party would not implement hudud," Teng said.

DAP also organised busloads of people from the Chinese community to go to Kelantan to "see for themselves" how the Islamic party governs the state.

DAP leaders also said then that they have been to Kelantan and do not see PAS practising hudud, he added. "So please organise busloads of people to go to Kelantan now to stop hudud."

Teng, who is state Gerakan chief, said his party is very clear that it does not support the implementation of hudud.