

**Pakatan presses self-destruct hudud button**  
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YOURSAY 'Our future is in fusion of the races, not confusion over religion.'

Anwar behind bars is a good thing, says activist

Corgito Ergo Sum: It is inevitable that Opposition Leader Anwar Ibrahim will spend some more time behind bars. Whether it will galvanise support for Pakatan Rakyat is another question.

But as pointed out by the panelists at the GE13 forum, Pakatan seems to be self-destructing on the hudud issue. People like Rocketkini editor Wan Hamidi Wan Hamid are right but alas, they are in the very small minority.

Our future is in fusion of the races, not confusion over religion or other matters.

Onyourtoes: I think easily half of the Malays are not supportive of hudud. What is needed is the leadership to galvanise the Malays to see pragmatism win, not dogmatism and jingoism.

Some of those in PAS have argued that it is the democratic right of PAS to bring forth the Islamic state and hudud agenda. Yes, why not, Nazism in Germany also came through the democratic route.

I think it is a good idea for PAS to split if some in the party just can't or refuse see beyond their noses. They said don't quote bad examples in countries which have implemented hudud, and don't prejudge because it has not been agreed and implemented in Malaysia yet.

My answer to all the bigots is this: We have education, deduction, discernment and wisdom to rely on. There is no success story on hudud (or Islamic states) and there will never be because this world is a fallen world, not an Utopia.

Don't dream; followers of the Abrahamic god ought to know this.

Fair Play: Social activist Hishammuddin Rais, you are absolutely right. Anwar's possible imprisonment might well be the straw that breaks the camel's back as far as compelling the change needed to drive the nation forward.

Capo: Hishamuddin, no need to instigate, we will readily flood the streets.

Ranjit Singh: The AG (attorney-general) should make an application to lift the order for stay

of execution, so the criminal Anwar will be imprisoned whilst still having his right to appeal.

Gombak: Yes, agree. Put Anwar Ibrahim in jail without any further delay.

1Mockery: PAS is wasting time over hudud. They know it's not going to happen. PAS, be sensible. Even Malays are skeptical that its ideals are implementable. Umno wasted no time in supporting PAS but Umno's aim is not about hudud.

Everyone knows that Umno was against it all along. Why Umno's change of heart now? It's to split Pakatan. And PAS fell for the ploy. Everyone knows Umno won't back PAS unless it benefits.

Reefa: DAP's Kluang MP Liew Chin Tong is right when he said that hudud never was a main discourse within PAS and Muslim Malaysians before the 1980s.

Hudud and the idea of a Islamic state is rather new but that does not negate the fact that Islamic law was the law of the land before the coming of colonial power in this region.

In fact hudud had already been a prominent feature in 'Undang-Undang Melaka', the oldest legal text in Malay archipelago, written circa 1420s which is 500 years ago.

Hudud was defeated by British criminal law but it was never destroyed and it is slowly creeping back to claim its rights which were denied during colonialism. Check out hudud law in 'Undang-Undang Melaka' (1420s) here.

Awakened: It you look at history, a collapse of a dynasty or regime is usually preceded by years of repression and then economic collapse. The final phase before regime change will last many years.

This phase is characterised by oppressive actions by the regime like jailing dissidents, heavy taxes imposed on the poor and infighting within the regime.

The jailing of Anwar may not be sufficient for an uprising because the current economic situation has still not come to a stage where food and housing are big social problems.

The best way of regime change is still through the election process although gerrymandering and cheating on the ballot boxes may still prevent Pakatan from taking over.

We had the Indian tsunami in 2008, Chinese tsunami in 2013 and we need Malay tsunami in 2018. But the Malay tsunami will only happen when there is a big economic crisis. This crisis does not seem far away.

Anonymous #33877536: This country is going to go backwards. This is a multiracial country. True, if Pakatan does not move into the rural areas, say goodbye to GE14.

PAS, you have betrayed the non-Muslims who supported you. We really thought PAS was a sincere lot but you are not.

Boonpou: Not only non-Muslims are rejecting the implementation of hudud in Kelantan but also the silent majority of Muslims who are simply too afraid to say anything.

I want to ask simply this question to my Malaysian Muslim brothers and sisters: Do you want Malaysia to be Saudi Arabia? Do you want Muslim women to be denied the rights to vote, to even drive a vehicle?

Do you want Malaysia to follow Brunei which has just introduced hudud for the country (but not for the all-too-powerful royal families?).

Sure, non-Muslims are all out against the implementation of hudud for a secular country like Malaysia. My question to Muslims here is simply this. Do you want hudud to be introduced in Malaysia?

Say something. Why be so afraid to speak your views?

MinahBulat: When PAS decided to introduce the hudud bill, to the non-Malays it is the last straw. Anwar may like us to believe that this bill does not have a snowball's chance in hell to be passed.

But this act of betrayal has broken Pakatan's ideals. Most non-Muslims will rather spoil their votes than vote for PAS.

Islamisation in Malaysia already has a bad reputation in the eyes of non-Muslims from forced conversion, no action by the authorities in kidnapping cases by Muslim fathers, to confiscation of bibles and on using the 'A' word.

Eventually we fear that PAS will evolve like the Boko Haram group, where kidnapping in the name of God is permissible.

Makcik Har: Let PAS table the private bill on hudud and let us see it get defeated. Perhaps that is the only way to shut up the fools in PAS. It is such a joke that the tabling on hudud comes from a Pakatan component party.

The Umno-BN government stirred up hudud only to distract the masses from other issues and the people fell for it. Have you all heard what Perkasa chief Ibrahim Ali has said of the MCA? It is most degrading and disgusting.

God, please help me understand why the MCA has not walked out of the corrupt BN government.

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