

**With new committee, PAS won't table Hudud Bill**  
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PAS will no longer push to table its Private Member's Bill in the June parliamentary session that enables the implementation of hudud law in Kelantan in light of the new joint technical committee.

"This is to give room for a technical committee to make recommendations and take further action," said PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu at a press conference today, reading a press statement from party president Abdul Hadi Awang.

Mohamad Sabu (right) said PAS has agreed to Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin's proposal to form the technical committee between the Kelantan government and federal government.

Following today's PAS central committee meeting, the joint technical committee has gotten the blessings of the party's top leadership as well.

"As such the proposal to table a Private Member's Bill at the Dewan Rakyat during the June 2014 sitting will not be continued," he said.

To a question after the press conference, the PAS deputy denied the decision was made in consideration of the Bukit Gelugor by-election that will go into nominations tomorrow.

PAS' pursuit of hudud law has always been a favourite election weapon used by Pakatan Rakyat's foes, in particular MCA and Gerakan.

However the BN parties have never addressed the fact that their partner Umno is the main player encouraging PAS in the matter nor have they challenged the ruling party for agreeing to hudud.

Umno's hand in hudud

Meanwhile, Gerakan youth chief Tan Keng Liang lauded PAS' decision not to table the Bill for now, but says its legal notice threatening to sue PAS still stands if it reverses its decision.

"We would like to reiterate and remind PAS that Gerakan Youth would always be ready to bring the matter to court if PAS at any point of time still wants to implement hudud laws in Malaysia.

"We will not take any chance. The federal constitution and its fundamental principles must

be defended,” he said in a statement later today.

The idea of a joint committee between the federal government and the Kelantan government was floated by Muhyiddin late last month well into the controversy over the Bill.

Bernama on April 27 quoted the DPM saying, “It is better if the discussion (on hudud) is represented by experts.”

“Maybe a technical committee can be formed comprising federal government representatives from the Malaysian Islamic Development Department (Jakim), Kelantan Islamic Religious Council, religious figures as well as experts at international level from other Islamic countries.

“The committee will look from all angles of hudud and how it could be implemented in Malaysia especially in Kelantan, or whether it could be implemented or otherwise,” Muhyiddin was reported saying.

Subsequently on a meeting on May 2, the federal government and the Kelantan government agreed to form the committee.

On another matter, Mohamad Sabu at the same press conference announced that PAS will be holding a fundraising dinner for Unit Amal and its 3,245 members in Kelana Jaya, Selangor, on June 8.

He said this is to help Unit Amal continue with its security and disaster relief work.