

'Bung should ask Dr M to leave BN over hudud, too'
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Would BN MPs Bung Moktar Radin (Kinabatangan, above) and Zahidi Zainul Abidin (Padang Besar) ask former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad to leave BN since the latter is against hudud law, asked MIC.

In a statement today calling on the two MPs to "shut their mouths", MIC Youth chief C Sivarraajh (right) said the duo's call for critics of the Islamic penal code to leave the coalition were "irrational".

"We strongly condemn the statement made by both MPs for being irrational asking BN component parties to leave the party if they are not happy with the hudud discussion.

"Even former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad is not in support of implementing hudud, so are they asking him to leave the country too?" he asked.

Sivarraajh said MIC and other BN component parties voicing disagreement with hudud law was a right enshrined in the Federal Constitution.

"We respect the Islamic religion and beliefs, but this does not stop others from voicing their views and comments. It is merely freedom of speech and expression," he said.

He urged the BN leadership to take action against the two errant MPs.

Sivarraajh added that the two Umno MPs should not make remarks against their allies simply for "cheap publicity".

PAS' latest push for hudud has created division in both the BN and Pakatan Rakyat, with their respective parties being forced to declare their stand for or against the law.

While PAS' partners PKR and DAP have refused to back their theocratic ambitions, Umno has signalled that it was willing to work with the Islamist party on this matter.

The two parties have since formed a bi-partisan technical committee to study the implementation of hudud in Malaysia.