

**PAS deviating off course, says Sarawak DAP**  
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PAS is the one which is causing Sarawak Pakatan Rakyat to break up because of its intention to introduce hudud in the country, said Sarawak DAP chief Chong Chieng Jen.

"PAS is deviating too far away from the common agenda of the Pakatan coalition," he said.

"That is the main cause of the problem."

He was replying to state PAS information chief Abusiraj Almuner who accused Sarawak DAP of being a burden to the Sarawak Pakatan Rakyat and a tool of the Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP).

By threatening to quit Pakatan, Sarawak DAP is undermining the solidarity of Pakatan in the state, Abusiraj said.

Meanwhile, Chong, who is Bandar Kuching MP said that PAS must be "put in check".

"The man (Abusiraj) does not know what he was talking about. How can we become a tool of SUPP?"

"We are actually their (SUPP's) nemesis, and not their tool," he said.

Chong reiterated that Sarawak DAP would not cooperate with PAS as long as the Islamic party insisted of introducing hudud in the country.

Last Wednesday Sarawak DAP was absent in the Sarawak Pakatan Rakyat meeting in Kuching, which was attended by representatives from PKR and PAS to discuss allocation of seats.

The meeting was chaired by PAS.

While Sarawak DAP has made threats to quit Pakatan, DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng earlier said DAP is ready break away.

Lim said that this is if PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang continues to fail to fulfill commitments by staying away from meetings.

Playing peacemaker, PKR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim said Hadi's absence is not a problem and that he will persuade the PAS chief to attend Pakatan's next leadership meeting.

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