

**BN joins fray as fissures widen in Pakatan
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The Kelantan state government's move to hold a special sitting at the state assembly on Dec 29 to amend the syariah law to pave the way for hudud in the state has once again put DAP and PAS at odds.

DAP, which has criticised the PAS hudud agenda in its annual convention over the weekend, reminded PAS today that it must fully subscribe to the Pakatan Rakyat common policy framework as long as the Islamic party is still part of the coalition.

"If they persist to implement it, we must object to it clearly as it not a personal singular stand of an individual but the parties' stand," DAP's Puchong MP Gobind Singh Deo said today.

Gobind's father, the late Karpal Singh and former DAP chairperson was one of the fiercest critics of PAS' theocratic goals.

Meanwhile, DAP national organising secretary Anthony Loke said the move was "clearly" not in the spirit of opposition coalition.

However, PAS has continued defending their move under the tenets of democracy, claiming that the efforts to introduce hudud must go through the due democratic process and while disagreements are accepted, nobody should stop the party from pursuing its agenda.

"This is a democratic country. Let it go through the democratic process.

"You can't talk about democracy and then stop people from following the due democratic process," said PAS information chief Mahfuz Omar.

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PAS Youth chief Suhaizan Kaiat said that DAP should stop talking about the hudud law in public and instead focus on strengthening ties in Pakatan Rakyat.

"PAS and DAP can agree to disagree on this issue. Making a polemic out of this issue in the public can cause prejudice and cost us people's confidence," he said.

He also said that BN and Umno would capitalise on such a fallout.

Suhaizan was referring to DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng's speech during the DAP convention over the weekend, which touched mainly on hudud.

Adding salt to injury, Cheras Umno division chief Syed Ali Alhabshee earlier today hit out at

PAS for allowing themselves to be ridiculed by DAP over the hudud agenda.

Meanwhile, Gerakan president Mah Siew Keong, in a separate statement, urged both Pakatan and BN leaders to state a clear stand about hudud.

He also stressed that Gerakan remains against the implementation of hudud.

"I challenge the Pakatan leadership to state their stand and their often equivocal and conflicting rhetoric regarding hudud," he said.

He also "reminded" BN that it must continue to uphold moderation and inclusiveness.

"Hudud is not a pledged agenda under BN," he said.

MCA's deputy secretary-general Wee Jeck Seng called on Guan Eng to stop issuing statements and travel to Kelantan to protest against the special sitting.

The latest locking of horns between comes hot on the heels of DAP strongman Lim Kit Siang painting a bleak picture about Pakatan's future.

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