

PAS and DAP differ on vision post-Nik Aziz, Anwar
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The imprisonment of opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim, and the passing of PAS spiritual leader Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat, just two days later, have seen Pakatan Rakyat leaders singing praise to their contributions and sacrifices.

Under the chorus of praises, the successors of Pakatan Rakyat tell of their vision for the future, but DAP and PAS do not appear to be on the same page.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng (right) in a statement today commended both leaders and urged all parties to preserve their legacy, which is the seven-year-old Pakatan coalition.

Lim also asked all quarters to abandon any ambitions that may threaten the coalition.

"DAP urges leaders and members of all three parties in Pakatan to remember the contributions of both leaders towards establishing Pakatan by continuing their efforts to promote and sustain it based on the principle of consensus on accepted common principles and sacrificing any further action that had failed to secure such consensus of all three parties," he said.

In contrast, PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang - in his message about the passing of Nik Aziz today - made no mention of Pakatan.

'Difficult to replace Nik Aziz'

After praising what Hadi described as a "difficult to replace" leader, teacher, father and friend, he too urged people to continue on with Nik Aziz's legacy.

However, this legacy - for Hadi - was to ensure that Kelantan's laws were according to the syariah law.

"The passing of Nik Aziz left a strong foundation, and his contribution must be continued by today's generation of Muslims.

"Among them is the implementation of the syariah enactment in the state's law, which is a responsibility that must be continued," he added.

Hadi (left) had likewise touted the syariah law when Anwar was jailed on Tuesday, suggesting that the opposition would have been spared under the system.

The Syariah Criminal Code (II) Enactment 1993 - commonly referred to as the hudud law - was introduced during the tenure of Nik Aziz.

The law was not implemented despite its introduction, due to opposition from the federal government.

However, Kelantan has in recent months renewed its efforts to implement the law, by proposing amendments to federal laws to allow for its implementation at the state level.

The move has created conflict in Pakatan, particularly with DAP, which insists that hudud is not part of the coalition's common policy framework.

Meanwhile, DAP's push for local government elections has also raised the ire of Hadi, who claimed that it would lead to racial tension.

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