

DAP to PAS: Redraw hudud amendments

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DAP remains unhappy after finally having a look at PAS' proposed amendments to the Kelantan Syariah Criminal Code today.

It has asked the three state executive councillors who presented it to "come back with different amendments".

DAP National Legal Bureau chairperson Gobind Singh Deo (left) said DAP considered the changes to be "way above amendments" and was "substantially a new bill."

"We have asked them to go back and return with a new set of amendments and we will take it from there," he told reporters after attending the Pakatan leadership meeting today.

PAS plans to table the proposed amendments at the Kelantan state assembly on Mar 18, as part of its larger plan to implement hudud in the state, which will later include a private member's bill on hudud in Parliament.

The Kelantan PAS government finally presented its proposed amendments during a Pakatan leadership meeting in Parliament today.

DAP had repeatedly demanded that PAS disclose its hudud plans to Pakatan before making amendments, and it is the first time the request has been met.

PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail (below) said that the meeting was a "very good one" and "was very well discussed."

"We made our views known," she said.

She refused to comment on whether Pakatan had managed to agree on a resolution on the hudud issue, which continues to be a thorn in the the coalition.

PAS secretary-general Mustafa Ali and deputy president Mohamad Sabu also refused to comment on the outcome of the meeting.

A joint statement by Pakatan leaders, however, betray little evidence of friction.

The statement by issued by PAS secretary-general Mustafa Ali, PKR secretary-general Rafizi Ramli and DAP organising secretary Anthony Loke merely said that feedback was given.

"The Kelantan government representatives agreed to bring feedback from the meeting today for further discussions at the state government level," they said.

PKR and DAP also pledged support for PAS in the Chempaka by-election. Campaigning is underway.

"PKR and DAP will give full cooperation and support to help PAS secure a stunning victory in Chempaka," they said.

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