

## **Umno minister tells DAP to butt out of hudud**

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While MCA has been attacking DAP for not stopping PAS Kelantan's push for implementation of hudud in the state, a Umno leader has told DAP to stay out of the matter as it does not involve non-Muslims.

"I am curious why DAP opposes hudud so much, since the law is only for Muslims and has nothing to do with non-Muslims.

"What rights do they want to question when Muslims want to implement hudud law and such?" Umno supreme council member and minister Ismail Sabri Yaakob was reported saying in Umno-owned Malay daily Utusan Malaysia today.

He was referring to DAP parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang's (right) comment that DAP is consistent in opposing the Islamic penal code as it is inconsistent with the federal constitution.

However Ismail did not acknowledge that DAP is a multiracial party with Malay-Muslim leaders.

The row over Kelantan PAS' push for hudud to be implemented in the state comes to blows as they plan to introduce what DAP claims is a new bill.

DAP leaders have also called for PAS Kelantan to be censured should they go against Pakatan's common agreement against the implementation of hudud.

### **MCA: DAP evading responsibility**

PAS Kelantan first passed an enactment in 1993 that would pave way for the Islamic penal code to take effect, but the move was reportedly blocked by Putrajaya.

Last Saturday, MCA deputy president Wee Ka Siong slammed DAP for failure to stop PAS from tabling the bill is imminent.

"PAS president Hadi Awang has affirmed that PAS will table the hudud enactment in the Kelantan state assembly next week, which simply translates to the syariah criminal code being passed whether or not DAP accepts it.

"DAP must explain clearly on their refusal to demand PAS to drop their hudud plan," said Wee (above), who said the passing of the bill is imminent.

"The rest of Malaysia still has not been informed on the specific contents of the enactment and are naturally worried. DAP has not lived up to its responsibility of being open and transparent on the enactment's contents when it did not reveal the contents," said Wee.

He took a swipe at MCA's arch rival saying DAP is "evading responsibility" on hudud.

Ironically, it was Umno who had encouraged PAS Kelantan to revive its hudud hopes by forming a technical committee to look into the matter.

BN-Umno has 12 seats in Kelantan's 45-seat state assembly, while Pakatan dominates with 31 PAS seats (including Chempaka, pending a by-election) and one PKR.

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