

DAP: Najib has abandoned hudud promise to PAS
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If PAS is still harbouring hopes that Umno will lend the Islamic party a helping hand on its Private Member's Bill on hudud in Parliament, it would be disappointed said DAP.

DAP supremo Lim Kit Siang said despite promises to do so this Parliament sitting, the bill is nowhere to be seen.

He said when it came to choosing between courting PAS MPs or placating a greater number of BN MPs in Sabah and Sarawak who are opposed to hudud, Najib's choice was obvious.

"Najib's choice is clear when he had to choose between holding support of BN's 48 MPs in Sarawak and Sabah or wooing PAS' 21 MPs.

"Under the circumstances, it is no surprise that PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang's private member's bill motion has not even appeared on the parliamentary order papers for the current parliamentary meeting," he said.

Abdul Hadi first submitted his bill at the last Parliament sitting in April but was later told that it will be postponed to the current sitting this month.

Lim added that Najib needs the support of the 48 BN MPs from East Malaysia to hold on to power in the face of a movement led by former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad to oust him.

Hudud has done its job

However, Lim said although Najib does not appear to be proceeding to court PAS with hudud, his "strategist and plotters" have successfully inflicted damage to Pakatan Rakyat as PAS has drifted away from the coalition over the fiery issue.

"We have even allowed Najib's plotters and strategists to make considerable headway in their long-term conspiracies to sow division and conflict among the Pakatan parties, to the extent that the survival of Pakatan Rakyat has become as immediate and pressing as the question of the survival of Najib as prime minister and Umno president.

"The two issues Najib's plotters and strategists have used to 'dangle, divide and destroy' Pakatan Rakyat are the issues of the unity government - not Malaysian unity, but a Malay unity government of Umno and PAS - and the implementation of PAS Kelantan's hudud enactment.

"Unfortunately, Pakatan is itself at its weakest in its seven-year history, and it is unable to take advantage, let alone full advantage, of the turmoils in Umno/BN," lamented Lim.

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