

PAS MP hopes no more alcohol industry in M'sia in the future

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PARLIAMENT | A PAS lawmaker hopes that one day there will be no more alcohol industry in Malaysia.

Ahmad Fadhli Shaari (PAS-Pasir Mas) said he hoped this could be done through educating the public.

"We hope that in the end, the alcohol industry will be no more in our country. This may need to be done through gradual education so that the public sees that alcohol is not needed in their lives.

"The people must be given an understanding that alcoholic drinks are not a normal part of our lives," he said this while debating a bill to amend the Road Transport Act - which seeks, among others, to introduce harsher punishments for drink driving.

Ahmad Fadhli said when there is no more alcohol it would solve the issue of

drink driving and make such harsh laws unnecessary.

As a temporary measure, however, the Pasir Mas MP suggested that parking at bars be limited.

This is to discourage drinkers from driving to drinking establishments and encourage them to take either public transportation or e-hailing rides instead.

Last year, PAS secretary-general Takiyuddin Hassan, who is now the de facto law minister, said the party has no intention of banning alcohol should it form the federal government.

He stressed that even in PAS-ruled Kelantan, non-Muslims are allowed to purchase and consume alcohol.

“From the Islamic perspective, the consumption of alcohol is permitted for non-Muslims. PAS, as a party based on the principles of Islam, has no wish to create a policy banning alcohol for non-Muslims,” Takiyuddin had said.

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