

**No double speak for PAS, says MP Dzulkefly**  
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KUALA SELANGOR - As an Islamic party, PAS could not play politics in issues which affect Islamic laws, such as in the recent Friday sermon issue in Penang and the surau controversy involving DAP's Serdang MP Teo Nie Ching.

PAS's Kuala Selangor MP Dzulkefly Ahmad (left), referring to PAS's recent defence of the Imam who mentioned Penang chief minister Lim Guan Eng during his Friday supplication, as well as Teo's act of entering the surau, said the pro-Barisan Nasional media would not be able to understand the party's stance, Harakahdaily reported.

"The BN-media got it wrong again and never seemed to understand why PAS is taking such a stance," he said, adding that PAS's political positions must be subjected to Islamic percepts based on the Qur'an and Sunnah (tradition) of the Prophet.

Dzulkefly was commenting an article in The Star which likened PAS's stance on both issues to a political ploy to win "brownie points" among the non-Malays. Among others, the writer of the article expressed doubts that PAS had won any ground among the Muslims by defending DAP in the recent media controversies.

He said the article was just part of efforts by Umno to show that PAS had lost Malay support.

"This piece is surely one, where it is craftily written or spun to achieve the similar objective that PAS is playing politics again," he said.

Dzulkefly further stressed that PAS was not into such political game, and unlike UMNO, it does not invoke Islam only when the situation affects its survival, while at other times, discarding it.

He reminded that the party's strong principles did not always bear political fruits, citing its stance on the Islamic laws.

"We don't double speak, much less play politics," he said, adding that at times the party had to pay the political price for its principles.

At the same time, Dzulkefly said he was satisfied with the response from both Muslims and non-Muslims over PAS's stance on several issues played up by UMNO, such as on racism and Malay supremacy, the 'Allah' controversy, and race-based affirmative action.

Dzulkefly also reminded that as an Islamist party, it becomes a duty for it justice and fairness to all.

"If that is playing politics to some, especially the BN-media, so be it!" he added. —  
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