

MCA Labels PAS "a Leopard that Never Changes Its Spots"
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Kuala Lumpur – Barisan Nasional's second largest component party, MCA today went back to the tried and tested attack against PAS' hardline policies. The accusations are clearly intended to remind the Chinese community in particular, which have reportedly warmed up to the Muslim-based party in the past few years, on its true motive.

"A Leopard never changes its spots", warned MCA spokesperson and central-committee member, Loh Seng Kok.

"Its spots and patches may be used to camouflage its presence while waiting to ensnare its prey," the statement continued.

Clearly trying to chip away at the inroads made by PAS on the Chinese community, spokesperson for MCA, Loh Seng Kok attempted a scare tactic by bringing up the issue of PAS President Hadi Awang's persistence in not bowing to any pressure by sticking to its plan to uphold his party's agenda of establishing an Islamic state based on hudud and qisas against all Malaysians including non-Muslims.

Loh also pointed out the instance of when "PAS Deputy Commissioner III Mohd Amar Nik Abdullah said that "the party manifesto to establish an Islamic state will not be changed".

He also took the opportunity to raise the spectre of limb amputation if hudud and qisas were to be implemented by a PAS government.

"Come 2011, as speculation heats up on the next general elections, and mistakenly believing that PAS still commands the public's support despite being rejected at the Galas by-elections, Hadi Awang has not wavered from the PAS Constitution and its 2004 general elections campaign of setting up a federal administration based on hardline Syariah edicts," Loh's statement continued.

Although its foundation is based on religion, PAS has won quite a few hearts among the Chinese with its consistent stand against corruption, leakages and excesses. The party has also carved a name for itself as supporting a welfare state. The "friends of PAS" movement has since been established to garner support for the muslim-based Party among the non-muslim community.