

DAP Is Diverting Attention To Avoid Hudud Debate

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The actions of DAP Secretary General Lim Guan Eng in dodging the debate on the issue of the implementation of hudud by PAS and how DAP plans to stop it by diverting attention using the false excuses is akin to political desertion.

MCA Vice-President Gan Ping Sieu has challenged Guan Eng to a public debate on hudud, but Guan Eng instead avoids the subject even when he met Ping Sieu yesterday morning in Parliament by asking Ping Sieu to leave him alone. He is obviously changing the subject to avoid talking on the topic of constitutional guarantee of religious freedom.

The Federal Constitution has made it clear that religious freedom is guaranteed, and no one can question these provisions in the Constitution. But only in Malaysia has one party called for the amendment of the Constitution to allow the implementation of hudud laws, which is PAS.

DAP Political Education Director Anthony Loke has always said that DAP's position on hudud is very clear and that they will never support the constitutional amendment needed to implement hudud.

However, the fact is that whether it is UMNO or MCA, none of us talk about amending the constitution to allow hudud. Only PAS is going around talking about this and DAP is not doing anything to persuade PAS from abandoning its dreams. Therefore, MCA plans to debate to show the constitutional guarantee of religious freedom in order to prevent hudud laws from being implemented which might lead to confusion if it is applied.

As only PAS is calling for constitutional amendments, DAP should accept the challenge to debate as MCA and non-Muslims want to know how DAP, as partners of PAS in Pakatan, can prevent PAS from implementing hudud laws.

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