

Debate With MCA On Hudud  
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Lim Guan Eng should have the courage and dignity to face MCA President Dr Chua Soi Lek in a television debate and not give excuses to avoid such a challenge as this would only degrade his status as a Chief Minister of Penang.

Ever since Lim Guan Eng undertook a high position, he keeps changing his position. No matter how sincere MCA has invited or challenged him to a debate on issues affecting the public, he tends to avoid accepting the challenge and invitations, and chooses only to speak loudly during DAP's own ceramah's in Penang by criticising and running down MCA, but not daring enough to debate on TV.

Previously, MCA Vice President, Gan Ping Sieu had openly challenged Lim Guan Eng to debate on hudud law, but Guan Eng merely replied "please la!" and dodged the challenge without giving any reasons. MCA has already given enough time for him to respond, but there have been no feedback and this is disappointing.

Several days ago, MCA's think tank, the Institute of Strategic Analysis and Policy Research (INSAP) extended an invitation to Lim Guan Eng to attend the public forum Hudud and its Implications to the non-Muslims in Malaysia that was held in Wisma MCA. Guan Eng again did not show up citing the excuse that he was not given sufficient time to get ready. MCA keeps on inviting the Penang Chief Minister, hoping that the public may know and understand more of the people's issues from the debates, but DAP seems intent on evasion, trying to delay and circumventing their stand in hudud.

Guan Eng now turns around and challenges the MCA President to a debate regarding this issue, to be broadcasted on TV nationwide. The MCA President has already accepted his challenge, and the DAP Secretary General is requested to answer 2 questions from MCA. Previously, DAP kept saying they object against hudud law. This is the best chance for them to clarify and explain their stand.

I urged Lim Guan Eng to accept the MCA President's challenge bravely, express their point of view towards hudud law in front of the people, as Malaysians, especially non-Muslims wish to know whether DAP is keeping their promise and not lying to them.

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