

**Irony At The Pakatan Rakyat Convention**  
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During the third Pakatan Rakyat national convention in Alor Setar recently, de facto opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim had promised to reform the government within 6 months of Pakatan Rakyat coming into power. However, little do they know that the change spouted by Anwar is a change to turn Malaysia into a theocratic Islamic state.

The promises listed in the Buku Jingga which Anwar had vowed to accomplish within 100 days of taking power were meant to trick the people. But after realizing that the public was not falling for it, he then changed the deadline to within 6 months. Thus it seems that Pakatan Rakyat will adopt theocracy in order to speed up the process of fulfilling their pledges.

Anwar Ibrahim whom DAP had touted as Pakatan Rakyat's candidate for Prime Minister, had once before publicly stated his personal support for the implementation of PAS' hudud law in Kelantan. This indicates that Anwar is also likely to support the establishment of a theocratic Islamic state. As Anwar is Pakatan Rakyat's de facto leader, we can rightly assume that any statement he makes on an issue can be attributed as the coalition's stand and position. Therefore, if PKR and PAS both agree to the establishment of a PAS Islamic state, this decision will launch Malaysia on an irreversible journey of a downward trend.

With regards to DAP, no matter how openly or publicly DAP states their opposition to the formation of an Islamic theocratic state, including their threat to resign as a sign of protest, in the end DAP is still assisting PAS in their goal.

Anwar's promise for change is not clear, as he failed to present a specific and detailed policy on his so-called change. He is merely adopting a policy of populism to appeal to the public in order to gain their supports and votes for his own political gain.

We in Barisan Nasional on the other hand, have launched a series of transformation programmes such as the Economic Transformation Programme and the Government Transformation Programme, as well as the abolishment of the Internal Security Act and amending laws which are considered out-of-date such as the University and University Colleges Act, the Printing and Press Publications Act, the Banishment Act etc. These reforms by the BN federal government are proofs that we have started to make changes and also to move towards the goal of becoming a more democratic and modern state.

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