

**Wake Up, PAS Supporters Club!**  
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It comes as no surprise that PAS President Hadi Awang is quoted as saying that "it makes no sense for a non-Muslims to hold a high position such as vice-president in PAS because this is an Islamic party... They (non-Muslims) CANNOT be appointed to a high post and this is our (PAS) stand" (News Straits Times, 24 March 2012) while citing the party's Constitution.

Once again, MCA reminds non-Muslims to be weary of the pitfalls of a hardline Islamic state based on PAS hudud law as envisioned by PAS. Although PAS has formed a PAS Supporters Club for non-Muslims to be somehow affiliated with them, I wish to alert all members of this wing that you are being used as a front to show PAS supposed moderate ways, which in reality, they are far from.

The words spouted from the PAS President's own mouth shut off any other level of appeals for PAS to twitch away from their ultra-conservative ways where there is no room for non-Muslims in decision making within PAS, much less permit the conveying the views of the non-Muslim masses from the ground to the PAS central leadership. This is simply because not only does the PAS Constitution prevent membership by non-Muslims, even their central leadership decision-making body does not want non-Muslim representatives to be anywhere near the central committee. Disregarding the welfare of the non-Muslim community as immaterial, PAS does not want to hear or see the views of non-Muslims in general being although they know their punitive policies will affect non-Muslims in all aspects from business to culture.

PAS strategy

PAS Johor's purported intention to field non-Muslim candidates in the 13th general elections is not a sincere move at engaging the non-Muslim community. Such an action is timely strategized to rein in the ballots from non-Muslim voters, only to drop paying any attention to alleviate their burden or improving their welfare once PAS' goal of securing more seats is achieved.

Therefore, what is the point of being a member of the PAS Supporters Club or standing as a candidate for PAS in GE13 when ultimately, all PAS is doing is none other than to exploit you to help deliver PAS the votes from the non-Muslim community, giving them more authority and influence in the process, but ultimately, PAS will not heed your pleas nor concerns once they feel that you have outlived your usefulness for them.

Dare DAP and PKR encourage or challenge PAS to accept non-Muslims for top leadership positions within PAS if PAS really is sincere at becoming moderate? I doubt so. Both the Rocket and PKR will never have the ability to reach the surface of the Moon which dominates over them.

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