

DAP Cooperates With PAS On Common Principles
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MCA and Gerakan continues their irresponsible, dishonest and untruthful attacks on DAP's support for PAS hudud laws and establishing an Islamic state shows their desperation to revive lost popular support.

Both parties are like "culprits hurling the accusation first" by trying to hide their failure to demand action against UMNO leaders' support for hudud to be imposed even on non-Muslims.

Let me reiterate that DAP does not support the implementation of an Islamic state in Malaysia and imposition of hudud law by PAS.

This has been the consistent position of DAP. Despite these differences, both DAP and PAS have a common stand in fighting corruption and abuse of power as well as establishing integrity in leadership focusing on competency, accountability and transparency. We agree on a welfare state to protect the poor, destitute, sick and those who need help.

DAP and PAS can and should co-operate for the future of Malaysians on common principles that unites us. For this reason both DAP and PAS have signed a 'common policy' that sets out the framework of what unites us and the nation-building policy of a future PR federal government. Clearly the 'common policy' makes no mention of implementing an Islamic state or hudud laws in any future PR federal government.

This is unlike UMNO Penang which is willing to go one step further by calling for the implementation of hudud in Penang and throughout the country. Even Johor Umno's Kemelah state assemblyman Ayub Rahmat called for Johor to become the first state to implement "true hudud law", which would differ from PAS's version because UMNO's "true hudud law" would be non-discriminatory as it would be imposed on non-Muslims. Both Penang State Opposition Leader Azhar Ibrahim and Kepala Batas Wanita UMNO Division also passed a resolution supporting hudud for all.

In other words, UMNO in wanting to implement hudud on non-Muslims too is more extreme than PAS who wants to see hudud implemented only on Muslims. I do not see top Gerakan leaders attacking UMNO leaders nor MCA President Dr Chua Soi Lek using the same remarks of "political eunuchs" on UMNO.

Why has MCA nor Gerakan not left BN because of UMNO leaders' open support for hudud for all? DAP will not stoop so low to dirty tactics or smear campaigns employed by MCA and Gerakan against DAP leaders.

Lest we forget, it is UMNO that bans the use of the word "Allah" on Malay language Christian bibles, widely used in Sabah and Sarawak. In contrast, PAS takes the moderate approach allowing Christians to use the word "Allah" as being practiced these hundred years in the Middle-East and Indonesia.

Clearly there is a difference between DAP cooperating with PAS; and MCA/Gerakan cooperating with UMNO. DAP cooperates with PAS on common principles of justice, freedom

and democracy with our eyes open unlike MCA, MIC and Gerakan who submits to UMNO with both eyes closed.

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