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Karpal: Hudud can't be implemented in secular state

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PETALING JAYA: DAP has maintained that hudud cannot be implemented in a secular state such as Malaysia.

Its national chairman Karpal Singh said in a statement on Wednesday: "Hudud can only be implemented in an Islamic state. It cannot be

implemented in a secular state. A secular state such as Malaysia must, of necessity, have secular laws."

He said both former prime ministers Tunku Abdul Rahman and Tun Hussein Onn, who were lawyers and well-versed with the constitutional position of Malaysia,

had acknowledged that it was a secular state.

Karpal said Pakatan Rakyat (PR) parties must resolve their differences on the issue following the statement by PAS secretary-general Datuk Mustafa Ali on Tuesday that the party would not drop the "idea" of

implementing hudud despite it being excluded from the Opposition's policy framework, Buku Jingga (Orange Book).

Karpal said PAS must accept the Federal Constitution for PR to win in the next general election.

He said it is a matter of law that

Malaysia is constitutionally a secular state, which is a basic structure of the Constitution and this cannot be amended even with a two-thirds majority in Parliament.

"In law, the basic structure of the Constitution is beyond amendment," said Karpal.