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## MCA: Karpal shooting a misdirected arrow

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**PETALING JAYA:** DAP chairman Karpal Singh's warning to the MCA not to bring up the hudud issue is a "misdirected arrow", said MCA Youth chief Datuk Dr Wee Ka Siong.

"It is regretful that Karpal has issued a warning to stop bringing up the hudud issue as MCA is only addressing the concerns of the *rakyat*, especially the Chinese community and other non-Muslims, something that DAP has failed to do.

"MCA is only fulfilling its responsibility in demanding to know DAP's stand on it," he said in a statement yesterday.

Karpal should instead focus on why his own DAP comrades – in particular parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang and secretary-general Lim Guan Eng – were still keeping mum on the matter, leaving Karpal to battle PAS on this, he added.

Dr Wee said it was not unjusti-

fied for the MCA to highlight this issue to the people.

He said it was regrettable that Karpal was hitting out at the MCA, instead of addressing a bigger problem, namely what were the DAP and PKR doing to prevent PAS from implementing hudud.

He said hudud went against the Federal Constitution and PAS' insistence to implement it had caused worries among Malaysians.

Karpal, meanwhile in a statement, called upon PAS to stop making contradictory statements on its stand over an Islamic state, saying it was only "scuttling Pakatan Rakyat's march to Putrajaya".

He said the party's spiritual adviser Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat had last year explained in its 57th Muktamar that it would call for a welfare state instead of an Islamic one.