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Karpal's views on hudud don't matter, says Pas

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Parties in opposition pact can't see eye to eye on implementation of religious law

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Karpal Singh is shocked Pas is adamant about proceeding with its hudud plan

AS Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak challenged the opposition pact to make a clear stand on hudud, Pas and its Pakatan ally, DAP, yesterday added more confusion to the issue.

Pas insisted hudud will be implemented, with or without the support of DAP, while the latter said nothing had changed and that it was still against it.

Jumping into the fray on the hudud debate yesterday was DAP national chairman Karpal Singh, who said he was shocked by Pas deputy spiritual leader Datuk Dr Haron Din's statement on Tuesday that Pas was adamant about proceeding with its hudud plan if it gains federal power with DAP and PKR.

Meanwhile, Najib, who was in Keningau, Sabah, yesterday, said implementation of hudud was just a political ruse by Pas as it was not part of the opposition pact's manifesto.

"This is Pas' understanding of hudud, which not many people can accept. But we also know this may be just another of Pas' political campaign material as the other components of the loose coalition will never accept it (hudud).

"In fact, hudud was never part of

their manifesto, so how is Pas hoping to implement it in the opposition pact?" Najib said after a meet-the-people session here.

He singled out DAP to make a clear stand on the hudud issue.

Najib, who is on the last day of a two-day visit to Sabah, said Pas was naive to believe that DAP would accept hudud just because of the party's willingness to use the moon symbol in the May 5 general election.

Haron had said in Arau, Perlis, that Pas did not foresee DAP strongly opposing the implementation of hudud as the latter had agreed to use the Pas logo in the event that it could not use its own rocket symbol for

polling day.

Pas Dewan Ulama chief Datuk Harun Taib added more confusion to the issue when he said DAP's support may not matter on implementing hudud.

He told the *New Straits Times*: "It (hudud implementation) is entirely up to the new Parliament and Karpal's statement will not matter any more. If Karpal wants to reject

Pas' controversial issues

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Dec 5, 2008: Selangor state government restricts sales of alcohol at convenience stores and petrol kiosks in Muslim-populated neighbourhoods in a bid to curb it from being sold to Muslims. Then Selangor Pas commissioner Datuk Dr Hasan Ali, however, affirmed that the enforcement would only apply to areas with 90 per cent Muslim neighbourhoods.



Jan 12, 2011: The Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) introduces new licensing guidelines which ban establishments which serve alcohol from employing Muslims. Businesses that fail to abide by the conditions will be subject to a compound fine or the withdrawal of their business licences.



Nov 23, 2012: Kelantan government introduces a new ruling that prohibits hairdressers from attending to customers of the opposite sex, regardless of their religion. Failing to comply with the ruling could cause offenders to be fined under Section 107(2) of the Local Council Act.



July 10, 2012: The Kuala Selangor district council (MDKS) introduces a gender segregation rule banning unmarried Muslim couples from sitting together in a cinema. Some cinemas in Kuala Selangor put up notices reminding customers of the new ruling.



Jan 14, 2013: Kedah government introduces new guidelines that restrict public stage performances during Chinese New Year, which includes the need for appropriate attire for officials and singers as well as a ban on female performers. The guidelines also state that performers are encouraged to sing motivational songs. If the singing and dancing are extreme in nature, the state government has the right to cancel the programme.

it, it's his right.

"Now, let us win the election first and then we'll see."

Karpal, who had previously been quoted as saying that Pas would have to "step over my dead body" to implement hudud, said DAP maintained its stand against its implementation and had never kept quiet about it.

PKR's national leaders did not make any comments on the issue yesterday.

PKR central executive council member R. Sivarasa said "No comment", when contacted.

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