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Survey: Most Malaysians not ready for hudud

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PETALING JAYA: Most Malaysians are not ready for the implementation of hudud, a study by Merdeka Centre revealed.

The survey carried out among voters in Peninsular Malaysia found that 58% of Malays, 59% of Chinese and 61% of Indians felt that the country was not ready to implement hudud.

"Overall, 59% of the respondents believe the country is not ready to implement hudud," said Merdeka Centre for Opinion Research in a statement yesterday.

The survey was carried out from April 12 to 21, involving 1,009 registered voters, out of which 60% were Malays, 31% Chinese and 9% Indians.

They were picked randomly and interviewed by telephone.

The Malay community was split when it came to the question of fair implementation, with 44% believing that there would be fair implementation and 43% believing otherwise.

Among other communities, perceptions were clearly in the negative light, with only 11% of Chinese and 17% of Indians responding positively to the question.

However, a total of 53% of the respondents said they supported Islamic laws.

This number comprised 71% Malay respondents and 26% of both Chinese and Indian respondents respectively.