

DAP Wants Emergency Meeting To Discuss Hudud Laws
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GEORGE TOWN, Sept 24 (Bernama) -- The DAP has called on the Pakatan Rakyat to hold an emergency meeting to discuss and resolve PAS' controversial plans to implement Hudud laws.

DAP national chairman Karpal Singh said the party would always oppose the establishment of an Islamic state and that the Pakatan secretariat should arrange for an urgent meeting.

He said, any delay to address the contentious matter would severely erode public confidence, especially among non-Muslims, on Pakatan.

"An emergency meeting must be held immediately to publicly clarify Pakatan's stand on the issue and the controversy must end, once and for all," he told reporters here Saturday.

It was reported early this week that Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat had said that PAS would not back down from plans to institute an Islamic state and Hudud agenda, and that the DAP could leave the loose coalition of opposition parties, if it was against it.

However, Karpal, who is also Bukit Gelugor member of parliament, said an Islamic state could never be implemented in any part of the Federation of Malaysia because the Federal Constitution simply did not allow it.

The Pakatan coalition comprises the DAP, PKR and PAS.

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