

**Pakatan fingers rivals for gory hudud posters**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 10 — Pakatan Rakyat (PR) MPs today sought to implicate political rivals for the distribution of doctored pictures featuring opposition leaders executing punishments prescribed by hudud law.

"[W]e know that there are ... parties who are trying to ruin Pakatan Rakyat and scare non-Muslims about hudud," DAP Youth chief Anthony Loke told reporters in Parliament.

"It is true there are debates about hudud but using such pictures is too much."

One of the posters depicts PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat using a Japanese sword to chop off the hands of PKR Johor's Datuk Chua Jui Meng.

Some of the punishments permissible under Islamic penal law include stoning, amputation of hands or feet, and flogging.

PAS has drawn flak from friend and foe alike over plans to implement hudud, with the DAP central leadership committee members threatening to quit their posts if Kelantan pushes ahead with the implementation.

PAS, which has assured that any introduction of hudud will be done slowly and in phases, said it would kick off a series of talks in Kelantan to explain hudud law to Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

Today, Loke said the pictures were meant to "create unrest among the Muslim and the non-Muslim community", and demanded for the police to investigate the matter.

PAS Muslimat chief Siti Zailah Mohd Yusoff, who is also Rantau Panjang MP, also wanted authorities to immediately probe the people responsible for the posters.

"This is an accusation against Islam. Islam is not a cruel religion. This is 100 per cent wrong," she said.

Shah Alam MP Khalid Samad later echoed Loke's suspicions on the parties responsible for the pictures, and condemned the images' creators for mocking Islam.

Teluk Intan MP M. Manogaran said such actions were an indication of the "dangerous tactics" that will be used in the coming general election.

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