

**PAS veep says hudud 'impossible' for now**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 23 — PAS vice-president Salahuddin Ayub asked Pakatan Rakyat (PR) today to stop discussing hudud as it was not on the opposition pact's agenda for now.

The Kubang Kerian MP told The Malaysian Insider that the coalition should instead focus on its joint efforts to take over federal power.

"We don't need to discuss things that are impossible to implement. All parties need to understand this," he said.

Salahuddin (picture) said it was not a conducive time to implement hudud law in terms of the current legislative makeup.

"Barisan Nasional (BN) has been in power for 50 years and cannot implement it. PAS in Kelantan and in Terengganu was also unable due to the situation which was not conducive," he said.

He said that the law, which prescribes stoning, whipping and amputation as punishment for criminal offences, can be discussed after PR takes over Putrajaya.

"We can hold a referendum if needed to see the view of the public on this," he said.

Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who opposed hudud when Kelantan passed the law in 1993, reignited the issue earlier this week, daring the state's Mentri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat to implement hudud now that he was no longer in power.

The PAS spiritual leader then called on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to propose amendments to the federal constitution to allow the Islamic law.

Opposition Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim also backed PAS's stand on introducing hudud in Kelantan but the DAP has insisted that it is not part of their common policy, leading to PR's unity being questioned.

But DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said today that Barisan Nasional's (BN) unity should also be questioned following disagreement among component parties in the ruling coalition over the implementation of hudud law.

When PAS-ruled Kelantan passed the hudud Bill in 1993, it was supported by both Umno assemblymen and all six elected representatives from Semangat 46, which was led by Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah, who has since returned to Umno.

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