

Learn from DAP, Utusan tells PAS
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 25 — Utusan Malaysia asked PAS to learn about discipline and ethics from its Pakatan Rakyat partner DAP.

The Umno-owned daily's weekend edition, *Mingguan Malaysia*, chided PAS today over its fickle-minded attitude towards hudud laws and its refusal to punish Mohamad Sabu for his Bukit Kepong remarks.

It piled praise on DAP in comparison for being consistent and never backing down from its objection to hudud laws.

It followed up its analysis with the case of MP M. Manoharan, Utusan applauded the DAP's central leadership for suspending the leader for his Jalur Gemilang remarks although he has already formally apologised to Malaysians.

"Although the action is still open to all kinds of interpretation, Awang is fascinated by DAP's approach of holding on to appropriate values and ethics. This should be a message to PAS," wrote Awang Selamat, a pseudonym used for the paper's editors.

Awang said PAS in similar vein should act against its deputy president Mohamad, or Mat Sabu, for his remarks glorifying communist leaders in the Bukit Kepong tragedy.

"It's enough that he has refused to retract his remarks and apologise, now PAS is not exercising its responsibility like what DAP did," he said.

But in another column today, Awang also expressed relief that Mat Sabu is presently facing court action for his remarks, saying it was the public's will to punish the PAS leader.

"Awang's advice to PAS — learn from DAP. Even then, we are not even talking about consistency of policies and struggles yet," he said, referring to the recent row over hudud laws.

Awang described the issue as seasonal for PAS, saying the Islamist party could not make up its mind over whether to form an Islamic state or a welfare state.

"Sometimes they roar like lions, sometimes they are quiet like mice. But DAP has never swayed from its stand — from before till today," he said.

Awang added that unlike PAS, DAP has also never exploited religion for the sake of politics.

"Again, learn from DAP," he said.

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