

Guan Eng wants hudud issue ironed out soon
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IPOH: The hudud issue, if not ironed out soon, would have an adverse effect on the opposition parties, DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said yesterday.

Lim said DAP had made its stand clear -- that it would not support any move to introduce or implement hudud in Malaysia.

He reiterated that he would resign as DAP secretary-general if it was mentioned in the opposition's Buku Jingga (Orange Book) that hudud would be implemented if it came to power.

"If there is such evidence, then I and all other members, the 30 of us in DAP's central executive committee, will resign."

Lim said DAP agreed to cooperate with Pas on common principles, adding that all three opposition partners needed to be focused on their final political aim.

"Although relations among the three partners appear normal, we need to iron out the hudud issue soon. If not clarified, it would have an adverse effect (on the opposition)," he said after opening the Perak DAP convention, near here.

Lim, who is also Penang chief minister, said the seeming uncertainty and ambiguity over the hudud issue had been compounded by certain quarters, especially the media.

"As we all know, the media is not under our control. When we want to explain an issue, we are not given the opportunity or the space.

"The psy-war is foggy. We need clarity and to clear the air. With the general election drawing close, there's a lot of psy-war going on."

Parti Keadilan Rakyat vice-president Tian Chua, meanwhile, said it would not agree to amend the Constitution to include hudud if the opposition came to power.

"In the opposition, we already have a consensus that there will be no amendment to the Constitution," he said when contacted.

DAP national chairman Karpal Singh had on Saturday said that "there are going to be a lot of problems". He was responding to a statement by Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat calling for the implementation of hudud to go on even without the Federal Government's approval.

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