

MCA Young Professionals Bureau Questions Alcohol-Free Kulim Proposal
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KULIM, Jan 4 (Bernama) -- The decision of the Kulim District Office to terminate all liquor licences in the district only goes to show that "hudud" law also affects the daily life of non-Muslims, according to the MCA Young Professionals Bureau.

Its chairman, Datuk Chua Tee Yong, said the decision will also affect the economic, social, political and academic aspects of the country.

"The silence by the PAS state administration over the district office's decision is an unspoken approval as it is obviously in line with its hardline policies.

"This shows that the Pakatan Rakyat parties are unable to do anything except issue statements showing their disapproval," he said in a statement in response to a newspaper report that the Kulim District Office has plans to turn Kulim into an alcohol-free area by July this year.

Chua, who is deputy agriculture and agro-based industry minister, said that if the DAP and PKR claim that they are unaware of the decision it only means that PAS is taking things into its own hands and has no respect for its partners in the opposition pact.

He cited that PKR-led Selangor faced a similar problem when the Subang Jaya Municipal Council imposed a ban preventing Muslims from serving alcoholic drinks at outlets.

"Even in Selangor, which is under the PKR administration, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim was powerless to do anything and continuously changed his stand on the issue. I believe the issue is still yet to be properly resolved," said Chua.

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