

**Don't be fooled by PAS 'pluralism', says Wee**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 10 — The public must not be “hoodwinked” by PAS’s claim that it embraces pluralism, MCA Youth chief Datuk Wee Ka Siong said today.

This was because PAS’s interference in the administration of Kedah without consultation with its partners in Pakatan Rakyat (PR) showed the Islamist party was anything but pluralist, he said.

Wee (picture) pointed out that this included the setting up of a steering committee with veto powers by PAS to advise the Kedah menteri besar and executive councillors on state administration.

“Who is PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang trying to kid when he extols PAS’s so-called but unproven and never-will-be-proven pluralism?” he said in a statement.

“Why should an external political party determine state policy when the state administration should be determined by the menteri besar in consultation with all PAS, DAP and PKR excos and elected representatives from their parties?”

The Ayer Itam MP said that PAS’s past actions showed that it did not have the interests of all Malaysians at heart.

This includes terminating liquor licences in Kulim, issuing a summons to a Chinese salon owner for her Muslim employee’s three-quarter sleeve blouse and tearing down the sole pig abattoir in Kedah, among others.

“We must recall that after the 2011 PAS Muktamar, Hadi Awang declared that the difference between the (PAS) proposed welfare state and an Islamic state was only a semantic one,” Wee said.

“Thus, I urge all Malaysians irrespective of religious creed or ethnicity not to be hoodwinked by Hadi Awang’s latest portrayal of PAS as all-embracing as they clearly are not.”

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