

Call off AES for now, BN MP urges government
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 31 — Umno MP Datuk Bung Mokhtar Radin crossed the political divide today and backed the opposition Pakatan Rakyat (PR) pact in calling for Putrajaya to suspend enforcing the controversial Automated Enforcement System (AES), saying it could be used as campaign fodder against the ruling Barisan Nasional (BN).

“The implementation of AES now is not suitable because it is close to elections.

“That’s why I recommend the AES be postponed,” the Barisan Nasional Backbenchers Club (BNBBC) deputy chairman told Malay daily Sinar Harian Online in a text message today.

Bung Mokhtar, a seasoned Umno lawmaker, is the most senior member of the ruling coalition after Umno Youth leader Khairy Jamaluddin to urge the federal government to delay the newly-introduced traffic enforcement system.

Kedah, Penang, Kelantan and Selangor — all governed by Pakatan Rakyat (PR) — have decided to suspend approval for the AES that detects speeding motorists and issues fines.

Several influential non-government organisations including the umbrella body representing civil servants, CUEPACS, have also opposed the enforcement by saying the system is not currently suitable. They also want the government to review the locations where the AES would operate.

However, Bung Mokhtar was reported to have said that the system was necessary to “discipline” road users for the good of all.

“AES is excellent as a step to discipline drivers who use the roads,” the Kinabatangan MP was quoted as saying.

The PR states have said they will deny approval to the installation of AES cameras until they receive more information and public feedback on the camera system first.

Lawmakers have also argued that the AES would only benefit the two companies running the system — Beta Tegap and ATES — as the firms will allegedly stand to earn RM16 from each summons issued by the AES.

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