

**PAS Becoming More Confused With Its Lies - Political Analyst
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 25 (Bernama) -- PAS, which has changed its Islamic state struggle to that for the welfare state, is a party that is becoming more confused and is increasingly confusing its members and supporters, a political analyst said Thursday.

"PAS is in this situation because it believes in the lies it created, the most obvious being that DAP is ready to accept the implementation of hudud in the country, although DAP had repeatedly rejected it," Dr Ibrahim Ghafar said.

He told Bernama that those who repeated their lies would end up believing them as true.

Commenting on a statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najin Tun Razak that PAS was naive in believing that DAP accepted the implementation of hudud, he said it was true that come election time PAS would play up the hudud issue for fear of losing the support of Malay voters.

Ibrahim said DAP would issue a statement at the same time saying that it strongly opposed implementation of the hudud because it did not want to lose its non-Muslim supporters.

"Actually, both parties are playing games and making this an issue for election. There is no mention of implementing the Hudud law in the opposition's manifesto," Ibrahim said.

He said this also applied to DAP's readiness to use the moon symbol in the 13th general election, which the PAS leaders and supporters believed without thinking about the actual message being conveyed by DAP.

"The DAP's message is easy...that PAS not only bows to the DAP in allowing the word Allah to be used in Malay language bibles but also in other matters," he said.

He said DAP, which had already got PAS to change its struggle, also knew how to take advantage of PAS's current confused state.

Because of this, he said, voters must be extra cautious in deciding which party to choose.

He said PAS could not be counted on to champion Islam and the interests of the Malays because currently there was no PAS leader capable of acting wisely on policy issues for the Malays and Muslims.

Unlike in PAS there was calmness and intelligence in Umno and its component parties which were consistent with its struggles for national development and the people's wellbeing, he added.

"We have less than seven years to work hard to achieve Vision 2020, to turn Malaysia into a high-income nation, and the Barisan Nasional government has already put the country on the right track.

"Let's not gamble our fate in the disunited opposition coalition which has become more confused and is far from achieving anything," said Ibrahim.

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