

DAP tells PAS to stop harping on hudud issue
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GEORGE TOWN, April 26 — The DAP wants its Pakatan Rakyat (PR) ally PAS to stop talking about the Islamic criminal law hudud to prevent Barisan Nasional (BN) from exploiting the issue.

Party national chairman Karpal Singh called on PAS to stop bringing up the hudud issue as their political foes are exploiting this.

"I regret that PAS is bringing this up now but DAP is still firm on its stand that we do not agree to hudud being implemented," he told a press conference at his election operations centre here.

He reiterated that the party's willingness to use the PAS symbol does not mean the DAP was agreeable to the Islamist party's intention to implement hudud.

Karpal said he was stating DAP's stand and not just his personal opinion so he was speaking on behalf of the party.

Though the DAP and PAS do not seem to agree on this, Karpal said there was no serious rift as the PR components agree on other issues as listed in the PR manifesto.

"It was agreed that the hudud law was not included into the manifesto so this issue should not have been raised at all," he said.

Recently, PAS deputy spiritual leader Datuk Dr Haron Din said the party plans to implement hudud law if PR takes over the federal government.

Karpal vetoed this by stating that the hudud law will not be implemented as the DAP will not agree to it.

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