

**DAP says NO to hudud , won't support PAS move**  
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PETALING JAYA: PAS is facing resistance from their own ally in a bid to table a private member's bill in Parliament seeking to introduce hudud in Kelantan.

Selangor DAP Deputy Chairman and parliamentarian Gobind Singh Deo said the party will resist any attempt by PAS MPs to table such a bill, in a statement today.

“We in DAP have said time and again that any move to introduce hudud would be unconstitutional.

“The Federal Court has in *Che Omar Che Soh vs Penang* ruled that Malaysia is governed by secular law. Clearly any move to introduce Islamic laws in this context would be unconstitutional and contrary to law,” Gobind said.

He added that the Islamic party should refer back to the joint statement made by Pakatan Rakyat's (PR) top leaders back in 2011 that they will not push for hudud to be implemented in the country.

“PAS should also be reminded that hudud is clearly not part of the PR agenda as announced in the ‘Kenyataan Bersama Majlis Pimpinan Pakatan Rakyat’ signed in 2011.

“We also maintain our position that hudud is unsuitable in Malaysia as ours is a multiracial and multi-religious country,” he stressed, adding that DAP Selangor unanimously and fully endorsed and supported this position in its meeting yesterday.

Gobind said that the stand taken by Bukit Gelugor MP Karpal Singh also reflects DAP's stand on the matter.

Yesterday, the veteran lawmaker insisted that DAP stand against the implementation of hudud in Malaysia.

“The passing of the Kelantan Syariah Criminal Court Enactment II in the (Kelantan) state assembly in 1993 is, in the first place, unconstitutional,” Karpal said.

Karpal said that in light of Kelantan Menteri Besar Ahmad Yaakob's statement on April 2 that the state will table a private member's bill on the matter in parliament later this year

“The DAP's position on hudud has been made clear time and again and that stand cannot be subjected to any compromise.

“It is fundamental to the party's existence. The passing of such a law will not be in the national interest,” said Karpal.

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