

PAS Supporters Congress Leaves 'Hudud' Enforcement Decision To Parliament
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 11 (Bernama) -- The PAS Supporters Congress (DHPP) has left the passing of the party's Private Member's Bill on the enforcement of hudud law in Kelantan to the MPs in the Dewan Rakyat.

DHPP chairman Hu Pang Chaw said everyone and any political party had the right to voice their opinion through Malaysia's democratic system.

"PAS needs a two-third consensus from the Dewan Rakyat to implement the hudud law in Kelantan, so it is ultimately up to the members of parliament.

"All political parties should respect the decision of PAS to table the bill and, at the same time, PAS also needs to respect the decision of Parliament (if it is not passed)," he told Bernama here today.

Hu also called on PAS to make the right decision in enforcing the hudud law for fear the wrong move would impact the party negatively at the next general election.

"If the Kelantanese are not happy about it, they have the right to reject the PAS members of parliament at the next general election.

He described the hudud issue as a double-edged sword which, if not handled well, could damage the party wielding it.

Prior to this, Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Ahmad Yakob had said that the private member's bill on hudud would be tabled in parliament to obtain approval for the enforcement of the Syariah Criminal Code (II) Enactment.

Ahmad said the party would choose a suitable parliament session to table the bill as provided by Article 76(A) of the Federal Constitution.

The move has however resulted in a stern reminder to PAS from DAP publicity chief Tony Pua and PKR vice-president N. Surendran that hudud law was never agreed upon by the opposition coalition parties and any attempt to table such a bill would face vehement objections.

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