

Umno Youth to Arrange Briefing on 'hudud' for Other BN Youth Movements

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BESUT (Terengganu), May 3 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth is to arrange for a closed-door briefing on 'hudud' (Islamic penal law) for the other youth movements of Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties.

Its chief, Khairy Jamaluddin, said the briefing would be held as soon as possible to enable the movements to obtain a clear explanation on hudud from those well-versed in the subject.

Umno Youth understood that its fellow youth movements in the BN lacked proper understanding of the Islamic penal law, leading to them making various assumptions and stating their opposition to it, he told reporters here Friday.

PAS had stated that it would table a Private Member's Bill in the Dewan Rakyat at its next sitting to implement hudud in Kelantan where the party is in power.

Several BN component parties have stated their opposition to the implementation of hudud.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, who is also BN chairman and Umno president, had said that the federal government had never rejected the implementation of hudud but said there were "loopholes and shortcomings" which must be addressed first.

Khairy also said that Umno Youth would organise a forum in about a fortnight's time to explain the implementation of hudud in the country.

Several religious leaders and experts in civil and Syariah laws would be invited to attend the forum, he said.

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