

No Hudud Law For Sarawak, Says Adenan
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KUCHING, May 15 (Bernama) -- Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem today said hudud law would not be enforced in the state.

He said the state government would also not allow any Bible to be confiscated in Sarawak.

"I wish to make it clear that hudud (Islamic criminal law) will not be implemented in Sarawak and we should stop harping on the matter now," he said in his winding-up speech at the state assembly sitting, here.

He also took a swipe at DAP and PKR representatives in the House to prove their support to the state's stand on the two issues by quitting from the opposition pact, Pakatan Rakyat, which also involved PAS.

He said the state government assured that it would continue to safeguard all the constitutional rights of Sarawak and the provisions in the Federal Constitution to protect the special interests of the state.

"Rest assured that any proposal to alter or remove any of these constitutional safeguards would be brought by the state government to the attention of this House for deliberation and its endorsement would be sought," Adenan said.

He said the relationship between the state and federal governments should be managed not only in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Constitution and the Malaysia Agreement, but also in accordance with the spirit upon which these constitutional provisions were enacted prior to the formation of Malaysia.

"It cannot be denied that these constitutional provisions accorded to Sarawak a greater degree of financial, legislative and administrative autonomy not enjoyed by the other states in Peninsular Malaysia," he said.

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