

BN Opposition Whip in Selangor State Assembly Regrets Motion on Hudud Misunderstood

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SHAH ALAM, June 16 (Bernama) -- Opposition leader in the Selangor state assembly, Datuk Mohd Shamsudin Lias regrets that certain quarters have misconstrued the proposed tabling of a motion on hudud by a Barisan Nasional (BN) assemblyman at the state assembly sitting.

He said this made it look as though BN was championing the implementation of hudud when in actual fact, implementing hudud was PAS' main agenda in its struggle all this while.

Mohd Shamsudin said the withdrawal of the motion proposed by Sungai Air Tawar assemblyman, Kamarol Zaki Abdul Malik, was to let the 15 PAS assemblymen to table the motion themselves as hudud was the party's major agenda.

"I am surprised as the letter I had sent earlier to the state assembly Speaker (to table the hudud motion) had not received a reply, whether the proposal was accepted or not, but suddenly we heard that Umno would purportedly table a motion of a bill on the implementation of hudud in the state.

"The proposed motion was just to ask the state government to study the possibility of implementing hudud in the state," he said when met by reporters after the state assembly sitting was adjourned to Tuesday morning.

Last Friday, all the Selangor BN assemblymen agreed to withdraw the motion which was to be tabled at the state assembly sitting, which started today.

In another development, Mohd Shamsudin said his side would not interfere with the Selangor Islamic Religious Council's (MAIS) refusal to return 300 copies of the Bible in Bahasa Malaysia and Iban that were seized from the Bible Society of Malaysia in January.

MAIS made that decision as it disagreed with the decision of Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail that no charges would be made in the Bible seizure case, hence the

case is closed.

"As a Muslim assemblyman, I support any action to protect Islam and to prevent the proselytising of Muslims," said Mohd Shamsudin.

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