

**Will Pakatan be around for GE14, asks Kit Siang**  
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Will Pakatan Rakyat survive the current turbulence and struggles to remain united and intact for the 14th general election (GE14), DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang asked today.

The Gelang Patah MP said if DAP, PKR and PAS did not remain united, PR would go the way of Barisan Alternative, which was formed as an alliance between PAS, PKR, DAP and Parti Rakyat Malaysia (PRM) in 1999 after former deputy prime minister and PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was arrested and jailed.

However, the alliance eventually crumbled and was disbanded after the 2004 general election.

Lim said Pakatan had performed well in the 13th general election last year, winning 52% of the popular vote.

"However, since the 13th general election, Pakatan supporters have grown increasingly concerned whether the alliance will only survive for one GE," he said in a statement.

"There have been many questions raised over Pakatan and whether it will be around for the 14th general election or go the same way as Barisan Alternative."

Lim said the three component parties in Pakatan had to give top priority to the common Pakatan policy framework and consensus in order to remain united.

"The rakyat do not want Pakatan to go the same way as Barisan Alternative and just be a one general-election coalition."

"The rakyat want Pakatan to replace Barisan Nasional in Putrajaya come the 14th general election," said Lim.

"But this is on the proviso that Pakatan keeps faith with Malaysians and continues to prioritise the coalition's common policy framework and consensus."

The main issue which has arisen following GE13 has been PAS's intention to introduce hudud in Kelantan.

In April, Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Ahmad Yakob announced plans to introduce a special member's bill in Parliament to implement hudud in the state.

This proposal was met with fiery opposition from DAP, led by Lim and the late Karpal Singh.

AS-DAP ties were further strained when senior DAP leaders suggested that PAS should leave the coalition if it wanted to implement hudud in Kelantan.

Lim said the September 28, 2011 consensus of the Pakatan leadership council had reaffirmed that hudud was not on the Pakatan agenda.

"Any policy changes in Pakatan would require the agreement of all three component parties and there is no such consensus in Pakatan,"

Lim said.

"The September 28, 2011 joint statement saved Pakatan and paved the way for a successful showing in last year's general election," Lim said.

Pakatan won 89 parliamentary seats and 229 state assembly seats in last year's May 5 polls, which saw Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak forming a government with a simple majority.

Lim said if hudud had been a hot potato during last year's polls, BN would have regained its two-thirds majority.

"PR might well have lost Selangor while Kedah and Johor would have reverted back to being BN strongholds." – June 28, 2014.

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