

Non-Muslim parties in BN reject hudud

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They vow to defend the Federal Constitution and hit out at DAP for asking the rakyat to support PAS in the last general election

PETALING JAYA: Four BN component parties, MCA, Gerakan, Sarawak United Peoples Party and Sabah-based Liberal Democratic Party, condemned PAS for attempting to impose hudud.

In a joint statement this afternoon, they said the enactment of hudud goes against the Federal Constitution and vowed to defend the rights of multiracial Malaysians.

“We are aware of PAS’ intention to set a trap for Umno in pushing for the implementation of hudud. MCA, Gerakan, SUPP and LDP are ready to uphold the Federal Constitution. We will not allow any changes that threaten the foundation of our nation.”

The joint statement was signed by presidents of the four parties, Liow Tiong Lai, Mah Siew Keong, Peter Chin, and Teo Chee Keong. Fellow non-Muslim coalition partner, MIC is not part of the group.

They said DAP should not be asking non-Muslim parties in BN to convince Umno to vote against the PAS’ private-member bill, when the bill was supposed to be an internal internal affair of Pakatan.

“This is actually a move by DAP to run away from responsibility. The Bill is being initiated by PAS and not BN. If this issue happens in BN, it will not be brought to Parliament as we would have resolved it internally,” they said.

They accused DAP for beautifying PAS among the non-Muslims in the last general election and the Islamic party has now shown its “true colours”.

“DAP as the strongest defender of PAS, has been unable to stop PAS from enforcing hudud.

“DAP must apologise for misleading non-Muslim voters and having them vote for PAS.

“DAP wanted power but it should at least have a conscience and not betray the rakyat and the future generation.

“It should not be an accomplice to the formation of a theocratic state,” they said.

Fragility of Pakatan

The four party presidents said unlike Pakatan, BN needs unanimous consent from all component parties and the Cabinet before implementing any important policies or tabling it to Parliament.

“In Pakatan, there is no consensus but differences.

“This issue has exposed the fragility of Pakatan as a coalition, which has zero direction, no common ideology and runs their own show respectively,” they said.

MCA holds seven seats in the Parliament, whereas Gerakan and SUPP controlled one seat each. LDP does not have any seat.

PAS has said it would table two private-member bills in the upcoming Parliament session in June to allow its Kelantan state government to implement hudud.

The decision caused an uproar in the opposition coalition, with DAP lawmakers swiftly declaring that they would vote against the bill.

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