

**Don't fall into Umno's trap over hudud, Guan Eng tells PAS**  
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DAP has warned coalition partner PAS against falling into the trap set up by ruling party Umno, which is allegedly supporting the implementation of hudud in Kelantan.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng instead urged PAS leaders to "consider fully" the consequences of trusting Umno, following Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom's statement in Parliament that Umno would help PAS implement hudud.

Lim said PAS risked betraying non-Muslims who had supported the party in the May 5, 2013 general election.

"They would risk the break-up of Pakatan Rakyat which is Umno's great desire," he said today.

Lim said PAS would also risk losing Kelantan the same way it lost Terengganu in the 2004 general election after passing hudud in 2003.

In addition, he said that PAS would risk losing all the seats it won with non-Muslim support outside Kelantan, Terengganu, Perlis and Kedah.

Lim, who is also Penang chief minister, reaffirmed DAP's position to oppose the implementation of hudud on Muslims in Kelantan or Terengganu.

"It is unconstitutional and contrary to the 1957 Merdeka spirit and context in a multiracial, multi-religious and multicultural society," he added.

Lim also reiterated DAP's stand that PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang was wrong when he said that Pakatan Rakyat and DAP had agreed to the implementation of hudud in 2011.

He urged the PAS president to read the full public statement by PR in 2011, stating

clearly DAP's differences with PAS and opposition to the implementation of hudud.

"DAP will actively engage with PAS leaders to emphasise that we had never agreed to hudud passed by PAS in Kelantan and Terengganu before or after the establishment of PR in 2008," Lim said.

Efforts by PAS MPs to move a private member's bill in Parliament to get the nod to implement hudud in Kelantan have renewed the debate on hudud, threatening to reignite friction among PKR, DAP and PAS.

The alliance among the three parties had ensured that Barisan Nasional was denied its two-thirds majority in two consecutive general elections.

Many say Umno's Muslim MPs were expected to support PAS's bill, with Jamil Khir and Kelantan Umno chief Tan Sri Annuar Musa coming out to declare their support for it.

Umno has 88 MPs while PAS has 21 MPs. The combination would mean that the bill is still short of 39 votes to be passed with a two-thirds majority. – April 29, 2014.

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