

'DAP should apologise, not Jaip'

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According to Utusan Malaysia, Pahang Mufti Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Osman says he was saddened by Muslim DAP leaders who disrespected their religion.

KUALA LUMPUR, Pahang Mufti Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Osman has refused to apologise for the anti-DAP sermon he delivered during last week's Hari Raya Aidiladha celebrations.

He instead argued that DAP is the one whose apology was due given the party leaders' recent interference in the nation's Islamic matters, reported Utusan Malaysia today.

According to the news report, Abdul Rahman was commenting on the state's DAP chairman Tengku Zulpuri Shah Raja Puri's demand for Pahang Islamic Religious Department (Jaip) to apologise and retract the comments made during the sermon which Zulpuri said had insulted the party.

"We will not bow down. They should apologise first for meddling with Islamic matters such as the implementation of Hudud law in Kelantan," Abdul Rahman was quoted by the Malay daily as saying.

According to the Umno mouthpiece, Abdul Rahman had also expressed his despair over the attitude of several Muslim DAP members who had disrespected their religion in the effort to defend the party's policies.

"I am aggrieved by their attitude. They should have protected Islam but instead, they want to sue us and demand for our apology."

PAS Perak Ulama Council had earlier defended the sermon and supported Jaip's decision not to retract its statement while non-governmental organisation Perkasa called for DAP's apology.

DAP leaders had demanded an apology from Jaip for claiming that it was against Islam to join the party.

Zulpuri Shah Raja Puji had given Jaip five days to apologise or face possible legal action.

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