

Ridhuan Tee: To stay afloat, PAS should boot all 'ultra kiasu' pro-Pakatan leaders
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 25 — PAS should remove all its “ultra kiasu” members who support the Pakatan Rakyat (PR) pact to ensure the Islamic party remains a relevant and respected entity, Ridhuan Tee Abdullah said.

The *Sinar Harian* columnist and Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin lecturer claimed these “ultra kiasu” PAS members no longer have the best interests of Islam at heart and warned that if they were to continue supporting PR, specifically DAP’s Lim Kit Siang, they will soon be eliminated from the political scene altogether.

“PAS’s ‘ultra kiasu’ leaders that support the ‘ultra kiasu leader’ have alternative agendas. They want to be elected as ministers when the ‘ultra kiasu’ manages to snatch Putrajaya one day,” he said, referring to Lim as the ‘ultra kiasu leader.’

“As such, I hope PAS’s top leaders will clean out the ‘ultra kiasu’ in PAS, which is becoming more cancerous. PAS must remove them or PAS will no longer be respected,” Tee said in his column today.

He claimed if these pro-PR PAS members remain in the party, they would do what it takes to ensure Lim’s party wins in by-elections and general elections, despite his alleged “opposition to Islam”.

The controversial lecturer went on to point out that Lim and DAP have made their stance on hudud clear, noting that apart from rejecting its implementation, the party had also cut ties with PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang.

As such, he branded the party and Lim “enemies of Islam.”

Tee added, however, that despite DAP’s repeated calls for PAS to leave PR, PKR would not allow it as such a move which could gravely affect PKR’s standing in the Selangor government.

Malay Mail Online reported a PR leader today as saying that the PAS Muktamar next month will see a clearout of dissenting member regardless of the eventual victor, with the resulting crisis set to infect the rest of PR.

The PR leader, who requested anonymity, said although the Islamist party has always struggled between the conservative and progressive factions since 1998 — when the Reformasi movement doubled the party’s membership — its election this year has been characterised by unusual vitriol hurled at those not aligned to conservative PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang.

There are stakes that extend beyond PAS in the Muktamar, as its outcome will determine if the current infighting over hudud will reach critical mass or be defused in time to prevent the implosion of PR.

DAP has all but said that it cannot continue co-operating with Hadi, so his victory will preclude any possibility of reconciliation between the two warring allies.

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