

**Utusan blames DAP, PKR for PAS's hudud implementation**  
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Umno mouthpiece Utusan Malaysia today said DAP and PKR's bullying tactics against ally PAS has hastened the implementation of hudud in Kelantan.

In an article published in its weekend edition Mingguan Malaysia, columnist Awang Selamat said PAS's move to approve the Shariah Criminal Code II Enactment 1993 (Amendment 2015) in the east coast state has been a big blow to secular, Chinese-majority DAP, who had always been vocal against the Islamic penal code.

He said this represented a moral victory for PAS.

"It is clear the consensus within the opposition pact to prevent PAS from implementing one of its core agenda has failed.

"The actions of DAP and PKR who constantly bully, pressure and try to seep their values into PAS, hasten the implementation of hudud," he said.

Awang, which is the pseudonym for the Malay language newspaper collective editorial team, said the move to implement hudud also showed PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang strength the in the face of adversity.

Hadi had been one of the proponents of hudud and had angered his allies by planning to table a private members' bill in Parliament during the current sitting ending April 9.

The bill is to amend the Shariah Courts Act (Criminal Jurisdiction) 1965, which limits the power of the Shariah courts to a maximum penalty of RM3,000 in fine, five years' jail and six strokes of the cane.

An amendment is required to enable Kelantan to carry out hudud law.

Awang said the Kelantan assembly passage of the Islamic penal code last Thursday proved that PAS had checkmated its partners DAP and PKR and "crippled" them.

He praised Hadi for not wavering despite his partners disapproval, and voiced his approval for the party chief warnings to DAP and PKR not to interfere in the Islamist party's operations.

He also had advice for both Hadi and DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng.

To Hadi, he urged him to cleanse the party of such traitors.

To Guan Eng, he told to him tone down his "political arrogance" and learn more to prevent from being checkmated in the future.

DAP will meet on Monday to review its ties with PR, after having been "stabbed" by

PAS, while PKR had said it would not support PAS's hudud bill should it be tabled in Parliament, as the Islamist party had acted unilaterally in the matter and gone against PR leadership council's decision. – March 22, 2015.

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