

**DAP using hudud to make people hate PAS, says Nik Abduh**  
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PAS today accused its Pakatan Rakyat partner DAP of using the hudud issue to incite hatred towards the Islamist party.

Its central committee member Nik Mohamad Abduh Nik Aziz was commenting on DAP's decision to sever ties with PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang over the implementation of the Islamic penal code.

"DAP is using hudud to get Malaysians to hate PAS, to ensure PAS loses its support," he said to reporters at the Parliament lobby today.

"DAP is using the hudud issue to push PAS out of Pakatan Rakyat (PR). I met several DAP leaders individually and told them not to allow the hudud issue be an excuse for us to break up."

Earlier today, DAP said that although it would remain in PR, it was ending all ties with Hadi following the latter's decision to go against the coalition in tabling a Private Member's Bill on his own without discussing it with the rest of the leadership.

"DAP is unable to work with a PAS president like Hadi Awang who persists in such dishonest and dishonourable acts," secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said today.

"As Hadi is the PAS leader in PR, DAP's decision to end all ties with Hadi will effectively put the PR leadership council in limbo. DAP will meet the PKR leadership to discuss the future course of PR."

Lim later told reporters that Hadi should leave the opposition coalition if he insisted on implementing hudud in Kelantan.

Nik Abduh today reiterated that PAS will not leave Pakatan but said that DAP's statement had a "double-meaning" attached to it, adding that it was to pressure the Islamist party to reject Hadi as a leader.

PAS's Kota Raja MP Dr Siti Mariah Mahmud also echoed similar sentiments, saying it was "weird" for DAP to continue a relationship with PAS despite severing ties with the head.

PAS central committee member Datuk Mujahid Yusof Rawa, however, remained optimistic, saying that the cooperation within the PR framework would still continue despite the tension.

The Parit Buntar MP added that he was only obliged to his party's decision and would wait for PAS to make one.

"PR will not be there without my party being in the component. So my allegiance is to the party, definitely not PR," said Mujahid. – March 24, 2015.

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