

DAP shocked by hudud bill, says Hadi broke promise
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The appearance of Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang's private member's bill on hudud in the Parliament's order paper came as a shock to DAP today, who said it was the first time they were seeing it in Parliament.

DAP parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang said the bill showed Hadi had broken his promise to the Pakatan Rakyat (PR) leadership council, and was the reason why the opposition pact was now in a crisis.

"This is the first time we are seeing it. Hadi promised on February 8 that any motion on the private member's bill would first be presented to the PR leadership council.

"We are very shocked. His promise is broken as a result of what we see today," Lim told a press conference at the Parliamentary lobby today.

He also urged Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to announce Barisan Nasional's (BN) stand on hudud, now that the bill may be debated in Parliament.

"Where is the prime minister's statement as promised by MCA leaders? Up to now the prime minister has been under labour pains. Now he is having stillbirth," said Lim.

However, the Gelang Patah MP said he doubted the bill would be tabled in Parliament, as it was the last item on the line-up for debates in this sitting of the Dewan Rakyat, which ends on Thursday.

"Normally, in terms of the Parliament proceedings, they deal with the official business. Parliament should have its hands full until Thursday."

He added that even if it were tabled in Parliament, DAP would stick to its original stance and would not vote in support of the bill.

Hadi sent a notice to Parliament on March 18, on the bill after the Kelantan state assembly unanimously approved the Shariah Criminal Code 11 1993 (Amendment 2015).

This would allow the PAS president to table the bill to amend the Shariah Courts (Criminal Jurisdiction) Act 1965, or what is known as Act 355, paving the way for certain categories under the hudud to be implemented in Kelantan.

On March 19, the Kelantan legislative assembly unanimously passed the Shariah Criminal Code II Enactment 1993 (Amendment 2015).

PAS's allies in the opposition pact Pakatan Rakyat – DAP and PKR – said they would not support the bill in Parliament.

The Islamist party's renewed push for hudud also caused DAP to terminate its ties with the PAS president, although it decided to remain in the opposition coalition. – April 7, 2015.

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