

PAS cleric urges top brass to reconsider pact with DAP, PKR
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A Penang Ulama delegate who alleged that PAS was being sidelined by the state Pakatan Rakyat (PR) government today urged the Islamist party's leadership to reconsider the political cooperation with PKR and DAP.

Mohd Hanif Harun said that PAS Penang fully supported the party's leadership reviewing the cooperation based on their experience in the state.

"Penang is under Pakatan Rakyat rule, but PKR and PAS are sidelined," he said at the start of the debate on the speech by Dewan Ulama chief Datuk Mahfodz Mohamad in Taman Melewar Gombak.

Hanif said the principle of cooperation among the PR parties should not be compromised.

He added that certain leaders and members focused too much on this cooperation policy and in the process sacrificed their own party. This was obvious when PAS brought up the hudud issue and some leaders did not agree to it.

The delegate also touched on the incident during the Permatang Pauh by-election when PKR state deputy youth chief Khairil Anuar Kamarudin "mocked" PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang.

"It is because of this we should reconsider the working cooperation.

"We have never touched on their leadership but this person dare to remark against the president and did not apologise...he said he had apologised but it does not count when you do not do it openly.

"He needs to hold a press conference to apologise, if we truly want to enforce the working cooperation to join forces and defeat Barisan Nasional, we need to respect each party, otherwise no need to be a PAS member, just join Pasma," he said.

Apart from urging the leadership to take action against the person for mocking the president, he also alleged that PKR and DAP were badly hit when they did not get the support of PAS in the by-election. – June 3, 2015.

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