

BN playing game of deceit over Hadi's bill, says Guan Eng

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DAP secretary-general suspects conspiracy between BN and PAS to push the bill through without debate, which could explain why BN MPs remained silent in Parliament when the bill was tabled.

GEORGE TOWN: The silence of BN component parties during the tabling of the private members' bill on the shariah criminal code was a clear cut case of 'cakap tak serupa bikin' (not walking the talk), DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said today.

He said BN parties such as MCA, MIC, Gerakan and SUPP had outright rejected PAS'proposed amendments to the Shariah Courts (Criminal Jurisdiction) Act, or RUU355, outside Parliament, but when it was tabled, all of them were quiet.

"Clearly BN and PAS are in a pact... the component parties had made a big lie outside that they were against the bill.

"But in actuality, they are in cahoots with Umno to make RUU355 happen," Lim said.

Lim reiterated that the DAP would never support the bill as it was unconstitutional, and encroached into civil laws.

He said to strengthen the shariah criminal code, there was a need to first amend the Federal Constitution, with two-thirds majority support.

Lim said before any lawmakers could object to PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang's private member's bill to enhance the powers of the Shariah Court, the Dewan Rakyat was abruptly adjourned sine die.

He felt some parties were conspiring to push the bill through by not allowing any debate from others, except for its proposer and seconder.

He said six other important bills had been set aside to give priority to Hadi's bill. This, he said, had raised the eyebrows of many.

Lim said the BN's non-Muslim component parties should be held responsible for the bill having come to this stage.

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