

# Take a stand on hudud, Pakatan told

DPM: Opposition must stop confusing the rakyat

**KUALA LUMPUR:** It is time for the Pakatan Rakyat to make an official stand on hudud and stop confusing the people, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said.

"It is not important for the rakyat to know what the views of Umno and the Barisan Nasional are. We have always been clear about it.

"If they (from Pakatan) cannot make their stand clear on this issue, it is obvious they are making a concerted effort to lie and confuse the people," the Deputy Prime Minister said after opening the Malaysia-Singapore public sector leaders seminar and games here yesterday.

Singling out leaders such as Opposition Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, DAP advisor Lim Kit Siang and DAP national chairman Karpal Singh, he said they needed to voice out their common stand on the issue.

"The Opposition had the public confused when they said it was PAS' right to push for hudud when Pakatan cannot reach a consensus over the issue," Muhyiddin said.

In **GEORGE TOWN**, Karpal said DAP would not agree to amend the Federal Constitution for hudud laws to be imposed even if the Pakatan coalition obtained a two-thirds majority during the next general election.

He said the party had made it clear during the meeting of top Pakatan leaders on Sept 28 that hudud law was not in line with the provisions of the Constitution.

He expressed surprise over a statement by PAS spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat in Kepala Batas on Saturday that the party had agreed in principle to hudud legislation, which was passed by the Kelantan assembly in 1999 and the Terengganu assembly



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"On the contrary, DAP's stand has always been that the hudud enactments are not in line with the Constitution.

"That being the case, both enactments are null and void," he said here yesterday.

Asked if DAP's stand on hudud law would cause a loss of votes, Karpal said: "Not all Muslims support the hudud law."

Meanwhile, Penang Chief Minister and DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said after closing the *Relay for Life* cancer awareness programme here: "Any talk of us accepting hudud is false."

In **KOTA BARU**, Kelantan PAS denied that the PAS Supporters Club had no knowledge about the party's struggle for hudud laws in the state.

"From the start, the club was incepted as one of the important wings of PAS, and they understand our stand on Islam," party information chief Dr Mohamed Fadzil Hassan said.