Pas bent on hudud

NOT BUDGING: DAP’s willingness to use the Pas logo shows it is receptive to Islamic party’s policies, says Haron

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As is adamant about proceeding with its hudud plan if it gains federal power with DAP and PKR. Deputy spiritual leader Datuk Dr Haron Din said Pas did not foresee DAP strongly opposing it, considering the party had agreed to use the Pas logo in the 13th General Election when it faced the possibility of being deregistered by the Registrar of Societies (Ros).

Haron, who is also Pas candidate for the Arau parliamentary seat in Perlis, said the latest development in the opposition alliance showed that DAP was becoming more receptive to Pas’ policies, including hudud.

“If you see what happened when DAP wanted to use our logo, Pas had no problems with that and we agreed to it. “So, if they (DAP) are willing to use the Pas logo, they will certainly support our policies, including the implementation of hudud,” he said during his campaign rounds here yesterday.

“There are times when we have to give and take. In this case, they should also accept matters that are enshrined in Pas’ policy. For example, DAP should respect Pas’ decision on the use of Kalimah Allah.”

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JOHOR BARU: State Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman is such a formidable presence in Gelang Patah that DAP can’t think of any other point of attack but to regurgitate the old tactic of casting him as a racist to undermine the long-serving menteri besar.

Ghani, dismayed at the description, responded: “Honestly, I am sad. How can they be so cruel? I have served this state for 18 years as a menteri besar and, throughout those years, I have treated every Johorean I came across fairly, regardless of his ethnicity.”

“On what grounds are they now calling me a racist?” he said at his home yesterday.

This is supposedly because he is an Umno member and a “racist at heart”, said DAP vice-chairman M. Kulasegaran at a ceramah comprising mainly Indian voters in Taman Klang Barat on Monday night.

Ghani was, however, unperturbed, saying he was confident that voters in the Gelang Patah parliamentary constituency would not misjudge his character based on DAP’s slander.