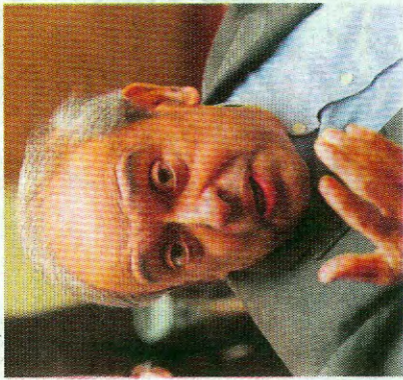


# Issue will never go away, say analysts



**Dr Chandra Muzaffar** says DAP and Pas will still work together because they want to gain power

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The hudud issue is set to pose a major headache for Pakatan, with no sign of a solution in sight to end the impasse in the opposition camp.

Political analyst Dr Chandra Muzaffar said hudud would forever be a ghost haunting the loose alliance.

"Pas and DAP are adamant and won't back down. It will affect the alliance adversely, but they will still find ways to work together, as their common goal is to gain power.

"But, if ever the common goal is achieved, this issue, particularly, will lead to the unravelling of their already tumultuous relationship,"

said Chandra, who was once PKR deputy president.

Chandra was commenting on a statement by DAP Puchong member of parliament Gobind Singh Deo, who had warned Pas that should it carry on with the tabling of the hudud bill, it would amount to going against the Pakatan common policy framework.

However, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's Social Science and Humanities Faculty lecturer, Associate Professor Dr Shamsul Adabi Mamat, said it would not be that easy for DAP to part ways with Pas, as DAP had benefited from its association with the Islamic party.

"They have achieved so much in the coalition, compared with when they were working on their own, such as taking over Penang and winning a lot of seats in (the) Perak (state assembly)," Shamsul said.

He added that DAP would continue to harp on the hudud issue to show its core supporters that it was still its own party, with its own opinions, even if it was in the coalition with Pas.

"It is their long-time strategy to gain political ground and votes among their core supporters, and it can also be seen as strengthening its support among non-Malays."



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