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# 'Hudud call a Pas ploy'

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**POWER PLAY:**

Kelantan govt's announcement to appease some quarters, says don

**P**AS' decision to implement hudud in Kelantan is a gimmick to appease some quarters, said a political analyst.

Universiti Utara Malaysia's School of International Studies dean Associate Professor Dr Mohd Azizuddin Mohd Sani said the move was just to please some quarters in Kelantan.

He said with strong opposition from DAP and the "differences in thinking" between conservative and moderate factions in Pas, it was impossible the law would see

the light of day.

Azizuddin was commenting on a statement by Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Ahmad Yakob that the state government was committed to the implementation of the state's hudud enactment, which was passed by the state assembly in 1993.

"It's impossible to implement the law as it is not in line with the Federal Constitution and would need revision of federal laws."

He said the Pakatan component parties would resist the decision.

"PKR and DAP will oppose this. DAP still believes that it should not be implemented and has made its decision known."

He said this showed the cracks within the opposition pact.

"Even within Pas there are cracks. The conservatives and moderates don't see eye to eye.

"It shows friction between

them," said Azizuddin, adding that the move was a part of a power play.

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia law lecturer Associate Professor Datin Noor Aziah Mohd Awal said educating the public on hudud should be the priority before its implementation.

"With the Western portrayal of hudud and the misconception created, there is a need to educate the public. They must be made aware of what hudud is, especially for non-Muslims."

She added that it would require the redefinition of each court and their jurisdictions so that the law could be implemented.

"Hudud requires serious discussions and must be completely thought out."

Noor Aziah said the intention to implement the law should be clear, without any political agenda.