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Majority of Muslim voters think Kelantan Government should focus on post flood reconstruction

BANGI –A survey carried among voters in Peninsular Malaysia found that an overwhelming majority (84%) think the Kelantan state government should prioritize repairs and reconstruction of homes damaged during the devastating floods over its current proposal to pass a revision to its 1993 hudud enactment.

A similar view was also expressed by the vast majority (81%) of Malay/Muslim respondents across Peninsular Malaysia. It should be noted that the survey found this view prevalent across key Malay/Muslim demographics of gender, age groups and media consumers.

This survey finding is also in line with Merdeka Center’s previous finding in a survey carried out in April 2014 which revealed that a majority (58%) of Malay respondents thought that the country is not ready for hudud implementation.

In our opinion, the Kelantan state government’s proposal to revisit its hudud enactment will not improve the state ruling party’s (PAS) standing among the Kelantanese and national Muslim electorate. This move recalls the party’s disastrous 2004 general election outing under the “Islamic State” manifesto which led to the fall of the PAS Terengganu state government and near loss in Kelantan.

The survey was carried out by the Merdeka Center for Opinion Research between 21th and 30th January 2015. For this survey, 1,008 registered voters comprising 60% Malay, 30% Chinese and 10% Indian. Respondents were interviewed by telephone. Respondents were selected on the basis of random stratified sampling along ethnicity, gender and state of residence. The interviews were carried out in the preferred language of the respondents.

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Majoriti pengundi Muslim mahu kerajaan Kelantan fokus terhadap pemulihan pasca-banjir

BANGI – Satu kaji selidik yang dilakukan di kalangan pengundi Semenanjung Malaysia mendapati majoriti besar (84%) mahukan kerajaan negeri Kelantan memberi fokus terhadap usaha pemulihan dan pembinaan semula rumah mangsa banjir daripada usaha untuk meminda enakmen kanun jenayah hudud.

Pandangan yang sama turut disuarakan oleh sejumlah majoriti besar (81%) pengundi Melayu Muslim seluruh Semenanjung Malaysia. Kajian mendapati pandangan ini meliputi kesemua demografi pengundi Melayu Muslim seperti tahap umur, gender dan penggunaan media (media tradisional dan media alternatif).

Penemuan kajian ini selari dengan dapatan kajian Merdeka Center yang dilaksanakan pada April 2014. Dalam kajian tersebut, didapati majoriti (58%) responden Melayu Muslim merasakan negara Malaysia ini belum bersedia untuk melihat kanun jenayah hudud dilaksanakan.

Pada padangan kami, cadangan kerajaan negeri Kelantan untuk menarik perhatian terhadap enakmen kanun jenayah hudud ini tidak akan meningkatkan kedudukan parti memerintah negeri (PAS) dikalangan pengundi Kelantan ataupun pengundi Muslim di peringkat nasional. Perkara ini mengimbas semula prestasi teruk parti tersebut semasa pilihanraya umum 2004 dibawah manifesto “Negara Islam” yang mengakibatkan kejatuhan kerajaan PAS Terengganu dan hampir kalah di Kelantan.

Kajian ini dijalankan oleh Merdeka Center for Opinion Research di antara 21 hingga 30 Januari 2015. Dalam kajian ini, 1,008 pengundi terdiri daripada 60% pengundi Melayu, 30% pengundi Cina dan 10% pengundi India. Respondent ditemubual melalui telefon. Respondent dipilih secara kaedah persampelan rawak berstrata (random stratified sampling) mengikut kaum, jantina dan negeri kediaman. Temubual dijalankan dengan bahasa yang lebih disukai oleh respondent.

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