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**TUAN SPEAKER DEWAN NEGERI**

**Press Statement by Speaker of the Selangor State Legislative Assembly,  
Hannah Yeoh  
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After my announcement yesterday that I have accepted ADUN Sungai Air Tawar (UMNO) YB Kamarol Zaki Bin Abdul Malik's motion urging the State Government to conduct a study on the feasibility of implementing Hudud in Selangor, today, my office has received a copy of his notice withdrawing the same motion.

No reason was provided for his decision to withdraw the motion. A member may, by notice in writing to the Clerk, withdraw any notice of motion previously given by him, as per Standing Order 29 (1). Even though it is an assemblyperson's right to table and to withdraw a motion, this practice is not to be encouraged. Every assemblyperson has an inherent duty to uphold the integrity and preserve the sanctity of the State Assembly by not treating it carelessly and haphazardly. The State Assembly is not a place for any member to play political games. I view this move by the assemblyman from UMNO as a blatant political stunt. If an assemblyman is not ready or prepared to debate or stand by his motion, he should never have wasted the State Assembly's time by tabling it in the first place.

The State Assembly is the rightful place for assemblymen, elected to represent the people to speak up for their constituents and to participate honourably and productively in legislative processes. I strongly remind ADUN Sungai Air Tawar and all assemblypersons, be it government backbencher or opposition, not to misuse and abuse the Standing Orders in tabling motions for debate.

Hannah Yeoh

Speaker of the Selangor State Legislative Assembly