

Continue to Worship Our True God

On 18 March 2015, the Kelantan government led by PAS tabled the amendments to the Syariah Criminal Code Enactment II 1993 in Kelantan state legislative assembly. On the following day, the bill was passed unanimously, and was named Syariah Criminal Code II 1993 (Amendment 2015). This criminal code covers hudud, qisas and ta'zir.

At the same time, on 18 March 2015, the Pas President expressed his intention to table a private member's bill in the Parliament seeking amendment of the Syariah Courts (Criminal Jurisdiction) Act 1965 (Act 355) so as to implement hudud law in the state of Kelantan. The private bills have appeared in the parliament order paper on 7 April though it was not in time to be debated during this Parliamentary sitting.

Although the Kelantan government has assured that non-muslims will not fall under jurisdiction of the Syariah Law, it has brought about massive concern from the *rakyat*, and intense discussion and response among the medical, legal, as well as political fraternities.

How Should We Pray?

1. Pray that our nation's and states' governors will do their best to protect the total *rakyat*' (muslims and non-muslims) rights and benefits.
2. Pray for Malaysian Citizens, that God will guide us:-
 - to treasure the Kairos moment and to speak up with wisdom as a responsible citizen when it is time to speak up. This is to defend the mutual respect among races, promote moderation in our beloved country, personally enhance harmony, stability and wholesomeness.
 - To stand firm and to defend the Social Contract that is fundamental to the creation and existence of this nation - that Malaysia is a secular state, and to counter whatever deliberate actions that seek to change this Contract.
3. Pray for our Prime Minister and Cabinet that God will guide them to state clearly their positions on the issue of implementation of the Islamic Criminal Code in Malaysia.
4. Pray for all the MPs that God will grant them clear insights to see that the
 - Federal Constitution does not contradict the spirit of Islam.
 - We do not need two sets of criminal laws for two different groups of citizens.

- If the existing civil and criminal laws are implemented and executed justly, we can uphold justice in our society.
 - The existing place of syariah law within our Federal Constitution is appropriate. To implement Islamic Criminal Code forcefully will lead to severe consequences and unwanted alterations upon our Federal Constitution and the practice of treasured moderation in our nation as a whole.
5. Pray for politicians from both sides that God will guide them—
 - To defend our Social Contract and Federal Constitution with determination and boldness.
 - To see clearly that Islamic Criminal Code is not the only national agenda we are facing now.
 - To devote their energy to respond to wider national issues which affect the *rakyat* especially the weakening of Malaysian Ringgit, the economy down sliding and the chain reaction that brought upon by the GST, corruption and abuse of power, the rise of criminal activities, dropping educational standard, environmental issues of major consequence, and etc.
 6. Pray for the Church, that God will guide us to discern those that HE wants to speak to us, and that we could have the courage to respond accordingly.
 7. Pray that God will protect us that we would continue to worship our Triune God no matter how the situation may change.
 8. Pray also that we would actively do our part as what the church should do: rooted in HIS Word, pray fervently, engage in works of mercy, and “always be prepared to give an answer with gentleness and respect to whoever who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have.” (1Peter 3:15-NIV).
 9. Pray that God will raise up more leaders and intercessors who are concerned of the nations’ issues, to pray for the nation, and to lead the church to participate in the M24/7 prayer ministry for our nation.
 10. Pray that God will raise up more devout scholars who are willing to deepen their studies in Christian theology, to participate in dialogues with humility, to explain and defend Christian Faith with clarity and stability.

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