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### **PRESS STATEMENT**

#### **AN AMICABLE RESOLUTION TO THE ISSUE OF THE SEIZURE OF THE MALAYSIAN LANGUAGE BIBLES CONTAINING THE WORD "ALLAH"**

In accordance with the decree of His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014, JAIS has referred the case of seizure of Bibles in Malaysian language which contain the word "Allah" to the Public Prosecutor for the purpose of prosecution in court.

However, the Public Prosecutor has decided that no prosecution against any party will be instituted and there will also be no reference will be made to Court with regards to the return of the Bibles containing the word "Allah" that had been confiscated. However, the Public Prosecutor has ordered that the disposal of these Bibles containing the word "Allah" be made in accordance with the law.

Thus, taking into account the order and the matter has been conveyed to His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor to discuss the issue, and after consulting the Council of the Royal Court, MAIS was commanded by His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor to dispose of these Bibles containing the word "Allah" by returning them to the Association of Churches in Sarawak ( ACS) represented by its Chairman, The Most Revd Archbishop Datuk Bolly Lapok, who is also Archbishop of South East Asia, Bishop of Kuching and Acting President of the Council of Churches of Malaysia, on behalf of the Bible Society of Malaysia. The return of these Bibles containing the word "Allah" was done during the course of a courtesy call on His Royal Highness at Istana Alam Shah, Klang earlier today by the The Most Revd Archbishop.

The return of these Bibles containing the word "Allah" is made with strict conditions that Bibles containing the word "Allah" are not to be distributed in the State of Selangor, especially to the people of Muslim faith and these Bibles containing the word "Allah" are only for the usage of Christians in Sarawak.

This settlement is to respect each other's religious beliefs and maintain the sensitivity of various religions in the country.

In addition to the above, His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor expects other faiths to also respect and protect religious sensitivities of Muslims in this country, especially in the state of Selangor and hope that the distribution as well as the printing of Bibles that contain the word "Allah" is no longer done in the State of Selangor, as it is an offense under the Non-Islamic Religious Enactment (Control Development Among Muslims), 1988.

Thank you.



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