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MB welcomes move to standardise Islamic laws

SHAH ALAM, Thurs. - Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar said today the State Government would abide by whatever decision made by the National Religious Development Committee on the proposed standardisation of Islamic laws.

The committee's chairman is Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Abu Hassan said it had always been the State Government's stand that the implementation of Islamic laws in the country is standardised.

Abu Hassan last week said he was willing to meet with Dr Mahathir to discuss the matter.

The discrepancies in the implementation of Islamic laws, especially in Selangor, came under intense public debate following the arrest of three women for taking part in a beauty contest, by the Selangor Religious Department.

Speaking to reporters after presenting diplomas and certificates to 309 graduands of Inспен College today, Abu Hassan said he welcomed Dr Mahathir's decision to meet with all the Malay rulers to discuss standardising Islamic laws.

Islamic administration and laws do not come under the Federal Government's jurisdiction as they are under the purview of the respective State Governments.

"I am very happy with Dr Mahathir's statement." he said.

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