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Religious leaders on AIDS study

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - The Malaysian AIDS Council will send a seven-member team of Malaysian religious leaders on a week-long study tour of Uganda from tomorrow.

Council president Marina Mahathir said today the team, to be led by MAC's executive director Nik Fahmee Nik Hussin, will learn about the "AIDS Education Through Imams", a project pioneered by the Islamic Medical Association of Uganda (IMAU).

Marina said the excursion by MAC, the first of its kind would expose the country's Islamic religious leaders to the HIV/AIDS situation in Uganda and on the best practices on HIV/AIDS in the context of Islam there.

She said the team will also attend the International Muslim Leaders Consultation on HIV/AIDS in Kampala as part of the tour.

The team comprises Perlis mufti Datuk Mat Jahya Husin; Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (Jakim) Family Development, Social and Mosque Management Division assistant director Mohd Radzuan Abdullah; National Mosque imam Pirdaus Ismail; Jakim Secretariat and International Affairs Division assistant director Mashitah Abdullah; Jakim Training Division assistant director Norliah Sajuri; Federal Territory Mosque imam Mohamad Mohd Zain and Pengasih Clinical Department senior assistant Mohd Najib Mohamad Harun.

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