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TERENGGANU, AN ISLAMIC STATE SINCE 1999, SAYS HARUN TAIB

KUALA TERENGGANU, Nov 12 (Bernama) -- Terengganu became an Islamic state immediately when PAS was elected to power on Nov 29, 1999, the Terengganu state legislative assembly was told today.

State Education, Dakwah and Syariah Implementation Committee Chairman Harun Taib said that when the Election Commission announced that PAS had won the election, it marked the beginning of an Islamic government in Terengganu.

He said this in reply to Datuk Abu Bakar Ali (BN-Kemasik) who wanted to know as to when would Terengganu be officially declared as an Islamic state.

Harun said the state government use unwritten law in governing the state.

On whether the previous Barisan Nasional (BN) government was not Islamic for using the same law, he said it had nothing to do with the state government.

On challenge made by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that PAS put in writing its concept of an Islamic state, Harun said there was no need for that as they were described in the Quran and Hadith.

To another question, he said six students sponsored by the Terengganu Foundation were still studying in an institution of higher learning in Pakistan and they were all safe.

Replying to Rosol Wahid (BN-Ajil), he said the move to segregate students according to sex in religious secondary schools was only on trial basis.

Psychologically, he said when boys meet girls, their performance suffered.

"We have started it last year in Form One and this will be continued in stages," he said.

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