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It's in the Constitution

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's declaration that Malaysia was an Islamic country on Sept 29, 2001 has not gone against the social contract and Constitution.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Hamid Zainal Abidin said this was because the Constitution recognised Islam as the official religion and followers of other religions were given the freedom to practise their beliefs. In a written reply to Kerk Kim Hock (DAP-Kota Melaka), he said the social contract was agreed upon by the country's leaders when the nation attained independence. "The Government has no plans to make any changes, including amending the Constitution to provide proof that Malaysia is an Islamic state."

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