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PM TO CHAIR SPECIAL MEETING ON SYARIAH LAW

PENANG, Jan 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will hold a special meeting soon with religious councils and the relevant parties to discuss the standardisation of syariah law in the states, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Hamid Zainal Abidin.

He told reporters here today that even though efforts had been made to standardise the syariah law and the Islamic Family Enactment in the states, various problems on the technical aspect still occur.

He said that the special meeting would provide an opportunity for discussions to be held on the technical problems that arose even though the standardisation of the syariah law had been consented to by the Conference of Rulers.

"We're serious in efforts to standardise the syariah law and that's the reason why we introduced the E-Syariah to enable the Syariah Courts to be linked," he said after meeting 470 intending pilgrims who departed from the Bayan Lepas International Airport.

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