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HADI: T'GGANU SYARIAH CRIMINAL ENACTMENT TO BE GAZETTED NEXT MONTH

MARANG, Sept 26 (Bernama) -- The Terengganu Syariah Criminal Enactment (Hudud and Qisas) will be gazetted next month and enforced immediately, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said today.

He said the enactment passed by the state assembly last year had received the royal assent from the Sultan of Terengganu Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin.

It would be gazetted before Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad retires at the end of next month, he said.

"The enactment is in the process of being gazetted, God Willing, it will be gazetted in October," he told reporters.

The enactment was passed by the state assembly on July 8 last year.

In enforcing the enactment, Hadi said the courts, prosecution and enforcers would be the main elements who would ensure implementation of the enactment.

He said the state government was restructuring the courts, including making new appointments and giving training to syariah judges in foreign countries on the implementation of the enactment.

He said Syariah High Court judges would be appointed from among the experienced ones.

On the enforcement aspect, Hadi said the police would be vested with the powers to investigate and assist the People's Consultative Committee in carrying out operations.

He said the Syariah Court would determine the offences.

The state government was prepared to explain to the police if it was deemed necessary by the authorities, it added.

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