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Shahrizat-Standardise

STANDARDISED ISLAMIC FAMILY LAW IN THREE MONTHS

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 24 (Bernama) -- The standising of Islamic Family Law will be discussed at the Islamic Family Law Standardisation Issues Committee meeting on Feb 18.

Women and Family Development Minister Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil said the committee, chaired by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Rais Yatim, would discuss the Federal Territory Syariah Law format usage as a draft towards implementing the standardisation.

The meeting would also discuss the process of setting up the Family Court to quicken the legal process for such cases, Shahrizat told reporters after launching the Galeri Gaya Hidup Sutera Harbour here today.

She said the move to gazette the law is being discussed and the ministry would be there only monitor this.

"With the standardisation, Malaysians will at least know that there is one Syariah law that would be used. And if implementation problems crop up then it can be improved on from time to time," she said.

She hoped, with the standardisation, the problems of individuals getting married in Thailand would be settled. Shahrizat said the standardised law implementation would take three months.

Earlier, Shahrizat launched the Galeri Gaya Hidup Sutera Harbour, a consolidated holiday centre in Asia located in the heart of Kota Kinabalu.

Sutera Harbour Resort, tourism project worth RM2.2 bilion, covered a 172.8hectare site by the beach. The project was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad in 2000.

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