

## **Gerakan to go to court if Islamic law change is passed**

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Kedah Gerakan Youth has threatened to file legal action against the government if Parliament passes the amendment to Section 107(b) of the Administration of Islamic Law (Federal Territories), which allows one parent to convert an underaged child to Islam.

NONEIts chief Tan Keng Liang (left) said Article 12 (2) of the federal constitution should be defended at all times.

"If the Bill to amend Section 107 (b) is passed by the Parliament, Kedah Gerakan Youth will not hesitate to challenge the law, as it goes against the spirit of the federal constitution," Tan said.

MCA central committee member Loh Seng Kok has also called on the seven MCA MPs to break ranks with the BN and to vote against the Bill.

MIC treasurer-general Jaspal Singh had also expressed shock over the tabling of the amendment Bill saying that the party had never been consulted on it.

Bar Council chairperson Christopher Leong was the first to oppose the amending of the Islamic law, saying that the unilateral conversion of a minor to Islam by one of the parents is unconstitutional.

The proposed amendment has also been strongly opposed by the Malaysian Consultative Council on Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism and Taoism (MCCBCHST), which also echoed the objection raised by Leong.

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