

**PAS leader: MAS' sins led to Allah's wrath**  
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MH17 Following the tragedies which have befallen the national carrier, Kedah PAS Youth wants the government and MAS to look into the aspect of Allah's wrath "in the bellies of the planes" as the airline has flouted Islamic rules.

"In serving alcohol (which is prohibited by Islam) and the dressing of (MAS flight attendants) which cross the boundaries of Islam," said Kedah PAS Youth information chief Ahmad Tarmizi Sulaiman.

He was commenting on the MH17 tragedy, where a MAS plane en route from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur with 298 people on board was shot down over Ukraine on Thursday.

On the same note, Tarmizi (left) expressed Kedah PAS Youth's sadness and sympathy to the victims and their families.

But as an Islamic party, he said, PAS felt that the time has come for the government and the top management of MAS to view the problems besetting MAS from the most basic of issues, the element of God and his creation.

"Flying in a MAS plane does not give passengers the feeling of an airline operated by a country which organises the annual Quran recital competition and in fact, even winning the competition," he added.

Tarmizi said this disappointed those who view the Quranic verses as having numerous references to alcohol and dressing.

The PAS Youth leader also cited a verse, which called on the pious to embrace Islam in total and not to follow in the ways of the devil.

He said ignoring the tenets of Islam regarding alcohol and dressing means disregarding a portion of the Quran's contents.

"If the government wishes to introspect and to garner the blessings of Allah, what is wrong in conducting a study on the percentage of passengers who would not fly MAS if alcohol is not served and its flight attendants observe the Muslim dress code?" he asked.

Among those who perished in the MH17 incident were scores of women and children, including 44 Malaysians.

Tarmizi's views, however, were contradicted by popular preacher and Zimbabwean mufti

Ismail Musa Menk (left in picture), who said one cannot conclude that Allah is angry.

"In fact, it is a test that we, who believe accept that a test means a destiny that we need to go through as best as possible under the circumstances," he is quoted by Bernama as saying.

He spoke after calling on Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak today.

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