

**Sultan Of Selangor Expresses Regret Over Attempts To Ridicule Islam**  
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SHAH ALAM, Dec 8 (Bernama) -- The Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah has expressed his regret over attempts by certain quarters to ridicule Islam.

Hence, Sultan Sharafuddin said as the state's head of Islam, he wanted the Selangor Islamic Religious Council (Mais) to defend the sanctity of the religion.

Mais members should transform the body into a highly acclaimed institution to gain the respect of all communities, he said when presenting letters of appointment to 20 Mais members for the 2012-2014 term at Istana Bukit Kayangan here Thursday.

He also asked the people not to belittle Islamic institutions in administering Islamic affairs and Muslim economy to the extend of interfering in Islamic administration for political or personal interests.

The Sultan of Selangor said this would cause uneasiness among Muslims in Selangor and erode their confidence in Islamic religious institutions.

He also reminded Mais members and Muslims to be wary of attempts by certain quarters to bring down Islam by exploiting the weaknesses of Islamic institutions by claiming that the religion impeded progress and prosperity.

"As such, Mais members and Muslims should remain each other to remain united and work together to uphold Islam to ensure that it becomes a revered and respected religion," he said.

Sultan Sharafuddin said the people of various races in the state should live in peace and prosperity and enjoy the wealth together.

He hoped the people of Selangor would abide by the federal and state constitutions on Islam as the federal and state religion while other religions were allowed to be practised.

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