

**Ulama Cannot Compromised On Faith, Syariah - Perak Mufti
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SHAH ALAM, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- Ulama (Islamic scholars) cannot compromised on the issue of faith and syariah among Muslims, says Perak mufti Tan Sri Harussani Zakaria.

He said they have to cast aside their political leanings and act immediately if they see something bad happening.

"Ulama should not be influenced by the stands taken by their political parties. They should have the courage to stand up and be counted," he told reporters after taking part in a discourse entitled "Scholars for missionary or party politics?" at Karangkrak Complex here today.

The other panel members were PAS information chief Datuk Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man and Umno Islamic scholar Fathul Bari Mat Jayaha while former Perlis mufti Assoc Prof Dr Mohd Asri Zainul Abidin acted as a moderator.

Harussani said there was nothing wrong with disagreement among political parties but it should be avoided if it would lead to destruction, including labelling others as infidels.

"Our job it to reach out and the rest is up to Allah. As ulama, we should observe the correct path and let's debate in a civilised manner to avoid disunity. But now I can see disunity had been happening," he said.

On a check carried out by the Selangor Islamic Religious Department (Jais) on the Damansara Utama Methodist Church (DUMC) on Aug 3, he said Muslims should come to Jais' defence.

"There is no compromise on the issue of faith. As enshrined in the Constitution, it is wrong to christianise Muslims and Jais's action should be defended.

"As Muslims, it is our obligations to carry out jihad (a constant struggle to preserve one's faith and defend the rights) on the issue," he added.

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