

Jamil Khir says keeping close eye on OWC
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 27 — The Obedient Wives Club (OWC) is coming under government surveillance for possible Islamic deviationist elements, Bernama Online reported Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom as saying today.

"They are portraying Prophet Muhammad as having a high sexual desire by marrying many women," the de facto minister of Islamic affairs was quoted as saying in the report.

The controversial motivational group re-entered the limelight on Wednesday by launching a new campaign, "The Prophet, Islam's Sacred Sex Figure", to commemorate Maulidur Rasul this year.

The 12-day affair, held in conjunction with the Prophet Muhammad's birthday, is aimed at reversing moral decay in Muslim society.

Today, Jamil said religious authorities had limited options when it came to the group as it was not expressly an Islamic organisation.

"The problem is, this group is operating under the guise of a non-governmental organisation (NGO), making it difficult for the government to take immediate action," he was quoted further in the report.

"They are operating behind different names. We cannot simply take action without having clear proof. What we can do is to watch out for the contents of the programmes they organise."

The OWC, which believes women should behave like "first-class whores" for their husbands if they wished their marriages to succeed, last hit the headlines in October when it published an explicit guide to "Islamic sex".

The book, which caused uproar among the public and women's rights groups, was later banned by the Home Ministry.

The ministry said the book was banned because of OWC's links to the outlawed Al-Arqam movement, and for falling foul of the strict censorship guidelines of the Department of Islamic Development (Jakim).

The OWC was founded by Global Ikhwan, an offshoot of Al-Arqam.

The club has branched out to Indonesia, Singapore and Jordan, and claims to have 2,000 members, most of whom are Malaysians.

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