

**Himpun to push for anti-apostasy laws through Agong**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 18 — Himpun will present a resolution to the Yang diPertuan Agong this April to push for the enactment of anti-apostasy laws, Sinar Harian reported today.

The group, a coalition of Muslim NGOs known as Himpunan Sejuta Umat or Gathering of a Million Faithful, insisted this was necessary as it claimed proselytism towards Muslims remained rampant in Malaysia.

Himpun secretary Aminuddin Yahaya warned against attempts by non-Muslims to convince Muslims to abandon their faiths, adding that a pro-apostasy website has even been set up.

“This social networking website is open to those who have already been converted.

“But these activities are done very subtly... some even become religious people in order to better spread influence... They usually target the youth,” he was quoted as saying in the Malay daily.

Aminuddin said Himpun plans to send a 10-point resolution to Yang diPertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu’adzam Shah this April.

He also announced Himpun’s fifth roadshow, this time to be held this February 25 at the Batu Buruk Stadium in Terengganu. Some 5,000 are expected to attend the gathering.

Among others, he said the group plans to air videos showing confessions of those who had been converted out of Islam.

“These are some of the evidence that we have obtained. They came forward on their own accord; there was no persuasion from anyone,” he was reported as saying.

Himpun was mooted following the controversial August 3 raid last year by Selangor Islamic authorities on the Damansara Utama Methodist Church (DUMC) in Petaling Jaya, where it was alleged that Christians were proselytising to Muslims.

It is illegal to proselytise to Muslims in Malaysia.

Christian leaders have denied the claims and have called Himpun’s struggle “irrelevant”.