

**Prevent The Spread Of Pluralism, Liberalism Among Muslims - Mohd Ali
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MELAKA, March 9 (Bernama) -- Melaka Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam today called on Islamic religious authorities to join forces to prevent the spread of religious pluralism and liberalism among Muslims in this country in line with the fatwa (edict) banning the two ideologies.

He said the Malaysian Islamic Development Department, state Islamic religious departments, Mufti Department, Syariah Court, Islamic non-governmental organizations, Islamic scholars and the Muslim community as a whole must play their roles to formulate strategies to ensure success of this effort.

"The prevalence of the ideology that emphasizes freedom and religious equality, such as pluralism and liberalism, is a negative development because it can destroy the social and administration system of the state and the country."

He said this when closing the seminar on Pluralism and Liberalism Ideologies in Religion here today.

Mufti of Perak Tan Sri Harussani Zakaria and religious preacher Dr Muhammad Uthman El-Muhammady were among those who presented their working papers at the two-day seminar.

The muzakarah (discussion) by the Fatwa Committee of the National Council of Islamic Affairs in July 2006 had decided that the liberal thinking ideology is a deviation from Islam.

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