

OIC To Address Religious Intolerance Against Muslims
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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 3 (Bernama) -- The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) will hold a meeting with legal and human rights experts to address religious intolerance against Muslims, it said in a statement.

The meeting, to be held in Istanbul on Jan 6 and 7, will be opened by OIC secretary-general Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, it said, adding that in November 2012, the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) had met in Djibouti, and the council had decided to have a meeting this year.

In a resolution passed at the CFM meeting, Ihsanoglu was required to form a panel of eminent people to advise OIC member states on international law and to combat discrimination and intolerance against Muslims.

Rizwan Sheikh, a spokesperson for Human Rights Issues at the OIC, said Islamophobia, discrimination and intolerance against Muslims were some of the issues that the OIC wanted to address.

He said a core panel set up by Ihsanoglu consisted of three eminent lawyers and human rights practitioners, namely Cherif Bassiouni, Doudou Diene and Ahmer Bilal Soofi.

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