

**500 Islamic NGO Members Gather To Show Support Over Kalimah Allah Case**  
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PUTRAJAYA, Sept 10 (Bernama) -- About 500 members of Islamic non-governmental organisations (NGOs) gathered in front of the Palace of Justice, here, from 8am Tuesday to show support for the government's appeal case over the use of the word "Allah" by the Catholic weekly publication, The Herald.

Among the NGOs represented were Pertubuhan Pribumi Perkasa (Perkasa), Ikatan Muslimin Malaysia (Isma), Pertubuhan Kebajikan Darul Islah (Perkid) and Pertubuhan-Pertubuhan Pembela Islam (Pembela).

They displayed banners with words like "Gereja Jangan Ceroboh Akidah Kami" (Church Not To Encroach Our Faith), "Selamatkan Kalimah Allah" (Save Word 'Allah') and "Nama Suci Allah Seratus Peratus Hak Umat Islam" (Sacred Name Allah Hundred Percent The Right Of Muslims) and dispersed at 5pm after the court proceeding ended.

Among the NGO leaders present were Perkasa president Datuk Ibrahim Ali, its vice-president Datuk Zulkifli Noordin who also held a watching brief, and Jalur Tiga Malaysia (Jati) president Datuk Dr Hasan Ali.

When met by reporters, Zulkifli said he observed that there was no full support from the Muslim community over the "kalimah Allah" issue.

"I have received tweets from Muslims themselves who question why we are preventing Christians from using the word 'Allah' without realising the implications if they are allowed to do so.

"There are also Muslims who messaged me that it would be better for us to demonstrate against the oil price increase," he said.

In light of this, he urged Islamic NGOs to create awareness on the importance of this issue to the sanctity of Islam through ceramah and forums.

The Court of Appeal on Tuesday deferred its decision to a date to be fixed later on the appeal brought by the home ministry and the government against a High Court decision of allowing The Herald to use the word "Allah".

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