

Christians not Islam's enemies, says minister
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Islam does not have any enmity towards Christians, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom, in response to a parliamentary question today.

Jamil, who is the minister in charge of Islamic affairs, said while Islam is the religion of the federation, other religions are free to be practised.

Jamil said this in response to a supplementary question from DAP's Beruas Member of Parliament Datuk Ngeh Koo Ham.

Ngeh queried if there was any truth in a report on the Friday sermon prepared by the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (Jakim) at a mosque on August 30, in which Christians were labelled as enemies of Islam.

Jamil however sidestepped Ngeh's question on the Friday sermon, saying Islam was a state matter under the Agong and state Rulers.

He said freedom to practise other religions was evident even in Parliament today, saying a Muslim like him was answering a question from Ngeh, who is a Christian.

He went on to say that as Islam is the official religion, religious authorities in the country have a duty to promote the faith among Muslims.

Earlier, PAS's Marang MP Datuk Seri Hadi Awang wanted to know the measures by Jakim to educate people on the diversity of sects in Islam in order to preserve harmony in the Muslim community. - September 23, 2013.

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