

**Accept Allah decision or migrate, says Muslim rights group**  
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A Muslim rights group has urged Christians in the country to accept the Court of Appeal's decision on the Allah issue or consider migrating.

Ikatan Muslimin Malaysia president Abdullah Zaik Abd Rahman said Christians must accept the supremacy of Islam in the country and safeguard the country's harmony among races and religion.

He warned that Muslims will oppose any move which threatened their position in the Constitution.

"Abandon any efforts that will affect racial harmony as Muslims will oppose any ill-intention from any party," Abdullah Zaik said in a statement today.

"They can choose to move to another country if they cannot accept the supremacy of Islam and the royalty that protects the supremacy of the religion."

This morning, the Court of Appeal banned the Catholic Church in Malaysia from using the word Allah in the Bahasa Malaysia section of the weekly newspaper, Herald.

The three-man bench, led by Datuk Seri Mohamed Apandi Ali found that "the name Allah was not an integral part of the Christian faith and practice and that such usage if allowed, will inevitably cause confusion within the community".

The Allah row began in early 2009 when the Home Ministry threatened to revoke Herald's permit for using the word Allah in its Bahasa Malaysia section to refer to God.

This prompted the Catholic Church to sue the government for violating its constitutional rights.

On December 31, 2009, the High Court allowed the church's judicial review application and lifted the Home Minister's ban on the use of the word in the publication.

Judge Lau Bee Lan said the church had a constitutional right to use the word Allah in its newspaper on the grounds that religions other than Islam can be practised in peace and harmony. - October 14, 2014.

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