

**Azmin takes seized Bibles issue to Selangor palace**  
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The issue of the seized Malay and Iban-language Bibles has once again been referred to the Selangor palace, this time by Selangor Menteri Besar Mohamed Azmin Ali, seeking a solution to the case which has dragged on for almost a year.

Azmin said he also had meeting with the Selangor Islamic Affairs Department (Jais) and the Selangor Islamic Affairs Council (Mais) on the matter.

"The outcome will be made known soon. If you can wait for six months, can't you wait a few more days?" he told reporters today after launching the state dengue eradication programme.

The 321 Bibles in Bahasa Malaysia and Iban were seized by Jais in January. Attorney-General (A-G) Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail had ordered the Bibles to be returned to the Bible Society of Malaysia (BSM), after the Selangor government under then MB, Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim referred the matter to him.

Although the A-G concluded that BSM had done nothing wrong, Mais insisted there were grounds to prosecute BSM under the Selangor Non-Islamic Religions (Control of Propagation among Muslims) Enactment 1988.

Khalid then referred the matter to the Sultan of Selangor who ordered Jais to refer the matter to the state public prosecutor.

Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah's private secretary Datuk Mohamad Munir Bani had then said that the Sultan's order was in line with the minutes issued by the A'G's Chambers that "Jais has to act in accordance to the law on the issue of the seized Bibles".

"Jais should promptly refer it to the state public prosecutor for it to be brought to court for final determination," the sultan said in the statement.

The Sultan also said the issue should not be politicised by any quarter resulting in confusion by proposing solutions which are not based on the law.

However, the ruler did not state which court the authorities should refer the matter to – civil or Shariah. – November 3, 2014.

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