

Issue fatwa to declare G25 deviants, Perkasa tells Putrajaya
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Malay right-wing group Perkasa today urged Putrajaya to declare the G25 group of prominent Malays advocating moderation in Islam as deviants.

The proposal was raised in a motion at the 6th Perkasa annual general assembly in Kuala Lumpur today.

Perkasa said the federal government should take a firm stance on G25, which recently called for a review of Shariah laws, to defend the sanctity of Islam.

"In view of liberal and pluralistic thoughts that are becoming more widespread which can challenge Islam's believers, this assembly condemns the rudeness of G25 and urges the government to be firm and to stop this kind of thinking by issuing a fatwa declaring G25 as a deviant group," the motion read.

The motion was moved by Kuala Kangsar Perkasa chief Kamaruddin Yaakob and seconded by Johor Perkasa secretary-general Amir Hamzah Ghazali.

G25 emerged late last year with its open letter to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak calling for moderation in Islam and rational dialogue on Malaysia's Islamic laws.

They have continued to advocate moderation and recently called for a review of Shariah laws to stop moral policing of Muslims' private lives.

Its spokesperson, former ambassador Datuk Noor Farida Ariffin, cited khalwat (close proximity) laws as an example for review, and was threatened with sexual harm and death recently on social media.

Noor Farida is also being investigated under the Sedition Act for the remarks and four police reports have been lodged against her in various states, Malacca police chief Datuk Chuah Ghee Lye said. – December 20, 2015.

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