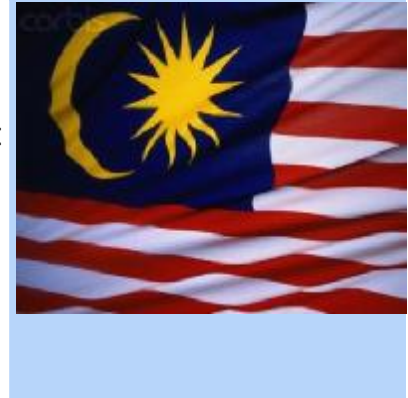


Islamic Authority in Malaysia Bans Qadiyani Activities and Centre

Ahmadiyya Community persecuted for its spiritual beliefs and threatened with imprisonment and fines.

(PETALING JAYA, Malaysia) - The Selangor Council of Islamic Religion in Malaysia has issued a notice ordering the Ahmadiyya Community Malaysia to immediately stop offering Friday Prayer services at the national AMC headquarters, the so-called Bait-us-Salam Mosque.



Various other activities of AMC Malaysia have also been banned under the terms of the notice and members of the AMC have been threatened with imprisonment and fines if they do not comply.

The Selangor Council of Islamic Religion which is also known as 'Majlis Agama Islam Selangor' (MAIS) is the highest Islamic authority in the Selangor State apart from the Sultan of Malaysia.

On April 24, 2009 several MAIS officers came to the so-called Bait-us-Salam Mosque and issued a notice under the 'Selangor State Enactment on the Administration of Islamic Law 2003.' The notice stated:

- 1) AMC Malaysia no longer has permission to offer Friday prayers at the so-called Bait-us-Salam Mosque.
- 2) AMC Malaysia no longer has official permission to use so-called Bait-us-Salam as a Mosque.
- 3) AMC Malaysia no longer has permission to conduct activities related to the so-called mosque such as appointing officers and managing the premises.

Furthermore a notice has been placed around the so-called Mosque stating 'Qadiani Bukan Agama Islam.' This translates as '**Ahmadiyya is not an Islamic Religion.**'

In its order, the MAIS has stated that failure by the Ahmadiyya Community to comply with the terms of the order will result in imprisonment of up to one year and/or a fine up to RM3000 (~\$850 USD).