

Study on the rights of the LGBT in Malaysia

SUHAKAM is currently conducting a study on the rights of the LGBT (Lesbians, Gays, Bi-sexuals and Transgender) in Malaysia. On 2nd September 2010, the LRITWG held a meeting regarding Islamic perspective on LGBT with various organizations such as JAWI, MAIWP, JKSM, the Attorney General's Chambers, the Bar Council and the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development. The objective of the meeting was to assist SUHAKAM in understanding the sensitivities of LGBT issue in Islam, at the same time to have an open discussion regarding the matter. The focus of the discussion was Islam's stand on some of the activities of LGBT such as same sex intercourse, cross dressing, gender reassignment and imitation of the opposite sex.

The meeting is part of SUHAKAM's effort in formulating a concrete stand on the rights of the LGBT. SUHAKAM shall engage with the LGBT group and other religious organizations to further understand and pursue the matter through different perspectives.

SUHAKAM however maintains that human rights are for all and the LGBT group are not excluded. LGBT must be respected as human beings and their differences cannot be used as reasons to violate their rights. There can be no justifications for acts such as name calling, bullying and infliction of bodily harms against them.