

PROPOSAL

WORLD CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN ISLAM

Organized by

Muslim Youth Movement of Malaysia



Date

21-23 September 2013

Theme

"CIVIL STATE WITH ISLAMIC REFERENCE"

Venue

**PUTRAJAYA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE
PUTRAJAYA**

Website:

<http://worldconferenceonislamichumanrights.wordpress.com>

INTRODUCTION

Recent years have seen a surge in people's uprising particularly in the Middle East and North Africa, from Tunisia to Egypt, Libya, Jordan, Yemen including the Gulf Cooperation Council countries. The uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa provide the most significant development in the Muslims world. In carrying out an assessment of these phenomenons, undeniably, the main issues involved in these Muslims uprisings are human rights and democracy. In view of this significant development in the Muslims world, an initiative to organize a Conference on Human Rights and Democracy in Islam is considered as an essential effort undertaken by ABIM to promote a sense of better understanding about Islam and at the same time to be an ideal platform for exchanging of ideas to identify the best model for an ideal form of state particularly for Muslims countries. In order to stimulate the discourse on Rights and Democracy in the Muslims World, ABIM specifically chooses 'Civil State with Islamic Reference' as the conference theme this year.

With the lack of understanding about Islam particularly Human Rights and Democracy in Islam by non-Muslims community and even Muslims themselves, it is extremely important to study and gain fresh insights into the origin of Islamic Human Rights and Democracy and its development, to examine the model and appropriate approach, to identify issues and challenges and to discuss the ideal form of state with reference to the framework of human rights and democracy. Misconception of human rights and democracy in Islam is contended to be amongst the main factors of terrorism and extremism as well as inappropriate reaction and response to modernity and post-modernity. As a result, in contradiction with its normative features of religion of peace as embedded in *al Quran* and *al Sunnah*, Islam on the other hand has been pictured as a religion of intolerant and violence. This serious misconception hence triggers the need for Muslims community and association to rectify and deconstruct the 'brand' of Islamic revivalism or the Muslims uprisings. Based on this motivation, the Conference aims to provide an ideal platform for exchange of ideas amongst the scholars, practitioners, individual or institution involved in *da'wah* movement, academic, students and any other person interested on the topic by promoting the effort and endeavor to rebranding and realigning the concept, model, approach and implementation of human rights and democracy in Islam.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference is aimed at promoting a sense of understanding and awareness about the Human Rights and Democracy in Islam with the theme of 'Civil State with Islamic Reference'. The objectives of the Conference are:

- As a platform for intellectual discussions and dialogues in order to create a sense of understanding about issues pertaining to Human Rights and Democracy in Islam;

- To promote religious tolerance and community cohesion by realigning, rebranding and reconceptualizing the idea of state;
- To generate discourse and promote the idea of Civil State with Islamic Reference rather than Islamic state; and
- To provide opportunity for dakwah networking and cooperation towards promoting better understanding of Islam.

HOSTING

The Conference will be organised by ABIM. ABIM always welcomes any parties interested to collaborate or to jointly organize this conference. In fact, strategic collaboration may further support and ensure the success of the conference particularly in terms of cooperation, workforce, participant, sponsor and resources.

BENEFITS OF THE CONFERENCE

This Conference provides a suitable platform where participants and speakers from diverse backgrounds may share and exchange their thoughts and ideas. Any input, ideas and information discussed are available for further attention by everyone involved within the fraternity, ranging from the Muslims and Non-Muslims association, NGOs, administrator, dakwah entities and associations, law and policy maker, academia, researchers, students, and community at large. It is expected that the Conference will be a platform, directly or indirectly, in discussing issues on human rights and democracy in Islam from various perspectives and further proliferate better cooperation amongst the individuals and institutions involved in the Conference. Any media coverage about the Conference with numerous interesting and illuminating papers from multi-dimensional perspectives on the topic will further stimulate and enhance the awareness on the actual concept of Islam as a religion of peace and hence will be able, to some extent to rectify and remedy any of its misconception.

DETAILS OF THE CONFERENCE

- **Organizing Committee:** See Appendix I
- **Date:** 21-23 September 2013
- **Venue:** Putrajaya International Convention Centre (Subject to change)
- **Details of the Conference Programme:** See Appendix 2
- **Participation:** The Conference is expecting about 250-300 participants. The main target of the audiences are non-governmental agencies; dakwah entities or association, Muslim activists, human rights associations, students association, academia; politicians; representatives from governmental agencies and private

sectors; undergraduate and post-graduate students; higher education institutions; research Centers; researchers and interested individuals.

- **Publication**

Selected papers will be considered for publication in a special edition book entitled '*Human Rights and Democracy in Islam: Civil State with Islamic Reference as a Model*'. This book will be a good reference on the topic of Human Rights and Democracy as it offers numerous information and facts from multi-dimensional perspectives.

- **Contact Persons**

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- **Theme of the Conference**

The Conference will be held for two days. The program includes two keynote addresses, four sessions and 2 plenary sessions in accordance with the themes of the Conference.

The theme of the Conference is "*Civil State with Islamic Reference*". The Conference cordially invites any interested persons in any area or field of study and this includes politics; economy, theology, law, *Shari'ah*, philosophy, social, international affairs, governance and etc to attend and actively participate in the conference.

- **Budget: See Appendix 3**

CONCLUSION

As one of the most influential Muslims Non-Governmental Organizations in Malaysia, ABIM takes this initiative to organize a very important event of the Conference on Human Rights and Democracy in Islam. This time, we specifically choose '*Civil State with Islamic Reference*' as the conference theme. With this humble endeavor of ABIM, it is hoped that the Conference will be an ideal platform to foster healthy discourse and to promote a sense of understanding about the issue on Human Rights and Democracy in Islam. The Conference also attempts to provide an appropriate avenue for exchange of ideas and thoughts towards mapping out the strategies towards the best possible model for an ideal form of state.

APPENDIX I
WORLD CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN ISLAM
ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Director
Amidi Abdul Manan

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Hasri Harun
Maria Kamel

Registration/ Participation
Nor Azura Kamaruddin Sohaimi
Lathifah Ulfa Ismail

Souvenir and Book Souvenir
Mohd Khairul Anwar Ismail
Dr. Shahrizal Azwan Samsudin

Special Task
Syahrir Azfar Saleh

APPENDIX 2
TENTATIVE

September 21, 2012 (Saturday)

- 0800-0900 - Registration
- 0900-0930 - Opening Session
- Recitation of *al Quran*
- Opening Remarks: President of ABIM, Malaysia
- 0930-1030 - Keynote Address I
- Theme: *Human Right and Democracy In Islam: Civil State With Islamic Reference Model*
- Chair: Dato' Dr. Siddiq Fadhil, President of Wadah, Malaysia
- Speaker: Sheikh Rashid Ganoushi
(Founding father of Al Nahda Movement in Tunisia);
- 10.30-10.45 - ABIM Multimedia Presentation
- 1045-11.15 - Break
- 1115-12.00 - Session 1:
- Theme: *Doctrine of Islamic State: Revisit*
- Chair: Tuan Haji Ahmad Azam Abd Rahman, Global Peace Mission
- Speaker: Professor Dr. Abdul Wahhab El Affendi
(Centre for the study of Democracy, University of Westminster, UK);
- 1200-12.45 - Session 2:
- Theme: *The Turkish Model: Critical Analysis*
- Chair: Dr. Zulkifli Hasan, ABIM
- Professor Dr. Mehmet Asutay
(Reader in Political Economy, School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University)
- 1300-1400 - Lunch and Prayer

- 1400-1545 - **Plenary Session I**
 - **Theme: *Conflict in the Muslims World I: Issues on Human Rights and Democracy (Asian Experience)***
 - **Chair: Amidi Abdul Manan, President, ABIM**
 - **Panelists:**
Issues in Myanmar: Representative of Rohingya People
Issues in Philippines: Representative of MILF
Issues in Southern Thailand: Representative of Southern Thailand People
Issues in Bangladesh: Representative of Jamaat Islami Bangladesh
- 1545-1600 - **Break**
- 1600-1745 - **Plenary Session II**
 - **Theme: *Conflict in the Muslims World II: Issues on Human Rights and Democracy (Middle East and North Africa Experience)***
 - **Chair: Mohd Naim Mohd Noor, Vice President, ABIM**
 - **Speakers:**
Issues in Palestine: Representative of Hamas
Issues in Tunisia: Representative of al Nahda
Issues in Egypt: Representative of Muslim Brotherhood
- 1900-2230 - **Dinner Reception, Award Presentation and Dakwah Networking**

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- 0900-0945 - **Session III**
 - **Theme: *Human Right and Democracy: Issues and Challenges (European Experiences)***
 - **Chair: Dr. Abdul Razak Arifin, NADWAH**
 - **Speaker: Sheikh Dr. Mustafa Ceric (Grand Mufti of Bosnia and Herzegovina)**
- 0945-10.15 - **Break**
- 10.00-1045 - **Session IV**
 - **Theme: *Human Right and Democracy: Issues and Challenges (North American Experiences)***
 - **Chair: Jufitri Joha, Chairman, International Affairs Bureau, ABIM**
 - **Speaker: Imam Mohamed Hagmagid Ali (President of Islamic Society of North America)**

- 1015-11.00 - **Keynote Address II**
- **Theme: Civil State with Islamic Reference as a Model: The Way Forward**
- **Chair: Professor Dr. Redzuan Othman, Wadah**
- **Speaker: Professor Tariq Ramadan**
(Professor of Contemporary Islamic Studies, Oxford University)

- 1230-12.45 - **Conference Resolution**

- 12.45-1300 - **Closing Remarks**

- 1300-1400 - **Lunch and Prayer**

TOUR DE KUALA LUMPUR (Interested Participants)
September 23, 2013 (Monday)

- 0830 Visit to Putrajaya, Federal Territory, Malaysia.

- 1200 Visit to ABIM Headquarters

- 1230 Prayer and lunch

- 1330 Visit to Islamic Museum/ National Museum/ Parliament of Malaysia

- 1700 Solat at National Mosque

- 1730 Shopping Time at Bukit Bintang Plaza.

- 1830 Back to hotel

WELCOMING DINNER AND AWARD PRESENTATION

September 21, 2012 (Saturday)

- 2000-2015 - *Arrival of the VIP*
- 2015-2030 - Doa Recitation
Welcome Speech by the President of ABIM
ABIM Multimedia Presentation
- 2030-2100 - Keynote Address by *Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim*
- *Human Rights and Democracy in the Muslims World*
- 2100-2110 - Award Presentation:
- ABIM's Lifetime Achievement Award in Islamic Activism
- **Sheikh Rashid Ganoushi**
(Founding father of Al Nahda Movement in Tunisia)
- 2115-2230 - Dinner and Islamic Cultural Performance.

APPENDIX 3

BUDGET

(A)	Income	RM
	Registration fees	
	a) Malaysians (RM 700 X 100)	70,000.00
	b) Overseas (RM 875 (USD250) X 75)	65,625.00
	c) Students (RM200 X 25)	5,000.00
	d) Exhibition Fees (RM500 x 10)	5,000.00
	Total Income	145625.00
	Sponsors	61, 875.00
	Total	207,500.00
(B)	Expenses	
	a) i. Estimation of seminar package RM150X300X2	60,000.00 10,000.00
	ii. Welcoming Dinner RM100X100	
	b) Honorarium for presenters (2 keynote speakers x 4 invited speakers and 7 plenary speakers)	10,000
	c) Souvenir book RM10X 250	2,500.00
	d) Token of memento: 14 Speakers (RM100)	1400.00
	e) Poster, Brochure and Cost for Multimedia Show	5000.00
	f) Stamps and phone calls	1,000.00
	g) Seminar bags (RM15 X 300)	4,500.00
	h) Proceeding CDs (RM5 X 300)	1,500.00
	i) Certificate of Attendance/Participation (RM2 X 300)	600.00
	j) Invited Speakers Accommodations and Travelling Expenses International Speakers: 13 persons	100,000
	k) Advertisement, promotion cum travelling claim (estimation)	10,000.00
	Total	207,500.00