

featured distinguished speakers in the field and was officiated over by Senator Raja Kamarul Bahrin Shah Ibni Raja Ahmad Baharuddin Shah, the Trengganu State Chairman of the National Trust Party.

The event comprised two main sessions. The morning session featured three prominent panellists. Dr Mohammad Hasan Zamani, a lecturer at Al-Mostafa University, Iran, presented on ways to overcome the *takfiri* crisis and model an ideal Islamic society. Dato Wira Abdul Ghani Samsudin, director of SHURA Malaysia, gave his insights into the Islamic approach to combating extremism and terrorism. Subsequently, Prof. Dr Danial bin Mohd. Yusof, a principal researcher at the Extremism Analytical Research Unit (EARU) ISTAC-IIUM, reminded us of the threat violent extremism poses in the digital age.

The evening session presented four main panellists. Mohd. Azmi bin Abdul Hamid, President of the Malaysian Consultative Council of Islamic Organisation (MAPIM), discussed the Islamophobia agenda in the West. Dr Muslim Imran, Director of the Palestinian Cultural Organisation Malaysia (PCOM), enlightened his audience about the Palestinian struggle and the challenge of Israeli-sponsored extremist groups. Meanwhile, Prof. Dr Ahmad Fauzi Abdul Hamid, professor of political science, University Sains Malaysia (USM), uncovered the reality of *takfirism* in contemporary Malaysia. The final panellist, Dr Chandra Muzaffar, President of JUST World, shared his thoughts on the role of imperialism and extremism in dividing the Muslim ummah.

The seminar attracted many participants from different backgrounds, ranging from academia to human right activists, NGOs and the public at large.

Forum: The Impact of Climate Change and Human-Made Hazards on Marine Environments in Malaysia (IAIS Malaysia, 20 January 2020)

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Anthropological hazards and climate change are threatening many natural resources and areas, including the sea, which is home to an astonishing array of biodiversity and marine ecosystems. Therefore, in this age of climate emergency, every citizen of the world has to examine their role in protecting the planet, especially as every faith teaches us to live sustainably with nature within a cyclical economy.

On 20 January 2020, a forum on ‘The Impact of Climate Change and Human-Made Hazards on Marine Environments in Malaysia’ was jointly organised by

IAIS Malaysia, Penang Forum, Muslim Youth Movement of Malaysia (ABIM) and National Union of Malaysian Muslim Students (PKPIM). This event addressed the fundamental impact of climate change and current governmental development policies on the marine environment and fisher-folk communities of Malaysia, notably Penang.

In this forum, Nazri Ahmad (Chairman, Pulau Penang Fishermen Association) raised concerns about marine habitat destruction and declining fish supplies in Malaysia due to drastic development plans that contradict sustainable development goals. Khoo Salma Nasution (Penang Forum) further elaborated on the Penang South Islands (PSI) reclamation project and the impact it will have on the livelihood of at least 10,000 fishermen and the aquaculture industry. This was followed by a presentation by Dr Hayrol Azril Mohamed Shaffril (IPSAS, UPM) on “Climate Change and its Impact on Marine Environment in Malaysia and Social Adaptation Strategies for Fishermen,” in addition to another presentation by Assoc Prof Dr Maizatun Mustafa (Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws, IIUM) on “Progression of Policies and Laws towards Addressing Climate Change and Sustainability Issues in Malaysia on Marine Environment.”

The forum called for immediate and effective solutions to these issues based on climate change management, social-impact assessment, and strict law enforcement for environmental conservation in line with the *maqasid* principles of *hifz al-nafs*, *hifz al-maal* and *hifz al-bi'ah* (protecting life, wealth and environment).

Book Launch and Discussion: Crime and Punishment in Islamic Law: A Fresh Interpretation (IAIS Malaysia, 30 January, 2020)

Ahmad Badri Abdullah

On 30 January 2020, IAIS Malaysia organised the launch, with accompanying discussion event, of the book “Crime and Punishment in Islamic Law: A Fresh Interpretation”. The book was authored by Professor Mohammad Hashim Kamali, founding CEO of IAIS Malaysia, and published by Oxford University Press. The event was officiated over by the Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department, Datuk Seri Dr Mujahid Yusuf Rawa. In his officiating speech, the Minister stressed that, in order to portray Islam as a compassionate religion (*din al-rahmah*), there is a need for fresh evaluation and a recourse to independent