

Understanding Diyat and its application are vital. For such, Diyat is often misunderstood especially by those who are unfamiliar with its applicability. It cannot be easily applied without first being properly investigated and evaluated by the authoritative body or the court. Thus, a one-to-one agreement can immediately nullify Diyat. In fact, to utilise Diyat without the accord of an authoritative body is considered illegal.

Apart from that, it is worth mentioning that Diyat is not an easy way out for the offender upon being pardoned by the victims. Diyat can also be replaced by other punishments outlined by the authoritative body. Another major misconception about Diyat is that it is often mistaken for a price tag of a victim's life or losses.

The workability of Diyat comes after the death penalty was imposed on the criminal. Such exercise cannot be bargained and discussed between the parties involved prior to the hearing; it has to be conducted after the criminal was found guilty of the said crime and the penalty was sentenced. Only after that, the victims or the heirs will be consulted on whether they would prefer to opt for Qiyas, Diyat or even pardon the criminal. In the case of pardoning the criminal, while it is not an easy thing to do and requires time to heal, the procedure of pardoning an individual still required the process to be done formally inside the proceeding. In the last phase of the process, the victim or the heirs then will be presented with three options, (1) to refuse pardon and demand death execution, (2) to pardon and accept Diyat and (3) to pardon, reconcile and to leave the court to decide the appropriate punishment to the criminal.

Networked Disinformation & Its Threat to the Democratic Process: An Islamic Perspective (IAIS Malaysia Facebook Live, 15 November 2022)

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The event was the second Islamic Science Talk Series (ISTS) for this year, featuring Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohamad Fauzan Nordin (Kulliyah of Information and Communication Technology, IIUM) and Dr. Ildus Rafikov (Managing Director of Institute of Knowledge Integration, Istanbul, Turkiye). The moderator of this online event was Dr. Ahmad Badri Abdullah (Deputy CEO, IAIS Malaysia).

The discussion was about the manipulation of social media platforms, which has become a growing threat to democracies around the world, with evidence being discovered in each of the 81 countries surveyed by the University of Oxford in 2020.

Political parties, public relations firms, and governments are spending millions on ‘cyber troops’ to drown out other voices on social media. Misinformation has become more professionalised and is now produced at an industrial scale. Strategies include spreading computational propaganda using bots and other amplification strategies to create the impression of trending issues.

Social media has become a major battleground, with firms such as Facebook and Twitter taking steps to combat these ‘cyber troops’. Citizen influencers are also used to spread manipulated messages; including volunteers, youth groups and civil society organisations. The event concluded with an engaging question-and-answer session with the audience.

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