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## **PRESS RELEASE**

On 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009 in a Press Release issued by this office it was confirmed that the Selangor Council of Islamic Religion (MAIS) had issued the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat in Malaysia with a notice ordering them to stop offering Friday Prayers at their National Headquarters. Various other activities had also been banned under the terms of the notice.

The Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

***“Freedom of religion is a basic human right. Moreover it is a principle of Islam that each person has the right to choose and practice his religion without fear or coercion. Thus I regret very much the notice issued by the Selangor Council of Islamic Religion on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009 which violates the right of Ahmadi Muslims in Malaysia from practising their religion freely. I hope and pray that these unjust laws are soon revoked.”***

## **End of Release**

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