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ABSTRACT

Malay Muslims are regarded as loyal adherents of Shafi'i madhab since they embraced Islam centuries ago. The strict adherence to the madhab, however, sometimes leads them to some difficulties when some Shafi'i standpoints do not suit certain circumstances or needs. Hence, they start to look for viewpoints from other madhabs, which are considered as more adaptable to their situation and need. However, this step is considered as a last resort when no acceptable answer is found in the madhab. This move should also be differentiated from the idea of borderless fiqh propounded by the reformists to free the Malays from holding to a specific madhhab. Whilst occasionally adopting the views of other madhabs is

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