

Ban on books distorting Islam

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Govt orders seven off the shelves

KUALA LUMPUR: The Internal Security Ministry has banned seven books whose contents distort the sanctity of Islam and its true teachings.

They are *Tajul Muluk*; *Fiqh Perempuan*; *Tasawuf Perennial Kearifan Kritis Kaum Sufi*; *Kumpulan Ilmu Ghaib*; *The Muslim Jesus: Kisah dan Sabda Yesus dalam Literatur Islam*; *Penyembuhan Cara Sufi* and *Kitab Kaysf Al-Asrar*.

The ban order, signed by Deputy Minister Datuk Mohd Johari Baharum, was gazetted under Section 7(1) of the Printing Presses and Publications Act 1984, the ministry's

Publication Control and Al-Quran Text Division said in a statement yesterday.

Under Section 8(2) of the Act, it was an offence to print, import, produce, reproduce, publish, sell, issue, circulate, distribute and possess banned publications, it said.

Offenders are liable to a jail term of not more than three years or a fine of not more than RM20,000, or both, if convicted.

The books could create confusion and anxiety among Muslims and harm public peace if their publications were allowed to continue, said the statement. — Bernama