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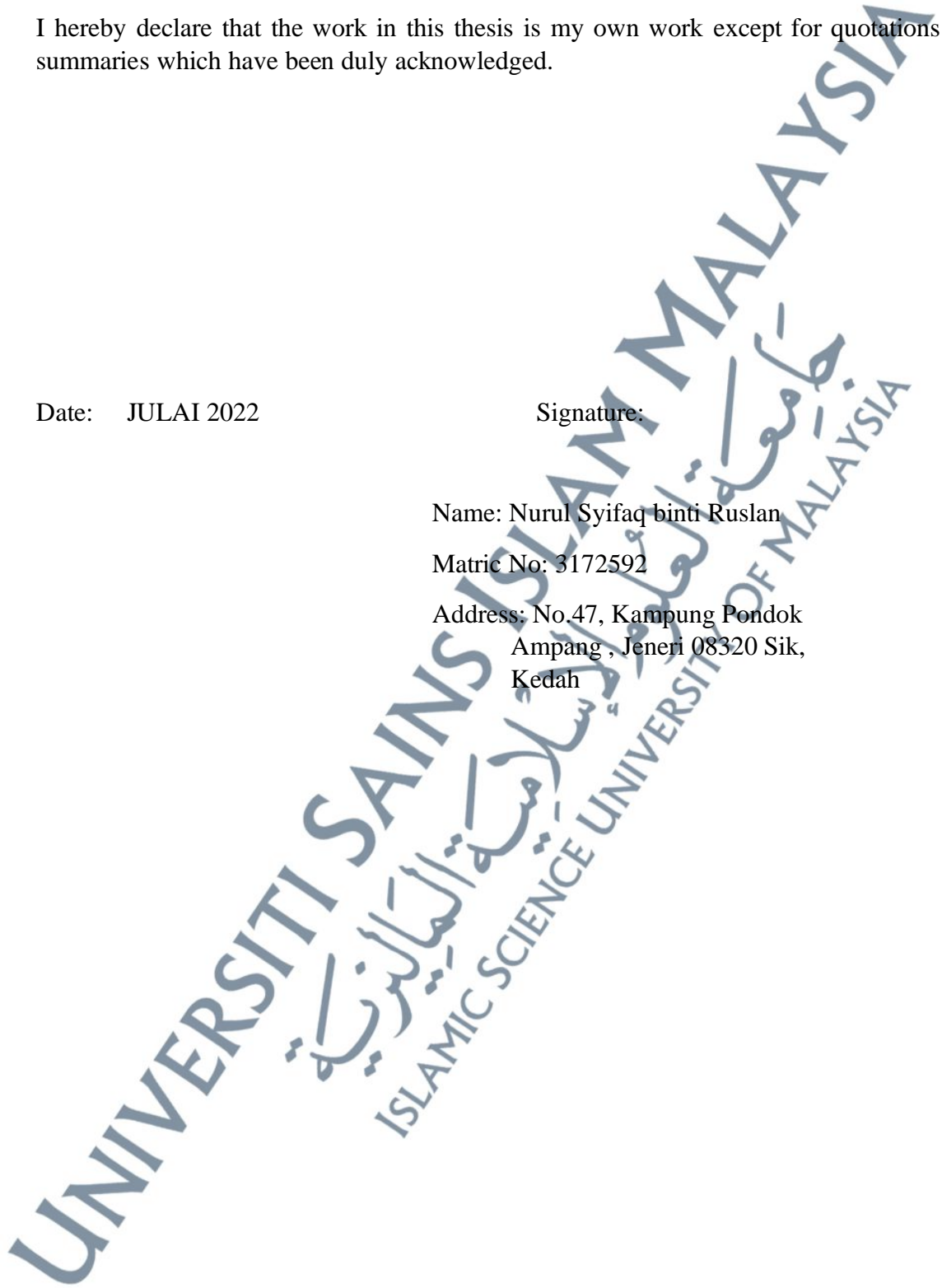
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ABSTRAK

Pengurusan berkaitan isu murtad dikendalikan oleh Jabatan Mufti Negeri. Badan beragama seperti Jabatan Mufti memainkan peranan yang sangat penting dalam isu yang melibatkan akidah umat Islam. Kajian ini bertujuan untuk mengkaji dan menganalisa peranan pihak berwajib dalam menangani permohonan murtad yang menyentuh akidah Islamiyah umat Islam terutamanya di Negeri Sembilan. Masalah murtad sangat penting untuk dibincangkan kerana ia adalah kriteria yang akan menentukan identiti sebenar seorang Islam. Di dalam suasana negara Malaysia yang kearah menuju negara maju dan madani, persoalan murtad di dalam akidah Islamiah sangat perlu dikaji dari masa ke semasa untuk mengenal pasti kemantapan akidah Islamiah sesuai dengan apa yang telah ditetapkan oleh Allah SWT. Melalui media massa dan penggunaan teknologi tanpa batasan sangat kuat dalam mempengaruhi pemikiran umat Islam di Malaysia. Oleh itu, akidah Islamiah umat Islam perlu dipelihara dan dilindungi dari musuh-musuh Islam. Kajian ini dilakukan dengan menggunakan dua kaedah iaitu kajian perpustakaan dan kajian lapangan. Kajian perpustakaan adalah untuk mengkaji pendapat-pendapat ulama yang muktabar berkaitan dengan definisi, hukum-hukum dan pembahagian yang menyebabkan seseorang muslim menjadi murtad. Kajian lapangan pula lebih tertumpu kepada temubual dengan beberapa pihak badan kerajaan. Maklumat tersebut dari data-data yang terdapat di institusi- institusi berkenaan seperti Jabatan Mufti Negeri Sembilan. Kesimpulannya, murtad membawa kesan yang buruk terhadap seorang Muslim. Melalui kajian ini juga, didapati kes murtad mencapai tahap serius serta memerlukan penyelesaian yang segera dan berwibawa. Kes murtad di Malaysia umumnya berlaku melalui pembatalan akidah, perbuatan (amalan) dan melalui percakapan.

Kata kunci: Peranan, Badan Beragama, Mufti, Permohonan, Murtad

ABSTRACT

The management related to the issue of apostasy is handled by the State of Mufti Department. The Islamic Authorities such as the Mufti Department play a very crucial role in issues involving the faith of Muslims. This study aims to appraise and analyze the role of the Islamic Authorities in dealing with apostasy applications that affect the Islamic faith of Muslims, especially in Negeri Sembilan. The problem of apostasy is very important to discuss because it is the criterion that will determine the true identity of a Muslim. In the context of Malaysia which is moving towards a developed/ civilized country, the question of apostasy in the Islamic faith must be studied from time to time to identify the strength of the Islamic faith in accordance with what has been ordered by Allah SWT. Through the mass media and the use of technology without limits is very powerful in influencing the thinking of Muslims in Malaysia. Therefore, the Islamic faith of Muslims must be preserved and protected from the enemies of Islam. This study was conducted using two methods, which is library research and field research. The study of the library is to examine the opinions from expert scholars related to the definition, laws and divisions that cause a Muslim to become an apostate. Secondly, field studies are more focused on interviews with several government bodies. The information is from the data available in the institutions such as the Negeri Sembilan Mufti Department. In conclusion, apostasy has a detrimental effect on a Muslim. Through this study as well, it was found that apostasy cases reached a serious level and required an immediate and authoritative solution. Cases of apostasy in Malaysia generally occur through the annulment of beliefs, deeds (practices) and through conversation.

Keywords: Role, Islamic Authorities, *Mufti*, Application, Apostasy.

ملخص البحث

يتم التعامل مع الإدارة المتعلقة بموضوع الردة من قبل مفتي الدولة. تلعب السلطات مثل دائرة المفتي دوراً مهماً للغاية في القضايا التي تتعلق بعقيدة المسلمين. تهدف هذه الدراسة إلى دراسة وتحليل دور السلطات في التعامل مع الطلبات المرتدة التي تؤثر على العقيدة الإسلامية للمسلمين ، وخاصة في نجري سميلان. إن مشكلة الردة مهمة للغاية للمناقشة لأنها المعيار الذي سيحدد الهوية الحقيقية للمسلم. في سياق ماليزيا التي تتجه نحو دولة متقدمة / حضارية ، يجب دراسة مسألة الردة في العقيدة الإسلامية من وقت لآخر لتحديد قوة العقيدة الإسلامية وفقاً لما حدده الله سبحانه وتعالى. من خلال وسائل الإعلام واستخدام التكنولوجيا بلا حدود أمر قوي للغاية في التأثير على تفكير المسلمين في ماليزيا. لذلك ، يجب الحفاظ على العقيدة الإسلامية للمسلمين وحمايتهم من أعداء الإسلام. أجريت هذه الدراسة باستخدام طريقتين هما البحث المكتبي والبحث الميداني. تهدف دراسة المكتبة إلى فحص آراء العلماء المتعلمين فيما يتعلق بالتعاريف والقوانين والأقسام التي تجعل المسلم يرتد. تركز الدراسة الميدانية بشكل أكبر على المقابلات مع العديد من الهيئات الحكومية. المعلومات مأخوذة من البيانات المتوفرة في المؤسسات مثل دائرة مفتي نجري سميلان. في الختام ، للردة أثر ضار على المسلم. كما تبين من خلال هذه الدراسة أن قضايا الردة وصلت إلى مستوى خطير وتتطلب حلاً فورياً وموثوقاً. تحدث حالات الردة في ماليزيا بشكل عام من خلال إلغاء المعتقدات والأفعال (الممارسات) ومن خلال الكلام.

الكلمات الدالة : وظيفة ، السلطات، مفتي، التطبيق ، مرتد

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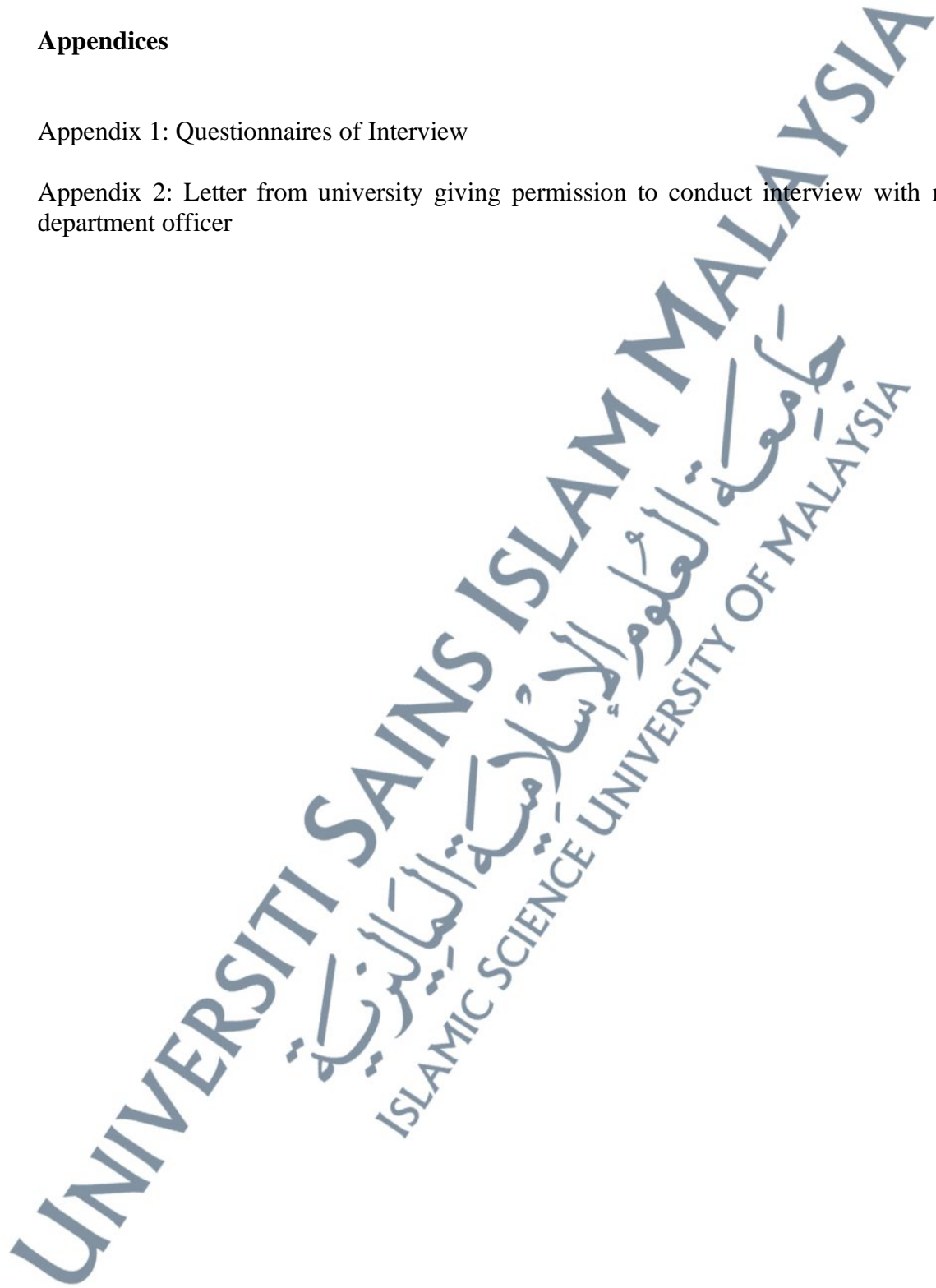
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GLOSSARY

<i>Aqidah</i>	The firm belief (<i>i'tiqad</i>) that one's heart is strongly attached to and which is settled and fixed in the heart without any wavering or doubt approaching it. It excludes any supposition, doubt or suspicion.
<i>Aurat</i>	the body that needs to be covered
<i>Fardhu Ain</i>	compulsory science that needs to be learned by Muslims
<i>Fi'li</i>	deeds
<i>Fiqh</i>	The theory of philosophy of Islamic law, based on the teaching of the Quran and the Sunnah.
<i>Halal</i>	Allowed in Islam
<i>Haram</i>	Prohibited in Islam
<i>Hudud</i>	Islamic law
<i>I'tiqad</i>	Religious beliefs
<i>Ijma'</i>	The views of shura scholars
<i>Kufr</i>	Infidels
<i>Manzil</i>	The daily practice of remembrance
<i>Mathurat</i>	The daily practice of remembrance
<i>Muallaf</i>	A person who embraced in Islam
<i>Mukallaf</i>	Muslims who are obliged to practice the teachings of Islam
<i>Riddah</i>	The Muslim person who are convert to other religion
<i>Qauli</i>	words
<i>Qiamullail</i>	waking up at night for pray and worshipping Allah
<i>Sirah Anbiya'</i>	The history of the prophets
<i>Syahadah</i>	The first pillar in the Pillars of Islam.
<i>Syariah</i>	The matters relating to worship in Islam
<i>Tahsinul Ibadah</i>	Worship improvement program
<i>Tahsinul Akhlak</i>	Moral improvement program
<i>Thaghut</i>	Things that are contrary to Islam
<i>Zikir Asmaul Husna</i>	the names of God (Allah)

ARABIC WORDS TRANSLITERATION SYSTEM

TRANSLITERATION TABLE

1. ALPHABET

<u>Transliteration</u>	Example	<u>Latin</u>	Arabic
fa'r	فأر	‘	ع
burd	برد	b	ب
tall	تل	t	ث
ḥawb	ثوب	th	ث
jidār	جدار	j	ج
Ḥalīb	حليب	h	ح
khādīm	خادم	kh	خ
dīk	ديك	d	د
ḡhahab	ذهب	ḡh	ذ
rafīq	رفيق	r	ر
zamīl	زميل	z	ز
salām	سلام	s	س
ṣha’ab	شعب	ṣh	ش
ṣak’ḥr	صخر	ṣ	ص
ḡayq	ضيق	d	ض

tālib	طالب	t	ط
ẓalim	ظالم	ẓ	ظ
‘aql	عقل	‘	ع
ghulām	غالم	gh	غ
fil	فيل	f	ف
qalb	قلب	q	ق
kalām	كلام	k	ك
lubb	لب	l	ل
māl	مال	m	م
najm	نجم	n	ن
hawl	هول	h	ه
waraq	ورق	w	و
yamm	يم	y	ي

2. Short Vowel

Arabic	Latin	Example	Transliteration
ا	a	كتاب	Kataba
ي	i	علم	‘alima

ُ	e	غلب	Ghuliba
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3. Long Vowel

Arabic	Latin	Example	Transliteration
ا،ى	Ā	عالم، فتى	`ālim, fatā
ي	Ī	عاليم، داعي	`ālim, dā'ī
و	ū	علوم، أدعو	'ulūm, Ad'ū

4. Diphthong

Arabic	Latin	Example	Transliteration
و	aw	نوم	nawm
ي	ay	ليل	layl
ي	iyy	شافي	shafi'yy (ending)
و	uww	علو	'uluww (ending)

5. Exemption

5.1 Arabic letter ء (hamzah) found at the beginning of a word is translated to the letter “a” and not to’.

Example : أكبر transliterated to: akbar not (‘akbar)

5.2 Arabic letter ة (ta’ marbutah) found in a word without ال (al) which is coupled

with another word that contains ال at the beginning of it is transliterated to the letter “t”. Example: مكتبة الإمام transliterated to : maktabat al-imām. However if the Arabic letter ة (ta’ marbutah) found in a word without ال (al), in a single word or in the last word in a sentence, it is transliterated to the letter “h”. example المكتبة الأهلية translated to : maktabah al-ahliyyah.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Dr.	doctor
p.	page
Prof	Professor
Sdn. Bhd	Sendirian Berhad
SWT	Subhānahu Wa Ta‘ālā
SAW	Sallallāhu ‘Alaihi Wa Sallām
AS	‘Alaihis-salām
RA	Raḍiyyahallāhu ‘Anhu/ Raḍiyyahallāhu ‘Anhuma
i.e	explanation for the previous statement

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