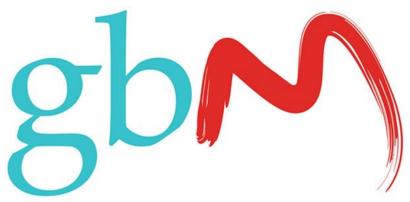
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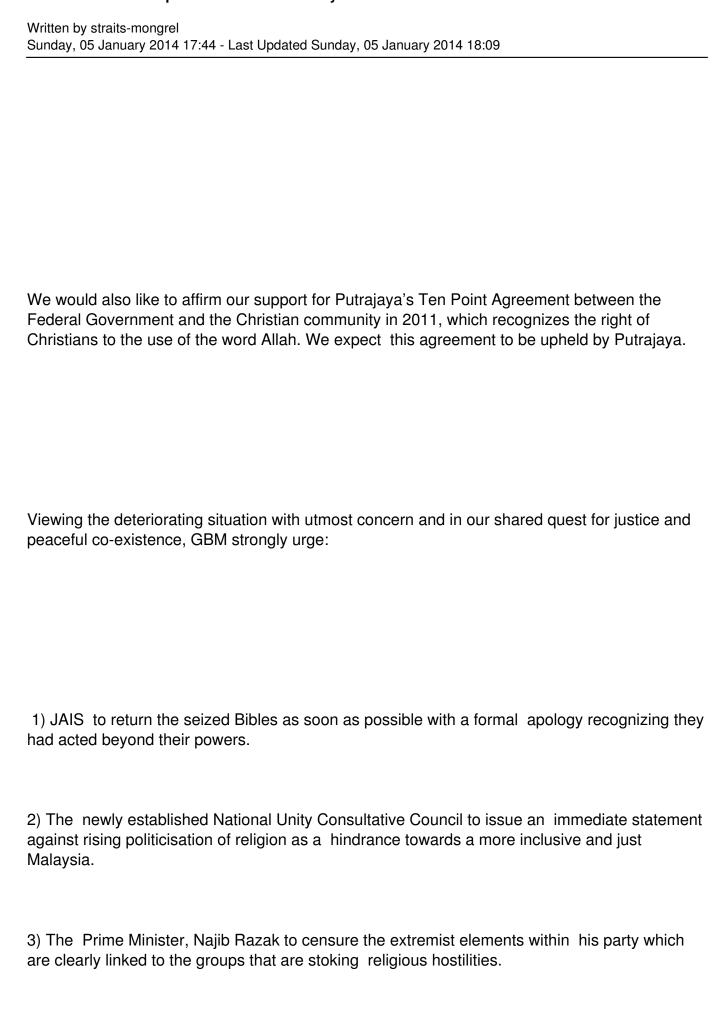


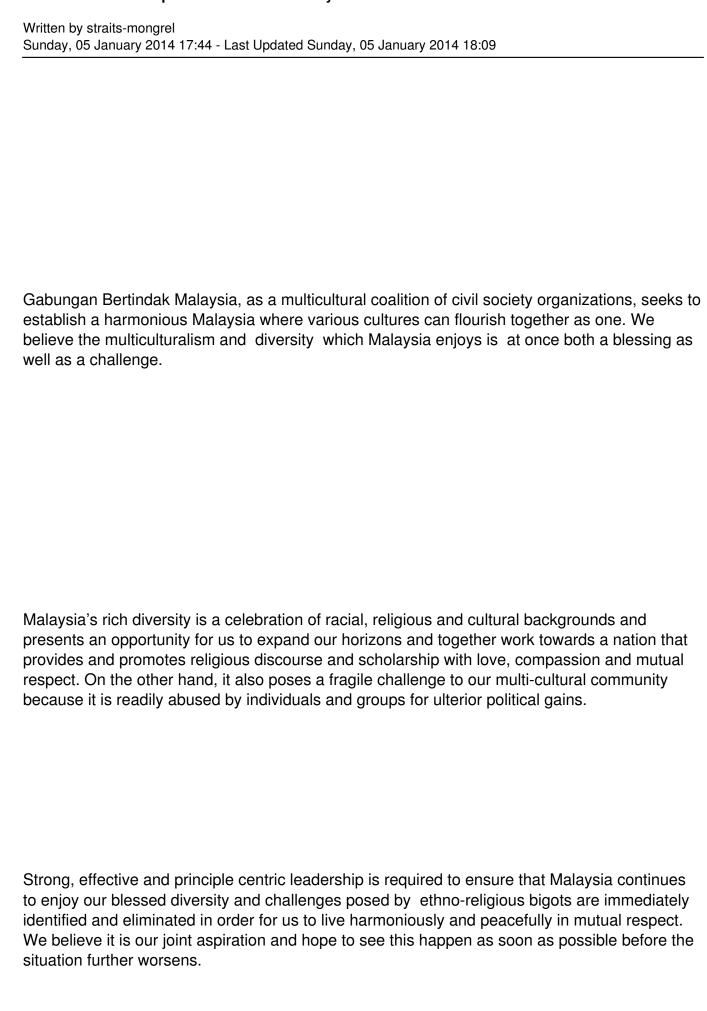
GABUNGAN Bertindak Malaysia (GBM) views the escalating tension vis-a-vis the Kalimah Allah issue with great concern.

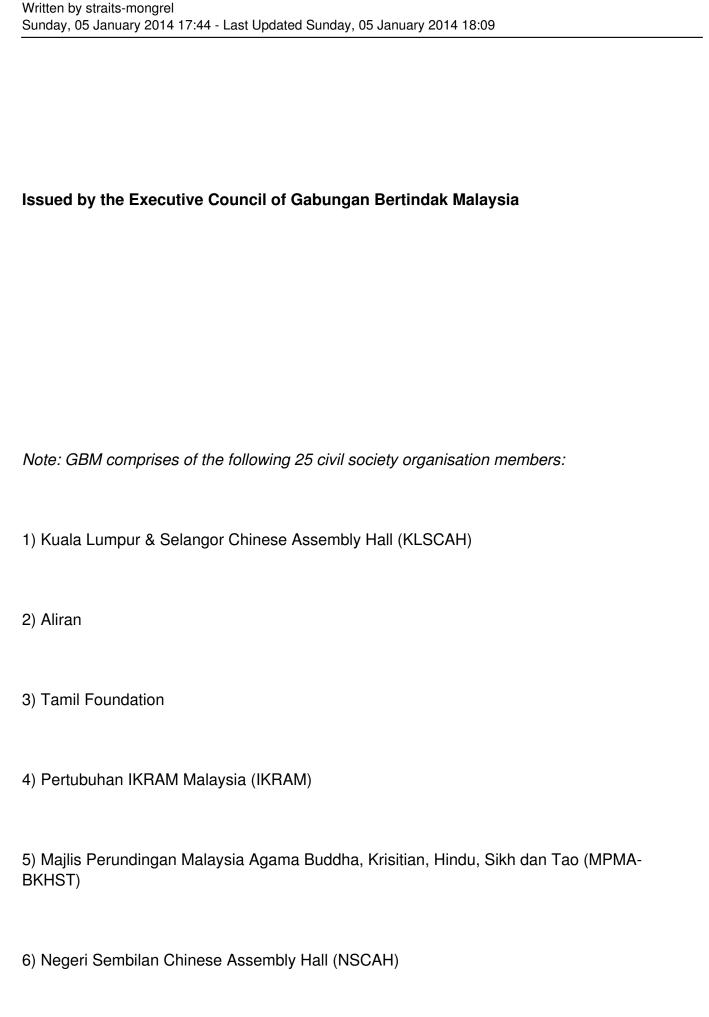
We regard Jabatan Agama Islam Selangor's (JAIS) seizure of Bibles as well as the planned protests against Catholic Churches by various conservative Muslim organizations as retrogressive and against the goal of establishing a truly peaceful Malaysia.

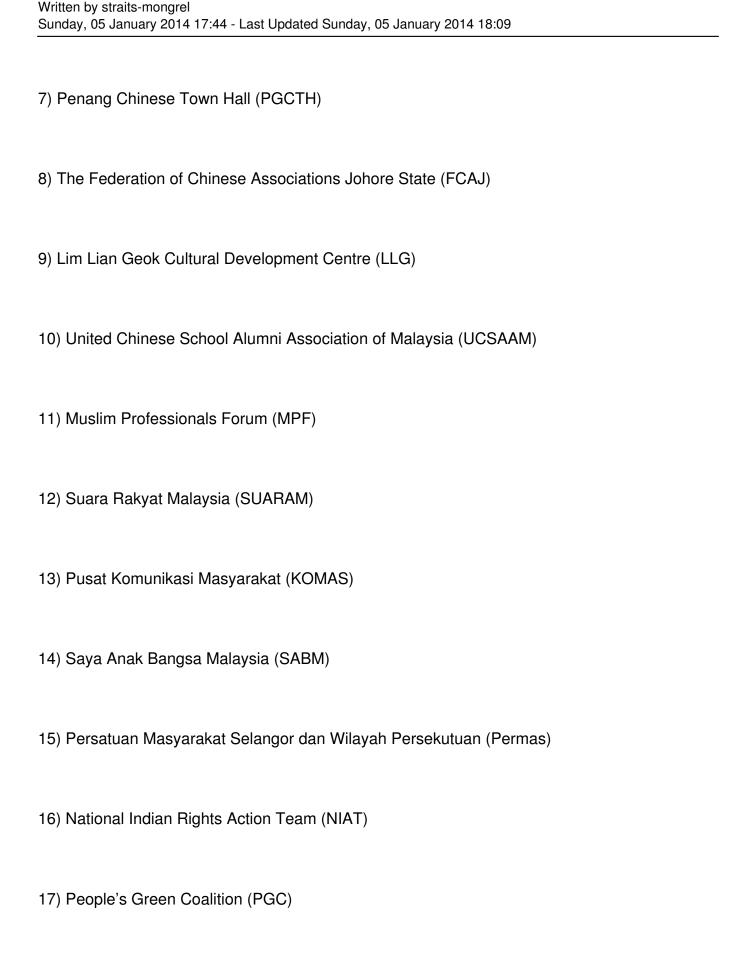
JAIS had clearly acted beyond its jurisdiction, as it is mandated only to manage Islamic related affairs. By forcing its way into the Bible Society of Malaysia's premises it had acted in aggression and disrespect towards an established Christian organization. Much worse, it had done so with neither a warrant nor any evidence that the Bibles were being used to proselytize Muslims.

On this issue, GBM would like to highlight the freedom of religion that is guaranteed in the Federal Constitution to every Malaysian. In this regard, each and every non-Muslim is promised the the right and freedom to practise their religion as long as it does not infringe on the status of Islam as the official religion.









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