

# CONSTITUTIONAL LAW LECTURE SERIES

16 February 2017 · 5:30 pm—7:30 pm · Auditorium Tun Mohamed Suffian, Faculty of Law, UM

2<sup>ND</sup> LECTURE

## “AMENDMENTS TO SYARIAH COURTS (CRIMINAL JURISDICTION) ACT 1965 – CONSTITUTIONAL & PRACTICAL ISSUES”

Guest Speaker:

**Dato’ Mohamad Ariff bin Md Yusof**

Dato’ Mohamad Ariff bin Md Yusof is a retired Judge of the Court of Appeal, Malaysia. Beginning with a career as a law lecturer in 1974 and subsequently an Associate Professor and Deputy Dean of the Law Faculty of the University of Malaya from 1974 to 1985, he then practised as an advocate and solicitor from 1986 and was one of the founding partners of Messrs. Cheang & Ariff. He took leave from legal practice between 1993 and 1995 to join the newly-formed Securities Commission of Malaysia and became the first Director of its Market Supervision Department. He became a Judicial Commissioner, High Court of Malaya in 2008, later a Judge of the High Court, and thereafter became a Judge of the Court of Appeal in 2012. He retired from the Malaysian Judiciary in early 2015 and is currently a consultant at Messrs. Cheang & Ariff.



On 26 May 2016, Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang, President of Parti Islam Se-Malaysia (PAS) presented a Private Member’s Bill in the Dewan Rakyat to amend the Syariah Courts (Criminal Jurisdiction) Act 1965 (Act 355). The move has re-ignited the ongoing debate over hudud in the country, with proponents of the Bill insisting that the Bill merely seeks to strengthen the powers of the Syariah Courts, and not about introducing hudud into the existing legal system.

What exactly are the changes sought to be brought about by the Bill? Can the proposed changes be implemented within our existing constitutional framework? What are the constitutional implications and practical issues that could arise from the amendments, if any?

To find out more, join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> lecture in the Constitutional Law Lecture Series.

5:30 pm	Registration
5:50 pm	Welcome Speech by Organisers
6:00 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lecture by Dato’ Mohamad Ariff bin Md Yusof
7:00 pm	Interactive Session
7:30 pm	Light Refreshments

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