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What's inside counts more than appearance

I REFER to the survey by UPM which revealed that most rural and urban Malays aged 13-25 with religious education have admitted to practising free sex while some admitted going for abortion.

On the same day of this report there was another concerning a Form 5 girl named Noraini Mohd Noor, a student from Pasir Mas in Kelantan, who was found dead in a hotel room while trying to do abortion assisted by her 18-year-old boyfriend.

What is very surprising is that every girl and woman in Kelantan wear Tudung to indicate they are very religious and are even forbidden to take arak/acholic drinks.

But we don't usually read of similar happenings involving non-Muslim youths.

Kelantan also has the highest number of AIDS/HIV cases in the country to the extent that anti-AIDS messages would be included in sermons.

The point is that appearances can be misleading and does not indicate that a person truly abides with what is required of the faith.

It is also wrong to condemn or punish if an offence or sin is committed but to allow the parties concerned to repent.

The forgiven.