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KUALA LUMPUR: The lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual (LGBT) group must be helped to return to the correct path via awareness programmes and not those that allow them to continue their inverse lifestyle like the 'Seksualiti Merdeka' programme.

Deputy Director-General (Human Development) of Malaysian Islamic Development Department (Jakim) Razali Shahabudin said all parties must be serious in helping the group by making them realise the moral damage from such practices.

"All relevant agencies need to introduce specific programmes for LGBT group and not give special privileges to them," he said in a press statement yesterday.

Razali said the matter is explained in detail in the book Manual of Islam and HIV Aids issued by Jakim in 2009 to provide guidance and give them the opportunity to undergo a healthy lifestyle in line with Islamic law.

He stressed that as a nation that makes Islam the religion of the federation, total reference to treaties and conventions promoting human rights as formulated by Western countries should not be made as it places human rights above god's law.

Instead, Jakim felt that Malaysia need to refer to treaties and conventions made by other Muslim countries such as the Cairo Declaration on Human Rights In Islam that was supported by 57 other countries.

Among others, the declaration states that every person is entitled to air his opinion freely in a manner not inconsistent with syariah principles.