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NUSAJAYA: The Johor Religious Department will continue to monitor lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) activities in the state although it has yet to receive any complaint on the matter, Johor Religious Committee chairman Datuk Zainal Abidin Osman said yesterday.

He said the department kept abreast of developments on the matter through the mass media,

and gave clarification on the issue at Friday sermons statewide.

"The Johor Religious Department plans to hold an education seminar to explain LGBT to Muslims in Johor," he said in reply to a question from Datuk Abdullah Ali (BN-Bukit Naning) on developments on the phenomenon at the state assembly sitting in Kota Iskandar, here.

Regarding pluralism and

liberalism, Zainal Abidin said the department was monitoring the spread of such beliefs.

It was believed that certain individuals were drawn to such beliefs through the social media.

Meanwhile, State Tourism, Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Committee chairman Datuk Hoo Seong Chang said two more 1Malaysia People's Shops (KR1M) would be opened in the state. - Bernama